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THE NATIONAL JERICHO MOVEMENT NEWSLETTER
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**“When the prison doors are opened,
the real dragon will fly out”
Ho Chi Minh**

Revolutionary Greetings,

Welcome to our National Jericho Movement Newsletter. Thank you to all of our members and 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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**“CONSISTENCY IS STRENGTH”
- JOHN AFRICA
“LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA”**

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

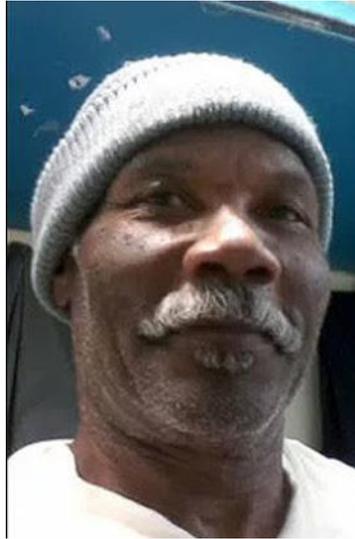
As-salaamu ‘alaykum.

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 black elephant in the room. We talk over and around it while endeavoring to maintain political focus. Jericho is an organization of sisters and brothers of all races, genders, and progressive political backgrounds and experiences. We recognize the value and necessity of 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 any one of us has a chance to win, it is the one waged in our own hearts! Dare to struggle; dare to win has a deeper meaning than first glance would have you think. We invite you into the struggle to be the very best person you can be and to take this construction to build a better society and to free all Political Prisoners!

- Jihad Abdulmumit

Jericho Highlights and Tributes

Captured Back in 1969, The Longest Held Veteran Black Panther Political Prisoner Comrade Romaine “Chip” Fitzgerald Has Just Joined The Ancestors



On Behalf of the Family & Committee to Free Chip

“On Sunday, March 28, 2021, at 3:04 p.m., our brother, uncle, cousin, comrade and friend, Romaine “Chip” Fitzgerald, joined the ancestors. For a week, he lay barely conscious in a Los Angeles hospital as he struggled to extend his life after suffering a massive stroke in California’s gulag known as Lancaster. Chip’s strength and dedication to life remained intact as he defied those doctors who said he would not make it through the night in the hours after his initial arrival at the hospital. A stalwart soldier, he fought until his very last breath. Chip died as he had lived: fighting.

Among the government’s many victims, Romaine “Chip” Fitzgerald was a member of the Black Panther Party in Los Angeles. Incarcerated since 1969, he grew old in prison and was disabled many years ago by an earlier, less lethal stroke. Like millions of Black youth during the sixties, Chip, at the age of 17, joined the freedom struggle as the social justice movement rapidly expanded to include massive numbers of urban youth. The government’s conduct towards Chip proves that important elements of our society are guided by an irrational tradition that values vengeance over justice or reconciliation. This failure demonstrates the nation’s unwillingness to fully acknowledge historic wrongs perpetrated against Black Americans. Romaine “Chip” Fitzgerald was a social justice activist and it is inhumane to imprison activists for 50 years or more, particularly while others convicted of comparable crimes have served significantly less time. A closer look reveals the only differences between those serving shorter sentences and those serving longer ones are the political beliefs and affiliations some had with social justice groups like the Black Panther Party.

Chip never compromised, though he continued to the end to seek redress for this egregious wrong by working with his lawyer, family and defense committees to end his half century nightmare of a slow death behind bars. For us the living, Chip’s passing is a lesson to keep fighting the good fight. To give when perhaps it’s hard to give. And to live when perhaps life seems so empty. Chip’s life did not leave us without a clear message. During his final days in the hospital, the authorities felt the need to chain and shackle Chip to his bed. Despite the fact that he was hardly conscious, they saw this demeaning action as necessary. What they failed to understand is that you can neither jail nor shackle the spirit of

liberation. May we all aspire to leave this same impression of daring to struggle until our last breath. And may Chip's stalwart example give us the courage to dare to win. **All Power to the People! Free All Political Prisoners!** A Service is being planned which may be in a month or so due to COVID, followed by a memorial. We want to also thank the many thousands who put their voices together to free Brother Chip.

Bruce Richard on behalf of the family and Chairman of the Committee to Free Romaine "Chip" Fitzgerald - brucer@1199.org



In Memory of Comrade Brother Romaine "Chip" Fitzgerald April 11, 1949 - March 28, 2021

The National Jericho Movement, along with all its Chapters, sends profound and sincere condolences to the family, friends, and supporters of Comrade Romaine Chip Fitzgerald. We send special thanks and clenched fist appreciation to all the Sisters, Brothers and Attorneys who were on the front line of the fight for Chip's freedom. We vow that Chip's life and sacrifice will not be in vain. Gear up! Mobilize!

Free all Political Prisoners

Jihad Abdulmumit
Chair

Grand jury refuses to indict parolee Jalil Muntaqim on voter fraud charges March 30



Photo retrieved from <https://www.rochestercitynewspaper.com/rochester/grand-jury-refuses-to-indict-parolee-jalil-muntaqim-on-voter-fraud-charges/Content?oid=13012175>

"A Monroe County grand jury has declined to indict a controversial parolee who was facing felony charges for registering to vote illegally that could have sent him back to prison. The parolee, Jalil Muntaqim, was imprisoned under his given name, Anthony Bottom, for nearly 50 years for his role in the murder of two New York City police officers in 1971 before his release in October. The Monroe County Public Defender's Office confirmed Tuesday that the grand jury last week "no-billed" Muntaqim's case, meaning the jury declined to indict. The case is now sealed..." See

<https://www.rochestercitynewspaper.com/rochester/grand-jury-refuses-to-indict-parolee-jalil-muntaqim-on-voter-fraud-charges/Content?oid=13012175>

April 2 is Safiya Bukhari's Birthday.
Let's reaffirm our commitment to make her dream our reality!



Long Live the Spirit of Our Warrior Sister Safiya Bukhari!

You can watch Mumia's tribute to Safiya Bukhari shortly after her passing in 2003 here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHMfQcjAV7A>. More videos of Safiya can be found on Jericho's YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLMIP9GQ1bEY_ybWFbM1hw/videos.
 Read this excellent interview of Safiya Bukhari by Imani Henry: WW Interviews Safiya Bukhari State Repression and the Black Struggle By Imani Henry
http://www.itsabouttimebpp.com/Our_Stories/Chapter4/pdf/WW_Interviews_Safiya_Bukhari.pdf

Philly Jericho Chapter Launch! What's the Call! Free Em All! April 18

”Revolutionary Greetings~

Welcome to the NEW Philly Jericho Chapter !!!

Over a week ago, The Abolitionist Law Center, Amistad Law Project, Human Rights Coalition and the National Jericho Chair launched our Philly Jericho chapter meeting to continue the revolutionary tradition for the ongoing struggle to free our political / politicized prisoners and prisoners of war, on the 23rd anniversary of the Jericho98 inaugural march initiated by freedom fighter and political prisoner Jalil Muntaqim, making the issue of Recognition and Amnesty for U.S.-held political prisoners and prisoners of war a national one with its successful demonstration and rally at the White House.

Now, we presently stand in a moment of fierce opportunity for determination and solidarity to free our remaining Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War still languishing behind the dungeon walls, but also face opposition that we must act urgently and intentionally against. In Pennsylvania, Russell Maroon Shoatz, Fred Muhammad Burton, Joseph JoJo Bowen and Mumia Abu-Jamal have languished in prisons for decades. They are now seniors and in poor health. Nationally, Ruchell Cinque Magee, Sundiata Acoli, Dr. Mutulu Shakur, Ed Poindexter, Kamau Sadiki, Kojo Bomani Sababu, Leonard Peltier, Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin, Veronza Bowers, and Rev. Joy Powell are

among the longest interned human political prisoners in the world. These are our Nelson Mandelas.

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Please join us for our next Philly Jericho Chapter Meeting on Sunday, April 18th from 11am-1pm to discuss upcoming updates actions, events. You can use the flyer to share and invite others! There's a registration link provided in the flyer for the zoom information! You can also share & check out our OFFICIAL Jericho statement launched a year ago!

In Solidarity and Struggle,
Philly Jericho Movement

Political Prisoner/POW Updates

Medical

1. **Mumia Abu-Jamal:** We have learned that Mumia Abu-Jamal, the world renowned veteran Black Panther, political prisoner and radio journalist, had heart pain over the weekend. He was rushed to the hospital, where it was discovered on April 15th that Mumia has several blocked arteries. He will be undergoing major surgery soon. You can watch the April 15th emergency press conference here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqmN3o8IZ6U>. Visit thejerichomovement.com to take action for Mumia!

Legal

1. Mumia Abu Jamal: On March 16th, briefs were filed in Superior Court in support of Mumia's claims in the re-opened appeals
2. Sundiata Acoli: Sundiata will go before New Jersey's Supreme Court this Fall to try to win his release.

Other Political Prisoner Updates:

1. If you send the updates to Xinachtli or Stephen Kelly, they have moved:

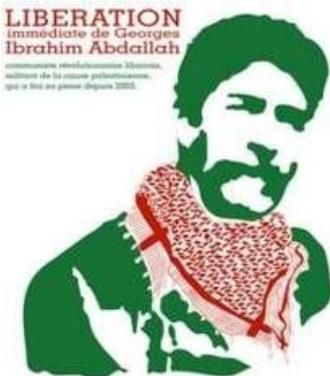
Xinachtli* #255735, W.G. McConnell Unit, 3001 Emily Drive, Beeville, Texas 78102*Address envelope to Alvaro Luna Hernandez.

Stephen Kelly #00816-111, FDC SeaTac, Post Office Box 13900, Seattle, Washington 98198

Birthdays: Please Send a Card!

April Birthdays

Abdullah Georges Ibrahim-Birthday: April 2



Affiliation: Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Factions International Prisoner

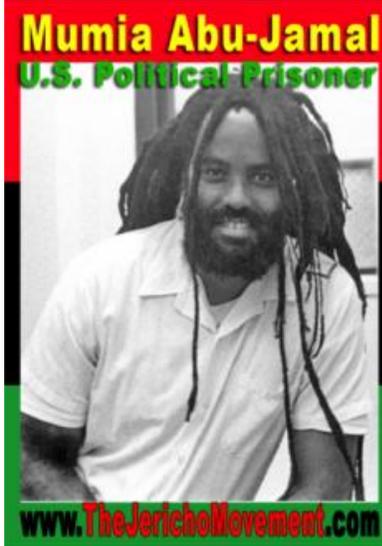
Contact Information/Prison Address: France

"Hundreds march in Paris for freedom for Georges Abdallah, justice for Palestine
Several hundred people marched in Paris, France on Sunday, 19 June, the International Day for the Freedom of Revolutionary Prisoners, for freedom for Georges Ibrahim Abdallah, the Lebanese Arab struggler for Palestine who has been imprisoned for 32 years in French prisons. Abdallah, who received a life sentence in 1987, has been eligible for release from prison since 1999. His parole has been approved twice by the judiciary, once at the highest level – only to be blocked by the personal intervention of then-Interior Minister (today Prime Minister, and anti-Palestinian advocate) Manuel Valls, alongside that of then-US

Secretary of State (and today presidential candidate) Hillary Clinton...." See

<https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/abdullah-georges-ibrahim> Video:

<https://www.facebook.com/GeorgesIbrahimABDALLAH/>

MUMIA ABU-JAMAL-Birthday: April 24th

Affiliation: Black Panther Party - Move

Contact Information-Prison Address

Smart Communications/PA DOC, **Mumia Abu-Jamal** #AM 8335,
SCI-Mahanoy, Post Office Box 33028, St Petersburg, Florida 33733

Captured: 1981-Life without parole

“Very few people in prison have voices that go beyond the wall. It’s my job to do the work for them because they have no one.”

<https://jamaljournal-movement.blogspot.com>

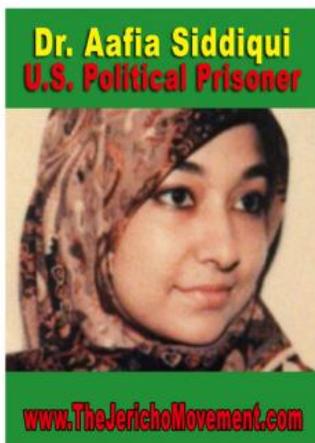
<https://bringmumiahome.com>

<http://www.freemumia.com>

<https://letmumiaout.com>

<http://mumiabujamal.com/v2/category/actualite/>

<https://www.prisonradio.org/>

March Birthdays!**Dr. Aafia Siddiqui: Birthday: March 2**

POST 911 MUSLIM POLITICAL PRISONER

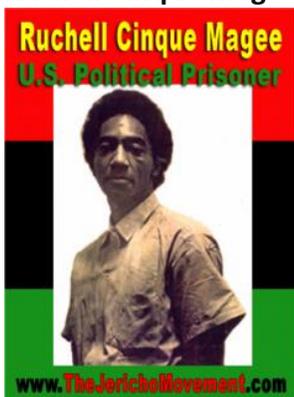
Contact Information/Prison Address

#90279-054--FMC Carswell, Box 27137, Fort Worth, TX 76127, United States

Captured: 2008. Sentence: 86 years.

“Her parents were Pakistani strivers – middle-class folk with strong faith in Islam and education. Her father, Mohammad, was an English-trained doctor; her mother, Ismet, befriended the dictator General Zia ul-Haq. Aafia was a smart teenager, and in 1990 followed her older brother to the U.S. Impressive grades won her admission to the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology and, later, Brandeis University, where she graduated in cognitive neuroscience. In 1995 she married a young Karachi [Pakistan] doctor, Amjad Khan. A year later their first child, Ahmed, was born.” <http://FreeAafia.org>

International Prisoner-Post 9-11 Muslim Political Prisoner

Ruchell Cinque Magee: Birthday: March 17, 1939

Political Prisoner

Contact Information/Prison Address

#A92051, #T 115 California Medical Facility, P.O. Box 2000, Vacaville, CA 95696-2000

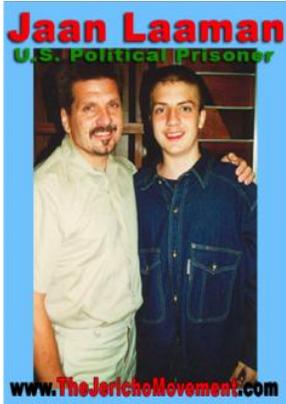
Captured: 1963

Ruchell is the longest held political prisoner in the U.S. and perhaps the world, having been locked up since 1963. Politicized in prison, he later participated in the Marin County Courthouse Rebellion (Aug 7, 1970) in the attempted liberation of political prisoner George Jackson by his younger brother, Jonathan Jackson. Ruchell has worked tirelessly as a jailhouse lawyer, working on his own case and helping many other prisoners win their Freedom.

[http://denverabc.wordpress.com/prisoners-dabc-supports/political-prisoners-database/ruchell-cinque-magee/;](http://denverabc.wordpress.com/prisoners-dabc-supports/political-prisoners-database/ruchell-cinque-magee/)

<https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/magee-ruchell-cinque>

Jaan Karl Laaman: Birthday: March-21



Affiliation: Ohio 7

Contact Information/Prison Address

#10372-016--USP McCreary, P.O. Box 3000, Pine Knot, KY 42635

Captured: 1984. Eligible for Parole in 2018.

IN PRISON 37 YEARS

“Ohio 7/United Freedom Front, a clandestine anti-imperialist organization took responsibility for urban guerrilla actions targeting many institutions of repression in the 1970’s and 1980’s ... Freedom Struggle is necessary and possible in the U.S., just like anywhere else in this world. We need to create the conditions and changes, by every possible means, for all our people to have a chance for a real life.”*

https://www.facebook.com/jaan.laaman?fref=ts&ref=br_tf_4STRUGGLEMAG.ORG



***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!***

Former & Current Political Prisoner Voices

A Message from Mumia Abu-Jamal

“Dear sisters, brothers, comrades, and friends and family, on a MOVE! How can I thank you? These, my words, can hardly measure the flood of love that you have radiated on my behalf recently. I am almost — almost — without words, but I’ll try. Thank you, Wadiya. Thank you, Pam Africa. Your support from Philadelphia to France, from points across the nation and literally around the globe, have pulled me from a prison cell and placed me in a hospital room to be treated for a condition I didn’t know I had. In the age of pandemic as of January 2021, over 300,000 prisoners have tested positive for COVID-19. Imagine that in a cell, trying to breathe with a weight pressing on your chest. Imagine an elder man or woman, or even a young person, because yes, we are also in an age of mass incarceration, which day-by-day increases its infliction upon the elderly struggling, unsuccessfully, to breathe, to walk, to be. I thank you all for reaching out and I urge you all, let our mission be abolition. I love you all. Thank you again, from the bottom of my heart.

From imprisoned nation, this is Mumia Abu-Jamal.” See <https://www.workers.org/2021/03/55208/>

Message from Ramona Africa

“Ona Move everybody, how y’all doing.

Touching base letting you know I’m doing good. I haven’t been in contact for a while but thanks to your support and encouragement, I am motivated to keep fighting. I’m spending my energy in every way I can with the urgent situation concerning Mumia, working to bring Mumia home. People have to be consistent in fighting for our brother Mumia; don’t think that your push for Mumia to get the necessary medical attention he needs and should get is hopeless, because it’s not. People felt the same thing about fighting to get Mumia off of death row but people kept fighting and Mumia came off of death row, saving his life, even though this system was

determined to execute our brother Mumia. Now that Mumia is off of death row this system is trying to kill him thru attempted murder by medical assassination.



MOVE knows this because our brother Delbert Africa died shortly after coming home from prison because of medical neglect at SCI Dallas prison. Phil Africa died at SCI Dallas because of medical murder by denying Phil the medical attention he needed and should have gotten. Maybe if Phil had gotten the attention he needed and should have gotten he would not have died in prison. The same thing with our sister Merle Africa, murdered at SCI Muncy. Her medical record stated she died under suspicious circumstances. MOVE knows it was deliberate that Merle died from medical neglect. These prisons misuse their medical department to kill off, assassinate people they see as revolutionaries. MOVE don't intend to see another one of our brothers die in this system's prison so MOVE is gonna fight and

keep on fighting, just as we fought for the MOVE 9. Even though people know how this system hates MOVE, especially the MOVE 9. Mayor Rizzo said in a press conference on August 8, 1978, "put 'em all in the electric chair and I'll pull the switch"! That's what Rizzo said and it's an indication of how this system feels about MOVE. If officials had their way MOVE would have done their full 100 year unjust sentence but we kept fighting for them and they were released long before 100 years was up. That's the power of the people that officials don't want people to realize. Move is a clear example of what people can do if we make up our minds to do something. Keep fighting for Mumia consistently and don't stop no matter how things may appear.

To Quote JOHN AFRICA THE COORDINATOR Quote - CONSISTENCY IS STRENGTH - End Quote

LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA

Ona Move Ramona Africa

LONG LIVE MUMIA! LONG LIVE MOVE! LONG LIVE REVOLUTION! LONG LIVE THE ORDER OF LIFE! LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA!"

New Poetry by Marius Mason

See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2021/04/updates-6-apr-2021.pdf>

"Border Babies

She is crying for her mother
 The rictus of an existential grief
 Pulling her face into contortions
 In a tragedy of tears
 Tiny toddler arms stretched wide
 And shaking...
 How can Lindsey Graham
 See this child in pain
 and feel afraid –
 Not FOR her,
 But FROM her,
 Only
 Because
 Of
 Her beautiful
 Brown
 Skin"

Community Calls for Action

(Ongoing Calls for Action)

Free Ruchell Cinque Magee (ongoing)

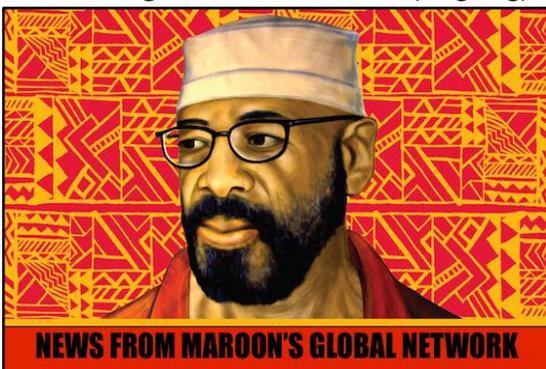


  FreeRuchellMagee FreeRuchellMagee.org

“Three rallies were held across California March 17 to commemorate the longest-held political prisoner, Ruchell “Cinque” Magee’s, 82nd birthday. Ruchell received a tremendous outpouring of renewed support in his fight for freedom after 58 years of unjust imprisonment. These efforts are being led by the Coalition to Free Ruchell Magee Over 60 organizations, media outlets, and prominent individuals have endorsed the coalition’s call for Governor Gavin Newsom and L.A. District Attorney George Gascón to re-evaluate Magee’s unjust sentencing and set him free.” Coalition to Free Ruchell Magee supporter Marcy Alvarez captured the spirit of the event by stating that “This movement, we’re looking for a result and that result is to free Ruchell Magee. It’s a travesty that this man has been in prison for this long.” The coalition is actively seeking endorsements! Please visit www.freeruchellmagee.org/endorse to sign on as an individual, organization, or media outlet.”

For more actions and details see <https://www.freeruchellmagee.org/>

Maroon: Urgent action needed!!! (Ongoing)



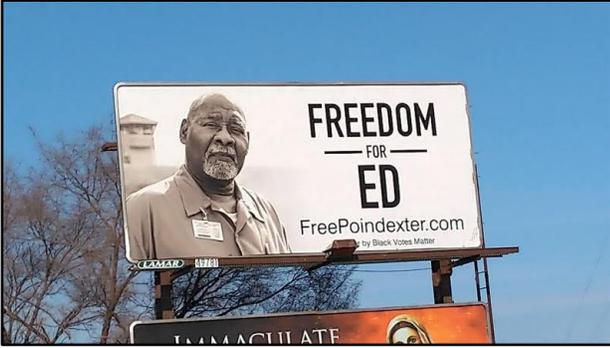
“Our beloved elder Russell Maroon Shoatz, suffering stage 4 cancer for the last year and a half, has now been diagnosed with COVID-19. This infection is no doubt a result of the “full-blown resurgence” of the virus in Pennsylvania state prisons, and the callous disregard shown by prison authorities to 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 Governor Wolf at (717) 787-2500 Ext 3 and keep the pressure on! 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/CHI85IFhiAm/>

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>

For more information on what you can do to help Maroon, please check out <https://linktr.ee/FreeMaroonNow>

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



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

"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:

Billboard for Ed:

<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.:

<https://www.freepoindexter.com>

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://chng.it/vctskKv49k> Ed would be very grateful. We would also appreciate if you could send us a copy of your letter to: freedomfored@gmail.com **EMAIL:** 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 at the next 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>

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 "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 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>

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



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

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

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)

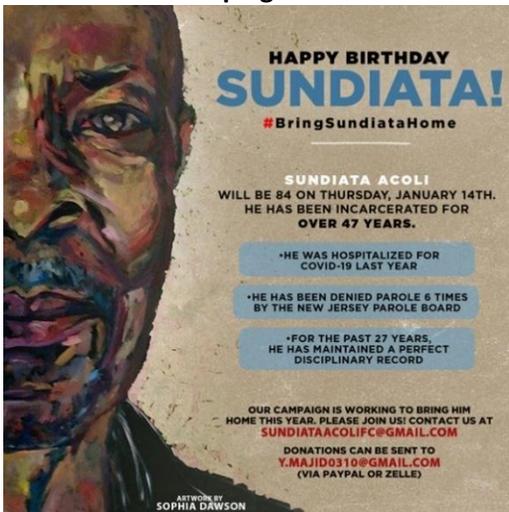


“Other than Seagoville Prison, which is also located in Dallas-Fort Worth and has 1,359 cases, Carswell has the largest COVID-19 outbreak of any U.S. prison. According to the Bureau of Prisons own website, the number of reported cases there is 542. (Other sources place it even higher, at 571.) Carswell’s 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> (Photo from <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. For more information visit our Facebook page or email Sundiataacolifc@gmail.com.”

See: “The Freedom Campaign for Sundiata Acoli with Soffiyah Elijah” here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPUb7RO3pisSoffiyah&feature=youtu.be>
Website: <https://sundiataacolifc.org/>

Parole Letters Needed for Xinachtli (Ongoing)

“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>

Free Leonard Peltier! (Ongoing)

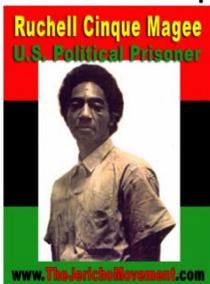


“The International Leonard Peltier Defense Committee has launched an urgent appeal for funds to support legal efforts to free this Native political prisoner, who has been held in U.S. dungeons for 45 years. Peltier is a leader of the American Indian Movement who was framed and jailed for the 1975 deaths of two FBI agents who had invaded the Jumping Bull compound on Pine Ridge Reservation and started a shootout at dawn, over a warrant for alleged theft of a pair of cowboy boots.

(tinyurl.com/y4ncc5ee) FBI intervention had increased following the 1973 AIM-led occupation of

the town of Wounded Knee, site of the 1890 U.S. 7th Cavalry’s massacre of Big Foot’s Band of 300 Lakota, who were starving and struggling in blizzard conditions to reach the new reservation and surrender. The [ILPDC](#) strategy is three-pronged. First, at Peltier’s request, lawyers will be working to get him transferred closer to his family on the Turtle Mountain Reservation in North Dakota. Second, his legal team will continue to work on a possible parole hearing for early summer. Third, the attorney in Peltier’s first-amendment case in Seattle, Wash., is prepared for trial this summer. Despite strong support by former U.S. Attorney James Reynolds, 55 members of Congress and international dignitaries including Bishop Desmond Tutu, the U.S. government refuses to release Peltier, whose health is rapidly failing after more than four decades of incarceration. To make a donation to Peltier’s legal effort and to support his campaign for freedom, please go to the ILPDC Facebook Page (facebook.com/PeltierHQ/) and to the fundraiser. (tinyurl.com/yxtkb77a) This is the year to free Leonard Peltier!” See https://fundrazr.com/e1lwxe?ref=ab_39woXa_ab_0RczzOepD4I0RczzOepD4I

Free Ruchell Cinque Magee (ongoing)



“Free Ruchell “Cinque” Magee, 82-year-old political prisoner held unjustly for 57 years.

Ruchell “Cinque” Magee is the longest-held political prisoner in the United States. He is now 82 years old, and due to the joint risk of the COVID-19 crisis on top of the poor conditions inside California prisons he needs attention, respect, and justice now more than ever! Read more at: <https://www.liberationnews.org/free-ruchell-cinque-magee/>

En Español: <https://www.liberationnews.org/libertad-para-ruchell-cinque-magee/>

Article by Kiilu Nyasha (2017): <https://sfbayview.com/2017/02/ruchell-cinque-magee-sole-survivor-of-the-aug-7-1970-courthouse-slave-rebellion/>”

See petition: <https://www.change.org/p/pardon-ruchell-cinque-magee>

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 Network! (Ongoing)



Each One Reach One

“The BPP Alumni Legacy Network is composed of original Black Panther Party members, passionate individuals, elected officials, community organizations, educational institutions, and community-oriented businesses that not only have their own well-being at heart but also have a passion for every member of the community to live long prosper and grow educationally, socially, and economically from generation to generation. Together we embrace the legacy of the 63 documented social service programs created and implemented by original Black Panther Party members that grew out of the 10-point

platform and program of the Party. Now is the time to come together to use our knowledge and collective resources to lay the foundation for self-determination and generational prosperity that will only be established thru our efforts. Join Us!!” See <https://bppalumnilegacynetwork.org/>

For **BPP Alumni/Legacy Network Community Initiatives** see: https://bppalumnilegacynetwork.org/?page_id=5

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/BlackPantherAlumniLegacyNetwork>

(Photo retrieved from <https://bppalumnilegacynetwork.org/>)

(New Calls for Action)

Press Conferences to Free Ruchell Magee-Governor Newsom, Free Ruchell Magee NOW! March 17

Three California press conferences held on the birthday of the longest-serving political prisoner in the United States.

Wednesday, March 17 at 8 AM - Three Locations:

Los Angeles Location: Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center, [210 W. Temple St, Los Angeles, CA 90012](https://www.lacounty.gov/corrections/locations/clarashortridgefoltz/)

Marin County Location: Marin County Superior Court, [3501 Civic Center Dr San Rafael, CA 94903](https://www.marincounty.gov/courts/superior-court/)

Sacramento Location: California State Capitol, [1315 10th St, Sacramento, CA 95814](https://www.sacramento.gov/capitol/)

The **Coalition to Free Ruchell Magee** held three simultaneous rallies across California on Wednesday, March 17 to call for the Governor of California to review and commute the sentence of Ruchell “Cinque” Magee, the longest-held political prisoner in the United States. These press conferences are being held on Ruchell’s 82nd birthday, which he will spend locked behind the walls of California Medical Facility despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic which threatens the elderly and prisoners daily. 2021 will mark his 58th year of unjust imprisonment. Endorse/Sign up here: <https://www.freeruchellmagee.org/endorse> see www.freeruchellmagee.org

Albert Woodfox and Robert King of the Angola 3 are calling on all people to support Mumia Abu-Jamal and sign the Color of Change petition to DA Larry Krasner March 19

“We have exciting news. Robert King and Albert Woodfox of the Angola 3 have just sent us a statement of support for Mumia, and they are calling for everyone to sign this petition. The Angola 3 inspire us because we know that Mumia will also be released soon.” See & Sign: <https://campaigns.organizefor.org/petitions/to-da-krasner-stop-defending-mumia-abu-jamal-s-conviction>

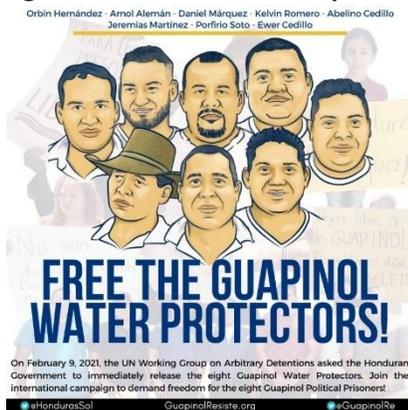
VICTORY! Senate & Assembly SUPERMAJORITIES Passed HALT! Celebrate & Rally This Sunday at 2 pm!

March 21

“The New York State Senate passed the HALT Solitary Confinement Act! This follows the Assembly passing the bill earlier this week! We, as a campaign, are so grateful to everyone who has been part of years and years of organizing, advocacy, and action to make this happen! Now is the moment! We must celebrate this victory and at the same time we must do everything we can to demand the Governor sign this bill into law! Please take the following four steps in the coming days: 1) rally this Sunday, 2) call the Governor, 3) Tweet, and 4) thank your legislators! **Join celebratory rallies this Sunday, March 21, at 2 pm.** We will celebrate HALT’s passage together as we rise up to demand that Governor Cuomo sign the bill into law! Now is the moment to show our people power. We will go to the Governor’s office and the Governor’s mansion to demand he follow the will of the people and the legislature to end this racist and deadly torture. Please join, share on social media, and encourage everyone you can to turn out! Outside the Governor’s NYC Office: 633 3rd Ave., NY, NY. Outside the Governor’s Albany Mansion: 138 Eagle St, Albany, NY. If ever there was a moment to come out, it is Sunday! Everyone must wear a mask and maintain social distancing.’

See <https://drive.google.com/file/d/11iqWLU5UUdYzkG5NG9uNdffG6gA7jk93/view>

Urgent Action: Free the Guapinol Water Protectors! No more political prisoners in Honduras! March 24



“On February 9, 2021 the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention determined that the detention of the 8 Guapinol Water Protectors was carried out arbitrarily and is against their human rights. It also noted that the sanitary situation in the Olancho prison, where the activists are currently detained, only increases the vulnerability of the Guapinol Water Protectors to COVID-19. At least one of the Guapinol water defenders has been diagnosed with the virus, but the risk is imminent for the other 7 activists. The working group, which belongs to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR), noted that the arbitrary detention of the Guapinol Water Protectors is related to their work in defense of the environment. Every day that the Guapinol Water Protectors spend in prison is another violation of their

human rights. We cannot forget that while the Honduran prosecution has not been able to gather evidence against the 8 Water Protectors, there is plenty of evidence that demonstrates the illegality of the Los Pinares mining project and the links of the government of Juan Orlando Hernandez with organized crime groups. Click here to Join the International Campaign to Demand Freedom for the Eight Guapinol Political Prisoners!”

<https://afgi.salsalabs.org/guapinol21/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=36b16e3e-4dba-4208-818b-435edc448e90>

I was a political prisoner March 25

“My name is Red Fawn Janis. I was born on the Oglala Nation and raised in Denver by my mother — a pipe carrier — and my grandmother. It was a spiritual home. But in 2016, everything changed. After losing both of these powerful women, my guiding lights, I went to Standing Rock to protest the Dakota Access pipeline (DAPL). As you may know, I was subsequently arrested and imprisoned for four and a half years. But today, I am finally home again. And despite the hardships, I would do it all over again. Because there’s nothing more important than standing up for Unci Maka, our Grandmother Earth. She produces food, shelter, and life. And, at Standing Rock, she produced healing for so many of us. So I ask you today to stand with her, with me, with all our ancestors and relatives. If you have not yet done so, please tell President Biden: end DAPL now. I ask you, humbly, to help stop this pipeline and restore my homelands.”

See <https://action.lakotalaw.org/action/biden-pipelines>

SAVE THE DATE NEW JERSEY... CALLING UPON ALL OF OUR SISTERS, BROTHERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS, COMRADES & ALLIES TO JOIN US IN NEWARK, N.J. ON THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021 @ 12:00 HIGH NOON FOR CAPTURED BLACK PANTHER FREEDOM FIGHTER MUMIA ABU-JAMAL & ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

March 26

**WE DEMAND
MUMIA ABU-JAMAL'S
FREEDOM**



Mumia Abu-Jamal:
a revolutionary elder, Black Panther veteran,
renowned journalist, author,
and political prisoner of nearly 40 years.
Mumia has survived COVID, but continues
to suffer from pre-existing conditions and
is subject to death by incarceration.
We demand his release. **FREE MUMIA!**

**FRIDAY MARCH 26TH
12 PM**

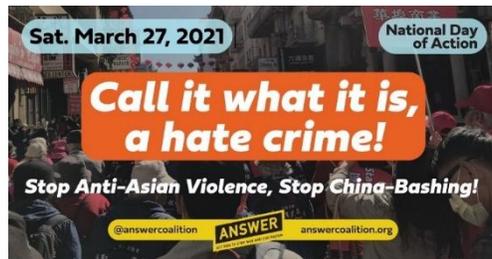
MARCH STARTS AT NEWARK CITY HALL
PROCEEDING
TO D.A. HONIG'S OFFICE
MASKS ARE REQUIRED!

**Newark City Hall
920 Broad St.**

**D.A Honig's Office
(within fed building)
970 Broad St.
#806, Newark, NJ 07102**



National Day of Action March 27: Stop Anti-Asian Violence, Stop China-Bashing! March 27



"The ANSWER Coalition stands in solidarity with the Asian community in the midst of the horrific, racist and misogynist massacre that took place in Atlanta on March 16th. Six Asian women were among the eight shot to death at point blank range. The alarming rise in hate crimes over the past year correlates to an increasingly hostile U.S. foreign policy towards China. The opportunistic scapegoating of China during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, coupled with the intensity by which China is deemed

the enemy and adversary of the United States, has driven a widespread Sinophobic sentiment nationally. The Asian American community suffers the brunt of the hatred fomented as a weapon of war. To date, there have been 3,800 self-reported hate crimes against Asian Americans. Join us on March 27th for a national day of action demanding an end to anti-Asian racist violence, an end to violence against women and end to white supremacy now!"

Endorse the national day of action here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0X5cpKMGsILn0kH3UyGnig_sqT_LG5MtWOL93A3DIAezhYQ/vi_wform

Organize an event in your city -- register your event here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTbMgx4cWSYjvhjIGDo4jz8wMrOiddkHQLSWNTLVmnGfRlvw/vi_wform

#HALTsolitary Action Outside Gov. Cuomo's NYC Office Starting Monday March 29

"join the #HALTsolitary Campaign on Monday, March 29, beginning at 11 am for a 24-hour action outside Gov. Cuomo's NYC office at 633 Third Avenue in Manhattan .RSVP here: bit.ly/HLT24hrAction. Even if you can't stay

JOIN US FOR A 24-hr ACTION
OUTSIDE GOV. CUOMO'S NYC OFFICE
TO DEMAND HE SIGN
THE HALT SOLITARY CONFINEMENT ACT

BEGINNING MONDAY,
MARCH 29 @ 11AM
RSVP: bit.ly/HLT24hrAction

for the full overnight action, your presence is our collective power. Spread word with this sample social media post and this graphic: **OVERNIGHT ACTION:** Thousands of New Yorkers are locked in solitary confinement for weeks, months, years—even decades. It's torture. Join our 24 hr action at Gov. Cuomo's Office starting Monday at 11am to demand he sign the #HALTsolitary bill into law. RSVP: bit.ly/HLT24hrAction

International Day of Solidarity with Haiti March 29

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH HAITI

MONDAY MARCH 29, 2021
12 Noon to 3PM
NYC: @ US Mission to UN - 45th St & 1st Avenue

Organized By:
 Committee to Mobilize Against Dictatorship in Haiti (KOMOKODA),
 Community Movement Builders, CODEPINK, ALBA Movimientos,
 Organization of Human Rights and Democracy, Brigade Dessalines,
 Instituto Simón Bolívar, Haitian Women for Haitian Refugees,
 Coalition haïtienne au Canada contre la dictature en Haïti,
 Solidaridad Dominicana con Haïti, CREFODEL,
 Family Action Network Movement (FANM),
 Party for Socialism and Liberation, Comuna Caribe

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Action: International Day of Solidarity with Haiti.

Date: Monday, 3/29.

Time: noon

Location: US Mission to UN – 45th St & 1st Ave. NYC.

#MacronLibérezAbdallah – Join the Twitter storm for Georges Abdallah’s birthday April 2!

ماكرون، الحرية لعبدالله

#MACRONLIBÉREZABDALLAH

TWITTERSTORM · FRIDAY, 2 APRIL 2021
 10 AM PACIFIC · 1 PM EASTERN · 7 PM CENTRAL EUROPE · 8 PM PALESTINE

#MacronLibérezAbdallah-Twitter Storm-Friday, 2 April 2021-10 am Pacific – 1 pm Eastern – 7 pm central Europe – 8 pm Palestine, Use the hashtags: #MacronLibérezAbdallah, <https://bit.ly/freeabdallah>
 Tag: @EmmanuelMacron @GDarmanin to direct your demand to French officials! Get sample tweets here:
<https://samidoun.net/2021/03/macronliberezabdallah-join-the-twitter-storm-for-georges-abdallahs-birthday-2-april/>

PETITION: Join Pervis Payne’s fight for justice April 7

“Pervis Payne, who has an intellectual disability and a strong innocence claim, remains on death row. Pervis Payne has maintained his innocence for more than 30 years. Yet, despite having no prior criminal record and living with an intellectual disability, he had an execution date of Dec. 2, 2020 in Tennessee and was given a temporary reprieve until April 9, 2021.

On Jan. 19, DNA testing of crime scene evidence results “are consistent with Pervis Payne’s long-standing claim of innocence,” according to his legal team. Male DNA from an unknown third party was found on key evidence including the murder weapon, but unfortunately, is too degraded to identify an alternate suspect via the FBI’s database. Read 8 key facts about the case: pervispayne.org. SIGN THE PETITION!” See

https://innocenceproject.org/petitions/stop-execution-pervis-payne/?p2asource=fact_07222020

“Western Movement Assembly: Join us at the PEOPLE’S FIRST 100 DAYS! PEOPLES FIRST ONE HUNDRED DAYS: Worker Owned Cooperatives; Housing is a Human Right; Medical For All; Bring Mumia Home; bamazon Union Solidarity” April 11

BRING MUMIA HOME
CALIFORNIA IS STEPPING UP TOGETHER
TO FREE AN INNOCENT MAN
UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, April 1, 2:00 pm, Zoom Mumia Political Education
Sunday, April 11, 2 - 6 pm CoBiz, Richmond
#P100 Peoples First One Hundred Days, Western Movement Assembly
Tuesday, April 20, TBA - DA Chesa Pressure 4 Mumia
Friday, April 23 Online Cultural Event, National
Saturday, April 24, TBA Event, No Justice Under Capitalism
Saturday, April 24, time, California4Mumia, 9th/Huey Newton Street
Oakland - Birthday Party & Huey Newton Memorial

For Further Information Contact: 707-857-6455 @BringMumiaHome



WE DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE, TREATMENT AND HOSPITALIZATION (Not Solitary) OF MUMIA AN INNOCENT ELDER WHO HAS COVID 19!
 Freedom has never been so close.
 Mumia's Last Recording during Kwanzaa 2020: (From his own words)

BEYOND OUR OWN TRIBAL IDENTITIES.
 It has been that **collective consciousness** that has preserved black people in this country for centuries. We know that we are separate and apart and different, profoundly, from the nation state around us that claims these great freedoms but we know from our history these are **NOT REAL**. So were there is struggle there is progress—to quote the great ancestor Fredrick Douglass but were there is **collective consciousness** were we are **CONSCIOUS OF OUR COLLECTIVE SELF** our brothers our sisters our fathers our mothers our ancestors...Then and only then, is there collective work and responsibility that we must...move from the IDEAL TO THE REAL. These are my thoughts on **UJIMA**.
 Mumia Abu Jamal Another Question: Where does the collective work reside right now.
 “We are in a time of crisis people voted for Trump — who were white but a number of them and even black people. Illusion and confused **IN THE FACE OF HORROR**...We also have to think about the supremacy of the state, right. Every medium there is the lesson of the power and the hegemony and the supremacy of the state and that really breaks through that **COLLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS** that I mention. Trump got double digits of black voters mostly black male voters that were turned off and repelled by Biden's role in mass incarceration and the crime bill which incarcerated black communities and brown communities for decades have not evaded a cross this country....You know people lost their lives and their futures because they were arrested for drug use and now we have the greatest opioid epidemic in American history and the people addicted to these opioids they go to centers where they are treated with loving care and for the black and brown they **WERE SENT TO JAIL**. There were alot of people who **REBELLED** against the most recent history since the 80's and embraced in a kind of most desperation I think the former prison reform of Trump. There is always an avenue of engagement of collective struggle. We but must need to imagine it and bring it into being. We talked about Mass incarceration. You know there are movements, many of them local and a lot of them unknown, who are working all through out the country and states trying to crack the nut of mass incarceration. There is a Decarcerate movement in PA. The Cad B movement, all of us or none in NY. In order for us to build power there must be a **collective consciousness** of us struggling against a really destructive system that offers us nothing but pain, suffering, humiliation and death. I thank you for the invitation to contemplate the UJIMA Collective Work and Responsibility from Prison Nation this is Mumia Abu Jamal.”

For Further Information contact: 707-857-6455 @California4Mumia
 Please also DEMAND his release by calling: Superintendent SCI Mahanoy, Bernadette Mason: (570) 773-2058,
 SCI Mahanoy Prison: (570) 773-2158, PA DOC Secretary, John Wetzel: (717) 728-2573,
 Philadelphia DA Larry Krasner: (267) 456-1000, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf: (717) 787 2500

“Join us Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 2 - 5 pm. Come sing a song; relax through meditation; learn some Brazilian Dance; Take a Tai Chi class; Sign a petition for the release of Mumia Abu Jamal and other political prisoners; Sign up for working for Healthcare for all; get a lesson on how to start a worker-owned cooperative; jam to some jazz; let your voice be heard for the Bessemer Amazon Workers; Pass out flyers nearby to the unhoused and homeless; learn some freedom songs and union chants; get a free plate of food. All of these things will happen to transition from the People’s (not the President’s) first 100 Hundred Days to Richmond’s next step in a PEOPLE’S MOVEMENT ASSEMBLY. April 9: #WeDeclare - Policy & climate actions at Capitols April 10: #HearThePeople - Actions to name what we are building in our communities. April 11: #ShowOurPower - Share what we did & show Southern people rising up! (This is a Social Distancing Event we ask that you wear a mask!) #P100 #hearthePeople #humanrights #FreeThemAll #StopAsianHate #healthcareforall #HousingIsAHumanRight #HousingForAll #MumiaAbuJamal Campaign to Bring MUMIA Home!(This is a Social Distancing and Wearing a Mask Event)” See <https://www.facebook.com/WesternMovementAssembly/>

PETITION: Enough is enough. Minnesotans demand police accountability and an end to police violence!

April 12

“It’s happened again. Another Black man killed by police. A Brooklyn Center, MN, police officer shot and killed 20-year-old Daunte Wright on the afternoon of April 11, minutes after reportedly pulling him over for hanging an air freshener on his rearview mirror. This fatal shooting comes while the Minneapolis, MN, police are currently on trial for cruelly and horrifyingly murdering George Floyd on camera last year. Police cannot be allowed to kill Black people with impunity. The time is now for the Minnesota state legislature to pass meaningful, common-sense laws that will hold police accountable and make families and communities safer. Minnesota must become a leader in police accountability and show our nation that progress and justice are possible.” “Brooklyn Center police shot 20-year old Daunte Wright on the afternoon of April 11, minutes after pulling him over for allegedly hanging an air freshener in his rearview mirror. This comes after Minneapolis police cruelly and horrifyingly killed George Floyd on camera last year.” “Police in Minnesota must be held accountable, and Minnesota state lawmakers must take decisive action to do so. See

<https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/minnesotans-demand-police-accountability-and-an-end-to-police-violence>

¡PROTESTA! ¡Fuera Luma! Protect Workers' Rights! April 13

FUERA LUMA!
PROTECT WORKERS RIGHTS!
NO CONTRACT FOR FOSSIL FUEL COMPANIES!

TUESDAY, APRIL 13
@ 5 PM

UNION SQUARE PARK
SOUTHSIDE

Organized by
Call to Action on Puerto Rico
 Llamado a la Acción por Puerto Rico

PRCalltoAction@gmail.com

NY Boricua Resistance, Prolibertad, Comité Timon People and Families NYC Chapter

¡FUERA LUMA!
¡PROTEGER LOS DERECHOS DE LOS TRABAJADORES!
¡NO A CONTRATOS PARA EMPRESAS DE COMBUSTIBLES FÓSILES!

MARTES 13 DE ABRIL @ 5 PM

UNION SQUARE PARK
AREA SUR
CALLE 14 Y BROADWAY, MANHATTAN

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“Come out on Tuesday, April 13th @ 5 p.m. to Union Square Park in NYC to protest the privatization of Puerto Rico’s damaged electrical grid!”

Upcoming Events to End Perpetual Punishment April 13-29

“We have much to celebrate. Two Justice Roadmap bills - the HALT Solitary Confinement Act & the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act - are now law. But we are far from done. Each day in New York State, thousands of elders languish behind bars, families are weighted down by predatory court debt, and millions of New Yorkers are denied jobs or housing because of old conviction records. Join us throughout April for rallies, advocacy days and actions as we fight to end perpetual punishment:

April 13th: Parole Justice Advocacy Day:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSesrba8X1vXFOOYod3VUZVGBh_3nmW0VL35AzLXrITt9-AHhg/viewform?gxids=7628

April 14th: No Price on Justice Rally:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLhF6Wx97Dh8BRU1oeH6ueTuUBocdt9ADDKlthRre3dY6egw/viewform>

April 29th: Clean Slate Advocacy Day:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfEstQNzuQHIBuRSVT64LUSFF44abO4mar4s5zecD77qR1ehg/viewform>

RAPP Campaign: Faith & Redemption for Parole Justice: April 13th Virtual Advocacy Day April 13

APRIL 13, ALL DAY

Parole Justice for Faith and Redemption

April is Second Chance Month. Join faith leaders across New York State and the People's Campaign for Parole Justice for an advocacy day in support of the Elder Parole and Fair & Timely Parole bills. Help us win freedom and reunite families through the power of redemption.

Valerie Gutter, 61 years old, 40 years in prison
 Joseph James, 42 years in prison, 70 years old
 John MacKenzie, 41 years in prison, 70 years old

NOT ONE MORE DEATH IN PRISON

RSVP: bit.ly/april-13-advocacy-day

“Quick thank you to those who have already RSVP’d for the People’s Campaign for Parole Justice faith-based advocacy day on Tuesday, April 13th as part of Second Chance Month. If you have not yet, please RSVP at: bit.ly/april-13-advocacy-day.”

COME DEMAND FREEDOM FOR VETERAN BLACK PANTHERS MUMIA ABU-JAMAL & RUSSELL “MAROON” SHOATZ AND TO GET JUSTICE FOR WALTER WALLACE JR. ~ ALL OUT TO PHILLY ON SATURDAY APRIL 24TH & SUNDAY APRIL



“The State is slowly killing Mumia Abu-Jamal (unfairly convicted and imprisoned since 1981) through medical neglect. He’s still recovering from COVID. He has Congenital Heart Disease. He has Cirrhosis of the Liver & a severe skin ailment. They want him to die in prison. WE SAY NO!!!! Join us in Philly this year as Mumia turns 67 on Saturday, April 24th. Let Mumia know that we will fight against the state’s attempt to murder him! In spite of a pandemic, we were thousands in the street against the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Walter Wallace Jr. Come out now to stop the murder of Mumia - before it’s too late! This weekend will feature a series of events that uplift the things he fights for. We will honor

other freedom fighters, and remember Walter Wallace Jr, who was murdered just six months ago - as we let the state know, WE WANT MUMIA HOME! THE OFFICIAL SCHEDULE OF ONLINE & ON THE GROUND IN PHILLY EVENTS

Friday, April 23, 2021 - The People For Mumia!

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (EST)-Virtual Fundraiser & Speak Out: Activists, Youth, Writers, Musicians express what Mumia means to the Movement today.

Saturday, April 24, 2021 - Taking the Streets for Mumia! 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm (EST) Rally & March Demanding Mumia’s Immediate Release - It’s Mumia’s 67th Birthday!!!

Sunday, April 25, 2021 - In the Spirit of Maroon! - Long Live Walter Wallace!
8:00 am - 1:00 pm (EST)

Community Clean up, Prayer & Celebration at Maroon Garden in honor of Russell Maroon Shoatz, 58th & Spruce, then we TAKE TO THE STREETS! 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm (EST) Arrive at Malcolm X Park to remember Walter Wallace, Jr. & continue to honor Maroon, Mumia & all Freedom Fighters. NOTE @ 6 PM: In observance of Ramadan folks are invited to return & break-fast in the Maroon Garden.



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April 23rd @ 6-8PM EST
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April 24th @ 2-6PM EST
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Meet Philadelphia City Hall

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Maroon Garden
Meet Maroon Garden 58th & Spruce

Long Live Walter Wallace, Jr!
April 25th 2-5PM EST
We remember Walter Wallace, Jr. & honor the fight of all Freedom Fighters
Meet Malcolm X Park 52nd & Pine St.

ALL OUT FOR MUMIA!
We Free Him Or He Dies
Mobilize to Shut Down Philly April 23-25

Register, live stream & donate: linktr.ee/mumia

PETITION: Rochester cops attack mother and 3 year old—police union won’t condemn it April 6

“After defending police officers who pepper-sprayed a 9-year-old girl, Rochester police union president Mike Mazzeo is now refusing to condemn officers who just attacked a mother and her toddler—including some of the same officers involved in pepper-spraying the 9-year-old. These are the latest incidents in a pattern of horrific police violence against Black people in Rochester—and Mazzeo has consistently worked to deflect accountability for police officers, excuse their conduct, and shift blame to city leaders. Mazzeo’s message to Rochester police officers is clear: use reckless violence against Rochester’s Black residents, and I will defend you, no matter the impact or consequences of your actions. Join us in calling on Rochester leaders to push for Mazzeo’s removal as president of Rochester’s police union.” See <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/rochester-cops-attack-mother-and-3-year-old-police-union-wont-condemn-it>

Action call from Occupied Palestine: Palestinian Prisoners' Week April 17-23



"The Call for Liberation and Steadfastness 17-23 April 2021. A week of action to support the steadfastness of the Palestinian prisoners' movement and to liberate the detainees from Israeli occupation prisons. We, in the Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network in Occupied Palestine, today call upon all the democratic and progressive forces of the world and all friends of the Palestinian people, liberation movements, solidarity organizations and movements, to join us in this call for rights and justice. We call upon you today with a free Palestinian cry to the global conscience to stand firmly and clearly with the Palestinian people's struggle and their legitimate and continuous resistance until victory and liberation. For suggested actions, rallies & letter writing see: <https://samidoun.net/2021/04/action-call-from-occupied-palestine-palestinian-prisoners-week-17-23-april-2021/>"

Get on the Bus to Philly for Mumia! April 24

NYC: Get on the Bus-April 24 @ 10:00 am - 10:30 pm. \$50. Buses, vans, and other transportation are available from New York City to Philadelphia on April 24th meeting at 10 AM at the north end of Union Square (17th Street and Park Avenue) and departing shortly thereafter. Due to COVID restrictions, seating will be less than half normal capacity and therefore advanced reservations are required. Please call the Free Mumia hotline at 212.330.8029 or email bus@freemumia.com to arrange a reservation. Since this will be more expensive than usual, we are asking people who can afford it to pay \$50 for the roundtrip. However, anyone who wants to go with us will be able to, so we are also asking for donations at: <http://www.freemumia.com/donate/> so we can provide scholarship rides for everyone who needs one in order to participate. Any donation will help!! ALL HANDS ON DECK!!!! <http://www.freemumia.com/event/nyc-get-on-the-bus/>. Also, there will be rally at 17th Street and Park Avenue on April 10, 2021 from noon until 2 p.m. for Mumia. You will be able to purchase bus tickets there as well."

Justice for Daunte Wright April 14



"Police in the Minneapolis area recently gunned down 20-year-old father Daunte Wright after a traffic stop – they stopped Daunte to question him about the air freshener dangling in front of his rearview mirror. His body was left in the streets just miles from where the George Floyd trial is taking place. Both the officer responsible for his murder and the police chief have resigned as of yesterday, but many think this is not enough. Sign to demand

justice for this young father." See https://www.change.org/p/justice-for-daunte-wright/psf/promote_or_share (Photo retrieved from https://www.change.org/p/justice-for-daunte-wright/psf/promote_or_share)

Sign IFCO's Let Cuba Breathe Petition April 14

"Join us in our call to President Biden to lift of the blockade against Cuba! Sign our petition to remove the cruel sanctions, and to allow our Cuban neighbors to breathe." See <https://www.change.org/p/president-of-the-united-states-president-biden-restore-diplomatic-relations-with-cuba-end-the-blockade-against-cuba>

SAVE THE DATE, REGISTER NOW, SPREAD THE WORD & COME JOIN US IN THE FREE RUSSELL "MAROON" SHOATZ NOW - CAR CARAVAN! SUNDAY, MAY 2ND: @ 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (EST) May 2



"FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<https://linktr.ee/FreeMaroonNow> or Panthershepcat@aol.com"

URGENT CALL TO ACTION: MUMIA ABU-JAMAL TO HAVE HEART SURGERY April 15

"We have learned that Mumia Abu-Jamal, the world renowned veteran Black Panther, political prisoner and radio journalist, had heart pain over the weekend. He was rushed to the hospital, and is expected to undergo heart surgery tomorrow, April 15, 2021." **Now that we know Mumia will be going coronary bypass surgery, we continue to demand that:**

1. Before surgery, Mumia be allowed to call his wife, Wadiya Jamal; his longtime supporter Pam Africa; his chosen doctor, Dr. Ricardo Alvarez; and his Spiritual Advisor, Mark Taylor.
2. Mumia not be shackled to his hospital bed, as is the rule in Pennsylvania and across the United States.
3. Immediate release of this innocent man from prison.

Please call the following offices to make these demands: that Mumia be immediately allowed to call his wife, Pam Africa, his doctor and spiritual advisor; that he not be shackled to his hospital bed, and that he be immediately released. John Wetzel, Head of PA DOC-717-728-2573, PA DOC, Christopher Oppman, Deputy Secretary for Administration who oversees healthcare -717-728-4122 or 717-728-2573 Ext 5, SCI Mahanoy Superintendent-570-773-2058, Tom Wolf, Governor of PA, 717-787-2500 ext. 3."

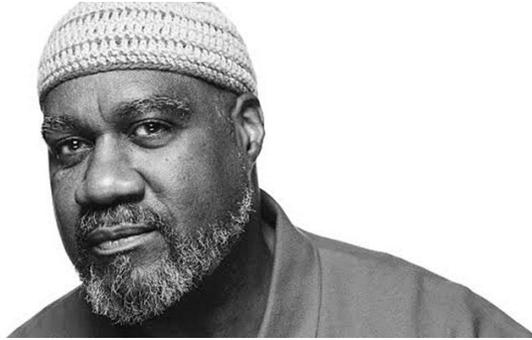
Community Events & Resources (March 15-April 15, 2021)

#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/>

We Are Our Own Liberators Feb 9-April 15

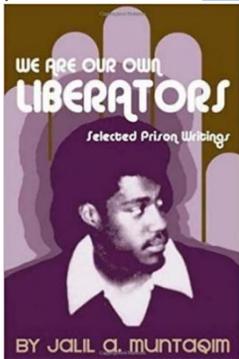


“In early February 2021, **Jericho Boston** is hosting, and Jalil Muntaqim is leading, a six part seminar on Jalil’s book, *We Are Our Own Liberators*. Jalil Muntaqim is a former Black Panther and political prisoner. He was released from prison on October 7th 2020 after serving nearly 50 years. During 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

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

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 for a copy. The E-book can also be purchased independently here: 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

Please reference the links below for updates:

[Jericho Boston](#); [Facebook - Jericho Boston](#)”

A NEW SEMINAR WILL BE STARTING SOON

LIVE VIDEO RECORDING OF FRIDAY’S “MUMIA EMERGENCY MEDICAL ALERT” PRESS CONFERENCE & DEMONSTRATION March 14

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=9Xp3Ps87ey4>

HALT Passes Out of 4 Assembly Committees! March 15

“Today, the NY Assembly Corrections Committee, Assembly Codes Committee, Assembly Ways & Means Committee, and Assembly Rules Committee voted to pass the HALT Solitary Confinement Act. Below please find a series of social media posts for today to help demonstrate the broad support for the bill. Please post many or all of them. If passed by the full legislature and signed by the Governor, this bill would end the torture of long-term solitary confinement, and eliminate it altogether for certain populations, in New York’s prisons and jails.” See <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kyQLkNlf4EUI40V6nzZI1xj5nBvH8MTIboEPI9QiVKw/edit>

Watch Shaun King ask Larry Krasner about Mumia March 16

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HEFMwvnDKe8>

Mass incarceration, #ParoleJusticeNY, and our community March 17



“Our Bronx Town Hall is happening this Wednesday at 6:30pm.

We will be gathering to discuss mass incarceration, the impact it has on our community, and #ParoleJusticeNY.

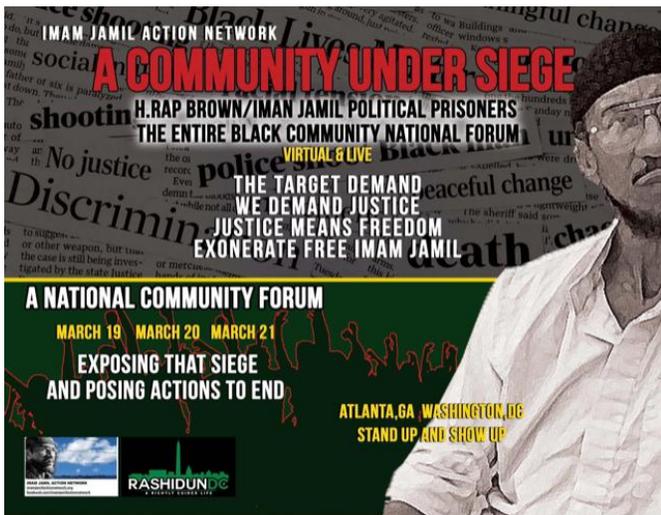
Please spread the word about our town hall to your organization and anyone else based in the Bronx who you think might be interested!

You can RSVP to [attend at bit.ly/bronx-town-hall.](https://bit.ly/bronx-town-hall)”

(Interview) Mumia Abu Jamal - Linn Washington responds to Shaun King’s March 16 interview with DA Krasner March 17

“DA Krasner danced around the core issue of justice for Abu-Jamal during his interview with Shaun King. The misconduct that led Krasner to end the wrongful convictions of 19 persons is even more pronounced in Mumia’s case. Krasner defends being unfair to Abu-Jamal as acting fairly.” See <https://jamaljournal-movement.blogspot.com/2021/03/shaun-king-asks-da-larry-krasner-about.html>

OUR COMMUNITY UNDER SIEGE! IMAN NATIONAL COMMUNITY FORUM IN SUPPORT Of H. Rap Brown/Imam Jamil & ALL U.S. HELD Political Prisoners March 19-21



“YOUTUBE & FACEBOOK LIVE

KAIRI AL-AMIN on IMAM JAMIL Pam Africa on MUMIA ABU-JAMAL, JALIL MUNTAQIM, HENA ZUBERI, Justice For All, JIHAD ABDUL-MUMIT, Jericho, MAURI SAALAKHAN on Aafia, MALIK FARRAKHAN Don’t Smoke Your Brother or Sister, DC artist LIL WAP WAP, ZAYNAB ABDULLAH, BILAL SUNNI ALI, NKECHI TAIFA on Reparations, Dr. KOKAYI PATTERSON.”

See <https://imamjamil.eventbrite.com/>

URL link to all the Philadelphia DA Screenings March 19-April 15

You can find all of the Philadelphia DA Screenings & Panels here <https://ovee.itvs.org/screenings>

WCTE <https://ovee.itvs.org/screenings/7uxd2>. We are excited to bring this exclusive screening of the first episode of the Philly D.A. docuseries to local, regional and national partners across the country. Post-film Q&A discussion will include Tarrah Callahan (Founder and Executive Director, Conservatives for Criminal Justice Reform), Kris Henderson (Executive Director, Amistad Law Project), Pamela Metzger (Director, Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center and Professor of Law, Southern Methodist University), and will be moderated by Alissa Marque Heydari (Deputy Director, Institute for Innovation in Prosecution at John Jay College of Criminal Justice). Thursday April 15, at 6:30 PM WHUT Howard University Screening and Panel Discussion Philly DA

<https://ovee.itvs.org/screenings>

Mumia Abu Jamal Legal Update March 20

“Reprinted below is a statement released by attorneys Judith Ritter and Sam Spital on March 18, 2021: Yesterday we filed our reply brief in Superior Court in support of Mumia’s claims in the re-opened appeals. We focused on four arguments: **(a)** the Court’s jurisdiction to hear this case notwithstanding the Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s decision in *Reid* that most petitioners seeking to re-open their cases post *Williams v. Pennsylvania* cannot do so because their claims are not timely; **(b)** trial counsel’s ineffectiveness in failing to present evidence that Robert Chobert was on probation at the time of his trial testimony; **(c)** the admissibility of Yvette Williams’s declaration reporting what Cynthia White said to hear about lying against Mumia; and **(d)** racial discrimination in jury selection in violation of Batson. Also yesterday, Maureen Faulkner sought permission, again, to intervene in the Superior Court. Essentially her argument is that the DA is not in her view raising—or at least not vigorously raising—a jurisdictional/timeliness argument, which she says reflects ongoing bias and the need for disqualification.” See <https://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2021/03/20/18840917.php>

Sunday Conversation: Black Panther Party Presentation The Health Crisis in Black America March 21

Hosted by: Both Sides of the Conversation. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tnM2DoQcOu4>

Both Sides of the Conversation hosts conversations on You Tube live, every Sunday at 2pm.

See bothsidesoftheconversation.org

Art Against Imprisonment, From Palestine to the U.S. March 21

Art Against Imprisonment
From Palestine to the US

Join us in launching our virtual art exhibit

March 21, 2021
10am- 12pm PST
8pm-10pm in Palestine

Register here:
tinyurl.com/artagainstprisons

“Art Against Imprisonment, a Virtual Art Exhibit, features art from incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people in Palestine and in the US as a small testament to their creativity, imagination, and expressions of solidarity. Join us in launching this exhibit with former political prisoners Hafez Omar, Linda Evans, and Oscar Lopez Rivera. We will also hear from Anmar Rafeedie, a cultural worker and long-time member of El-Fanoun Palestinian dance troupe; from Nida Abu Baker, the daughter of US-held political prisoner Shukri Abu Baker; and a message from Kevin Cooper currently on California’s death row. We will also be joined by musical artist Naima Shaloub.” Register to Attend here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Tc0e7GBerYin9wAh5-spLA

The Certain Days: Freedom for Political Prisoners 2021 calendar is now just \$5. Order from our friends at Burning Books. March 21

“Featuring: Grae Rosa, Herman Bell, Veronza Bowers, David Campbell, Saima Desai, Damon Locks, Tom Manning, Monica Trinidad, Nidal el-Khairi, David Gilbert, Gord Hill (aka Zig Zag), Eric King, Jaan Laaman, Paul Lacombe, Joy Powell, Richard Rivera, Laura Whitehorn, Linda Evans and Susan Rosenberg, Xinachtli and more! Proceeds from Certain Days 2020 were divided amongst Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association (Palestine), Release Aging People in Prison (RAPP), Civil Liberties Defense Center and the Rosenberg Fund for Children. This year’s proceeds will go to some of the same grassroots groups and more. The Certain Days: Freedom for Political Prisoners Calendar is a joint fundraising and educational project between outside organizers in Montreal, Hamilton, New York and Baltimore, with two political prisoners being held in maximum-security prisons: David Gilbert in New York and Xinachtli (s/n Alvaro Luna Hernandez) in Texas. Founding members Herman Bell and Robert Seth Hayes were happily welcomed home from prison in 2018. Learn more and support them at www.certaindays.org” See <https://burningbooks.com/products/certain-days-2021-calendar-a-generation-of-support-through-the-bars>

Sunday Surprise March 21



“We are having a special Birthday/Earth day zoom celebration for someone you know love & respect, Ralph Poynter. We are hoping you will join us this coming Sunday, March 21, 2021 between 10am - 11am EST & salute him as he makes a plea for Mumia Abu Jamal. Kindly click on the link below and wish him a Happy Birthday as he makes a special appeal for Mumia Abu Jamal. Join Zoom Meeting--Sunday morning 3/21/2021---10am to 11am <https://rochester.zoom.us/j/91615840849> If unable to link, use phone: Dial by your location+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)”
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BABA RALPH, WE LOVE YOU!!!!

WOMYN'S MONTH EVENTS: IMPACTS OF RACISM ON OUR BODIES ~ FORMER WOMEN POLITICAL PRISONERS SPEAK ~ SHE IS... CULTURAL STREET FESTIVAL IN “EL BARRIO” HARLEM: VENDORS, FOOD, ART, MUSIC & COMMUNITY ORGANIZING March 22-28

FAMILIES UNITED FOR SOLUTIONS (FUSS) PRESENTS

IMPACTS OF RACISM ON OUR BODIES

BAILEY JEREMIE
MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST
DIRECTOR OF FUSS

MONDAY, MARCH 22 @ 7PM
ZOOM ID: 603-295-2391
OR FB LIVE:
FAMILIES UNITED FOR SOLUTIONS

FAMILIES UNITED FOR SOLUTIONS MISSION IS TO INCORPORATE AND IMPLEMENT VARIOUS INNOVATIVE PROGRAM MODELS THAT WILL ENLIGHTEN, EMPOWER, ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE UNIFICATION THROUGH A RELEVANT EDUCATIONAL PROCESS FOR OUR YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES EMOTIONAL, BEHAVIORAL AND INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT.

JOIN US ON MONDAY, MARCH 22ND @ 7PM (EST) WITH BAILEY JEREMIE & FAMILIES UNITED FOR SOLUTIONS IN A VIRTUAL PRESENTATION ON: THE IMPACTS OF RACISM ON OUR BODIES! Sistah Bailey Jeremy is an: Experienced Therapist skilled in Peer Mentoring, Employee Training, Psychotherapy, Strengths Development, and Peer Support.

Strong mental healthcare services professional with a Master's Degree focused in Marriage and Family Therapy/Counseling from Northcentral University.

Passion in social justice and impacts of mass incarceration in Black and Brown communities!

Register at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6032952391>

Ralph Poynter “What’s Happening” BlogTalkRadio Tuesday, March 23, 2021 @ 9-10:30pm/EST Call in (347) 857-3293 March 23

“1. NEWS ANALYSIS---- An anatomy of oppression requires an anatomy of colonialism/imperialism i.e. An anatomy of the American Capitalist System: Ralph Poynter, Tom Siracuse, Joel Meyers, Gwen Goodwin, Nellie Hester Bailey, Henry Hagins

2. Updates from the Political Prisoner Death Camps- Anne Lamb (NYC Jericho),

3. Liberation Poetry –Prof. Louie– (in remembrance of Sister Lynne)

4. SPECIAL GUEST- CERENE ROBERTS: UPDATE ON PACIFICA & WBAI”

Letter Writing To Joe-Joe Bowen March 23

“WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing WHEN: 7pm, Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021 WHERE: YOUR HOME COST: Free. This week please join NYC ABC and Page One Collective in writing to Joe-Joe Bowen. A native of Philadelphia, Joe-Joe was a young member of the “30th and Norris” street gang before his incarceration Politicized him. Released in 1971, his outside activism was cut short a week following his release when Joe-Joe was confronted by an officer of the notoriously brutal Philadelphia police department. The police officer was killed in the confrontation, and Bowen fled. After his capture and incarceration, Bowen became a Black

Liberation Army combatant, defiant to authorities at every turn. In 1973, Joe-Joe assassinated Holmesberg prison's warden and deputy warden as well as wounded the guard commander in retaliation for intense repression against Muslim prisoners in the facility. In 1981, Bowen led a six-day standoff with authorities when he and six other captives took 39 hostages at Graterford Prison as a freedom attempt and protest of the prison conditions. More information at <http://tiny.cc/JoeJoePamphlet>. Please take the time to write a letter to Joe-Joe (and share a photo of your completed envelopes with us online).

Smart Communications/PA DOC, Joseph Bowen AM4272, SCI Fayette, Post Office Box 33028, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33733

*Address cards/letters to Joe-Joe." See https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2021/03/21/joe-joe_2021

Women Political Prisoners: Defending Our Communities, Defending Our Lives! March 25



Watch the Video on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=1969037356567864/>

(Video) The Neo-Slavery (and avid Capitalism) at America's Prisons March 26

"This article below on Angola Prison is the reason we support Sister Belinda Parker Brown and her Organization LOUISIANA UNITED INTERNATIONAL and her struggle for the freedom of Angola prisoners whom the Supreme Court ordered released years ago because of their convictions being based on LESS THAN A UNANIMOUS JURY DECISION, a practice instituted immediately after the Civil War ended. Now with covid19 raging throughout country, thousands of these prisoners are facing a death sentence. Therefore, we must join Sister Belinda Parker Brown's struggle for the release of those in the Death Camps of America. Betty Davis & Ralph Poynter, New Abolitionist Movement/Black is Back Coalition"

See <https://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2015/09/prison-labor-in-america/406177/>

SHE IS... A CULTURAL SUMMER STREET FESTIVAL IN "EL BARRIO" HARLEM: VENDORS, FOOD, ART, MUSIC & UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY LOVE! March 28



"CONTACT: Rev. Dorlimar Lebrón Malavé Pastor
FSUMC The People's Church
163 East 111th Street,
New York, NY 10028
(516)983 3895"

YouTube Link for ProLibertad's Celebration of the Revolutionary Puerto Rican Woman! March 29

"If you couldn't attend our Celebration of the Revolutionary Puerto Rican Woman, then click the link above and enjoy the incredible program! ¡Que Viva La Mujer Boricua!" See <https://youtu.be/SaVwEjYIMl>

Ralph Poynter “What’s Happening” BlogTalkRadio Tuesday, March 30, 2021 @ 9-10:30pm/EST Call in (347) 857-3293 March 30

“Tonight’s topic: The Prisons- another perk for the CORPORATIONS-- America never admits the realities of America: Let’s Talk!”

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4. Special Guests: Free Mumia Abu Jamal Coalition-NYC”

HRC’s “The Movement” features release of Maroon, Mumia and all elders March 30

“THE MOVEMENT, The Official News Magazine of the Human Rights Coalition for the union of Prisoners’ Families and co-founded by Kerry “Shakaboona” Marshall and Patricia “Mama Patt” Vickers, features 7 pages (33-38) on the struggles of Russell Maroon Shoatz and Mumia Abu-Jamal. In addition to the front page, the articles begin on Page 33. On page 36, the article “Mumia Abu-Jamal Newspaper Admonishes DA to Stop Defending the Indefensible” by Pam Africa takes up several pages. The magazine can be read at <https://hrcoalition.org/the-movement/43>”

#HALTsolitary CAMPAIGN LEADER STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR CUOMO SIGNING THE H.A.L.T. SOLITARY CONFINEMENT ACT INTO LAW March 31

“**Today, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed into law the [Humane Alternatives to Long-Term \(HALT\) Solitary Confinement Act](#). HALT will limit solitary confinement in prisons and jails to 15 days, eliminate it altogether for especially vulnerable populations in line with United Nations standards, and replace this torture with safer and more meaningful evidence-based interventions. The bill was signed into law after an eight-year grassroots campaign led by people who have survived solitary and people who have had loved ones in solitary. In response to the bill’s enactment, Jerome Wright, Statewide Organizer for the #HALTsolitary Campaign and a survivor of more than seven years in solitary, issued the following statement:**

“Today marks an important victory in the struggle for racial justice and human rights. Solitary confinement is torture. It causes immense suffering and destroys people’s minds, bodies, and souls. It should have no place in New York State or the rest of this country or world. I know because I survived it. I know because so many others did not survive it. New York State is taking a giant leap forward by enacting the HALT Solitary Confinement Act. While predominantly Black and Latinx people have disproportionately suffered in solitary in New York for months, years, and decades, the HALT bill will follow the United Nations ‘Mandela Rules’ and ensure that no person in New York prisons or jails is held in solitary for more than 15 days. Now, we all must ensure that the bill is not weakened through any chapter amendments, nor that anyone is allowed to be tortured. The enactment of HALT was made possible because of the leadership of people who have lived through solitary, people with loved ones in solitary, and people who have lost a loved one due to solitary. We thank lead sponsors Senator Salazar and Assembly Member Aubry, as well as their staff, for passing the bill with supermajorities in the Legislature and getting us to this point. This has been a long and hard struggle. Over the past eight years of pushing for HALT’s enactment, we have seen far too many of our loved ones taken by solitary confinement. Ben van Zandt, Kalief Browder, and Layleen Polanco are just a few of the countless people that solitary took from us. We have seen so many others have their minds and bodies forever damaged by solitary. Today, we celebrate this victory with our loved ones in mind and thus with a heavy heart. We also celebrate this victory with the knowledge that we, and New York State, have much more to do. We will continue to advocate for solitary confinement to be eliminated altogether, including immediately in New York City. We will continue to advocate in partnership with our allies to bring people home from prison through bills like Elder Parole and Fair and Timely Parole, and to ensure that the entire Justice Roadmap is enacted. We also will push to ensure that HALT is fully and properly implemented.” (no reference: email). See <https://www.rochesterfirst.com/news/state-legislature/halt-act-limiting-solitary-confinement-signed-by-gov-cuomo/>

Writing To Ruchell “Cinque” Magee April 6th

“WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing WHEN: 7pm, Tuesday, April 6th, 2021 WHERE: YOUR HOME COST: Free.” “This week NYC ABC and Page One Collective encourage folx at home to write to Ruchell “Cinque” Magee, who is currently serving his 58th year in prison. Ruchell Magee was unjustly captured in 1962 and given trumped-up charges. He is now 82 years old, forced to suffer mentally and physically due to the poor conditions inside California’s prison camps. With the COVID-19 crisis raging on, Ruchell needs your support and action so that he can be released, spend time with his loved ones, and better his community. After 58 years of injustice, enough is enough. Free Ruchell Magee now! More information here: <https://www.freeruchellmagee.org>. Please take the time to write a letter to Cinque (and share a photo of your completed envelopes with us online)” Ruchell Magee #A92051, #T 115, California Medical Facility, Post Office Box 2000, Vacaville, California 95696-2000 See <https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2021/04/04/ruchell2021>

Ralph Poynter “What’s Happening” BlogTalkRadio, TUES, April 6, 2021 @ 9-10:00pm/EST Call in (347) 857-3293 April 6

“Tonight’s topic:”What is ‘an Army of OCCUPATION?’ What does it do? What is a Police force? What does it do? Chip Fitzgerald lives! We are the DEAD, NOT CHIP. The dead, unable to mount a Movement to Free him: Let’s Talk!” We did not free Chip. We must free Mumia!

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Penpal Program Orientation April 6



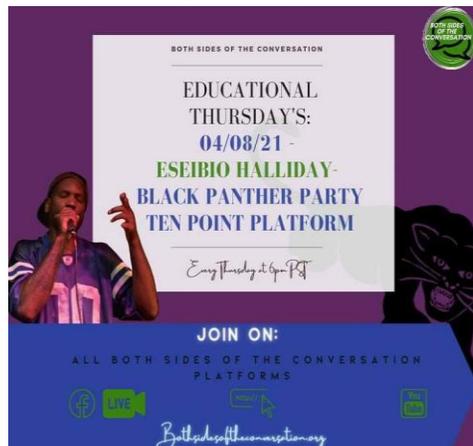
“Supporting prisoners takes many forms, but arguably one of the most important forms of support is a meaningful, dependable social connection. Attend this orientation to learn about how you can support prisoners through penpal writing.

This is an opportunity for you to collect information, understand the expectations, and ask questions to decide whether our Penpal Program is right for you.

Register using the link below. We hope to see you there! Tuesday, April 6th at 8:30pm ET, 7:30pm CT, 5:30pm PT.”

Register on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0odQqrDgtGtDI9kOMORJaF9BWWofAvlFU>

BPP ALUMNI LEGACY NETWORK EDUCATIONAL SESSION: Both Sides of the Conversation April 7



”Next up for Ed. Thurs, Esei Bio Halliday will be teaching us all about the Black Panther Party and its Ten Point Platform!

An activist, revolutionary, artist and so much more, Esei Bio is returning to the BSOTC platform so come learn and support. Don’t forget to follow Both Sides of the Conversation on all social media platforms to stay up to date and in touch! See you there.”

You can join us via our You Tube page

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRNslj_wJZikOBgYly6sGLg

or on the Both Sides of the Conversation FB LIVE PAGE

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

Oakland Jericho's Political Prisoner Writing Sessions 7pm PST April 8/May 13



"Oakland Jericho's monthly online events focus on Political Prisoners, their cases, dedication to the community, and guidelines for writing to them. In April we will discuss and write to: Rev. Joy Powell and Ruchell Magee.

On May 13th we will discuss and write to Imam Jamil Al-Amin and David Gilbert.

Please check our FB page for updates on new monthly sessions. For details and event link see <https://fb.me/e/5waXKIPXc>; <https://www.facebook.com/events/491412908664978/> Register for your free ticket (Eventbrite) on FB link to receive the zoom link."

BORN FREE Visualizer (New Afrikan Political Prisoners Promo video) April 8

"Bantu Queen Official Music-Song - BORN FREE -Artist - Bantu Queen Black Bird-Album - Bantu Queen.

This Visualizer is an educational video which showcases elderly New Afrikan Political Prisoners who have been in American prisons for decades. The majority of these comrades were under 21 at the time of their arrests and they have been in prison since. Several of these political prisoners are senior citizens who have various health ailments. Their living conditions behind bars are causing both the deteriorating health and health of several of these elders. See Video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpZs1_4ibfU&t=181s

For more information visit www.thejerichomovement.com

FRIDAY: 50 Years Behind Bars: Jalil Muntaqim, COINTELPRO and Lessons for Today April 9

COALITION FOR CIVIL FREEDOMS
Moderated by: Kathy Manley, CCF Legal Director

50 Years Behind Bars: Jalil Muntaqim, COINTELPRO, and Lessons for Today

Jalil Muntaqim
Former Black Panther and Founder, National Prisoners Campaign

El-Hajj Mauri Saalakhani
Human Rights Activist and Author

Steve Downs, Esq.
Attorney and CCF Board Chair

Friday 4/9 3:00pm EDT

"In episode 27 of our #InjusticeAtHome webinar series, we spoke with former Black Panther Jalil Muntaqim, recently released from prison after nearly 50 years behind bars, Mauri Saalakhani of The Aafia Foundation, and attorney Steve Downs, about how the FBI used COINTELPRO to systematically attack the Black Panther Party through informants, frame-ups, and assassination, and what we can learn from this today, as we are trying to free prisoners preemptively prosecuted and essentially framed by the government as part of the War on Terror. Moderated by CCF legal director and Muntaqim's parole attorney, Kathy Manley. Friday, April 9th at 3:00 PM EDT."

If you missed the event, see the recorded You Tube video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rvf9_vsSWP4

April Movie Nights-Plutocracy – Part II – Solidarity Forever April 11

“April Movie Nights - The Plutocracy Series in 5 parts. Beginning on April 4th, CommunityBridge.com will be screening the 5 part documentary “Plutocracy” every Sunday night at 7pm ET. The movies range from 1-2 hours long. Link to the CommunityBridge.com Movie Theatre: <https://communitybridge.com/bbb-room/movie>

The access code to enter the room is: welcome. Plutocracy tells the story of the American working class in a five-part series. Income inequality has become a big issue in the modern-day political spectrum. The documentary film series Plutocracy reveals the main reasons for these economic struggles. A historical education of the labor movement, to teach the next generation of activists the lessons of our history, and to arm them for the future.” **April 4th** - Plutocracy - Part I - Divide and Rule, **April 9th** - Plutocracy - Part II - Solidarity Forever, **April 16th** - Plutocracy - Part III - Class War, **April 23rd** - Plutocracy - Part IV - Gangsters for Capitalism, **April 30th** - Plutocracy - Part V - Subterranean Fire.”

“Movie Nights on CommunityBridge.com presents - An engaging series of films to spur conversations on our future as a cooperative society, working together to build an inclusive economy for all. Sunday nights at 7pm ET, we will view a movie together and share our thoughts on solutions and actions we can take as individuals and organizations working towards positive change. Our April Series on Cooperatives and Unions starts on Sunday night 4/4 at 7PM ET.

Get on the list to receive future invites to Movie Nights: <https://lists.mayfirst.org/mailman/listinfo/movienight> <http://communitybridge.com> Movie Nights - Free video chatrooms using BigBlueButton. Suggest a movie or request a room! Brought to you by the members of Agaric.coop”

Maroon Liberation School Season 3 begins April 12th 5pm ET April 12



maroon liberation school season three

JOIN US APRIL 12TH TO KICK OFF SEASON THREE

4P CST/5P EST VIA ZOOM

FREE 'EM ALL!!

for more information visit

<https://linktr.ee/maroonparty>

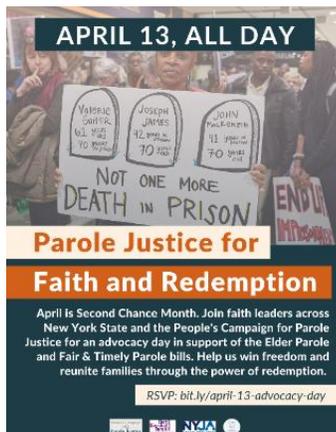
“April 12th begins season 3 of the maroon liberation school. 5pm ET, 2pm PT, 11pm GMT +2. join us in rEvolutionary praxis with a focus on; political prisoner work (north), cultural work (south), education/youth (east), book clubs/movement coalition building (west).

Visit <https://linktr.ee/maroonparty> (maroon liberation school) to register or find more about the process.

April 12th and 19th will be orientation sessions. 21 maroon Monday sessions from now to finale Black August film screening and discussions.” See

<https://maroonparty.com/manifesto> and <https://linktr.ee/maroonparty>

Parole Justice for Faith and Redemption: Join Us for Our Next Advocacy Day on April 13



APRIL 13, ALL DAY

Parole Justice for Faith and Redemption

April is Second Chance Month. Join faith leaders across New York State and the People's Campaign for Parole Justice for an advocacy day in support of the Elder Parole and Fair & Timely Parole bills. Help us win freedom and reunite families through the power of redemption.

RSVP: bit.ly/april-13-advocacy-day

“The People’s Campaign for Parole Justice will host a faith-based advocacy day on Tuesday, April 13th as part of Second Chance Month, a month that centers the values of redemption and second chances in our criminal legal system. The day will include a community event, press conference, and meetings with legislators in support of the Fair and Timely and Elder Parole bills. The day will be co-sponsored by houses of worship and faith-based groups across the state. Join us on April 13th to gather in community, meet with legislators, and promote the Elder and Fair and Timely Parole Bills. RSVP to attend at: bit.ly/april-13-advocacy-day.”

Ralph Poynter: What's Happening Tuesday, April 13, 2021 Call in 1 (347) 857-3293 @ 9-10pm ET April 13

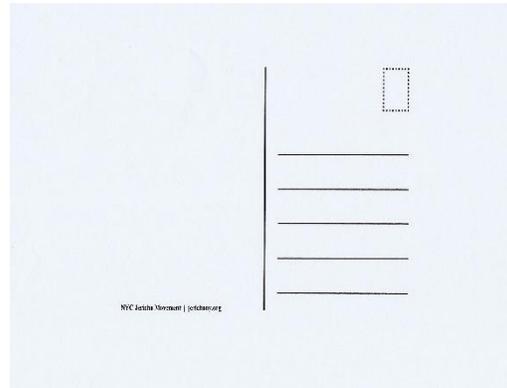
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NYC Jericho Mothers' Day Postcards April 13

"NOTHING HAS CHANGED, IT WAS EMMETT THEN, IT'S MUMIA, RUSSELL, MUTULU, SUNDIATA TODAY!"



FREE MUMIA ABU JAMAL NOW! FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!



(Example of back of card)

"NYC Jericho has produced a postcard for Mothers' Day (and possibly Fathers' Day as well).

We ask people to download the picture as a photo, jpeg, or pdf and write a message on the back of these cards. NYC Jericho will collect and mail them to Philly DA Krasner and PA Governor Wolf. People can be creative and write their own message, and children can be creative and draw something if they want. We think this is a good way to get people involved and to keep the pressure on the powers that be. Download and print the postcards, fill them out and mail them to: New York City Jericho Movement, PO Box 670927, Bronx, NY 10467 by May 1st"

Adalah: We Palestinians will not be erased! April 14

"April, 1948 was a month of several notorious Zionist massacres that led to the establishment of Israel. The Nakba (the ethnic cleansing campaigns of 1948) is not a historical event; it's an ongoing reality, and Israel and its partners are trying to censor our ability to talk and organize against it. Join us for a deep dive into the history of censorship, the attack on the Palestine rights movement in the US, and what we can expect in the coming period."

Register Here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScD-6JY_bWXg1933iZzfIMVHCJeGlvFmR-wSzEEHgnEUAh6hQ/viewform?gxids=7628

You can also watch without registering on the sponsors' Facebook pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/adalahjusticeproject>

<https://www.facebook.com/ampalestine>; <https://www.facebook.com/DCIPS>;

<https://www.facebook.com/jvpaction>; <https://www.facebook.com/PalestineLegal>

"The Moms of Magnolia Street" - AAMLO Featured in New NBC Bay Area Documentary April 19-20

"AAMLO is pleased to share the new NBC Bay Area documentary "The Moms of Magnolia Street."

About this digital-first investigative documentary from NBC Bay Area: "Against the backdrop of California's affordability crisis, pushing thousands of Black residents out of their homes and onto the streets, a group of unhoused working mothers in Oakland took matters into their own hands. In November 2019, the mothers

formed a group called Moms 4 Housing and illegally occupied a vacant, corporate-owned home on Magnolia Street in West Oakland. Standing on the shoulders of generations of iconic Oakland activists, such as the Black Panthers and Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, the moms’ act of civil disobedience sparked a national reckoning around displacement and the erosion of African American neighborhoods.” See <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwo6rxWrqFb-8QLLEWotdwttfxb9prTk>

We Answer: International Tribunal 2021: Why Now? What to Do! April 23



International Tribunal 2021

In the Spirit of Mandela Coalition Invites you to an Urgent Webinar

As US Human Rights abuses ESCALATE, we need to take the case of We, the People to an INTERNATIONAL arena – like Minister Malcolm X and those who charged Genocide before us. We are building for such a Tribunal, to take place on October 22-24 in NYC and virtually...

On Friday, April 23, 2021
We Answer: International Tribunal 2021:
Why Now? What to Do!

Featuring

Jalil Muntaqim: recently released Black Panther political prisoner
Nkechi Taifa: author, advocate, and Tribunal Chief Prosecutor
Jihad Abdulmumit: National Jericho Movement Chair, former Black Panther political prisoner
Pam Africa: International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal
Lenny Foster: American Indian Movement/International Indian Treaty Council; spiritual advisor to AIM political prisoner Leonard Peltier
dequi kioni-sadiki: Northeast Political Prisoner Coalition
A'isha Mohammad: spoken word poet, Oakland Jericho, National Jericho Movement
Matt Meyer: International Peace Research Association

5 pm Pacific / 8 pm Eastern Daylight
Friday, April 23, 2021 On-line Webinar

To attend the webinar, register at:
<https://www.crowdcast.io/e/international-tribunal>

To get involved with and endorse the Tribunal: <https://spiritofmandela.org/endorse/>

“Featuring Jalil Muntaqim, Nkechi Taifa, Jihad Abdulmumit, Pam Africa, Lenny Foster, Dequi Kioni-sadiki, A’isha Mohammad, Matt Meyer”

REGISTER at:

<https://www.crowdcast.io/e/international-tribunal>

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In the Spirit of Mandela
22nd-24th October 2021 International Tribunal
on U.S. Human Rights Violations

Call to Action!

YOU, your organization, and/or associates
are called upon to ENDORSE,
support, plan for, contribute, and **SAVE THE DATE**
for the 2021 International Tribunal

GOAL: To conduct an International Tribunal indicting the United States government and its states with genocide and other high human and civil rights violations against Black and Indigenous people, *followed* by clear remedial, redemptive, and reparative action steps.

Maroon Day of Service, Dawah & Community Iftar April 25



MAROON
Day of Service, Dawah & Community Iftar
APRIL 25, 2021

8am-1pm: GISCSG & Totland 266-268 S. 58th Street
SPRING TO FREEDOM COMMUNITY CULTIVATION

- ▶ Libation/Prayer/Meditation
- ▶ Garden Clean up & Cultivation
- ▶ Maroon Party for Liberation
- ▶ Updates on Maroon

2pm-4pm: Depart Garden for Malcolm X Park
LONG LIVE WALTER WALLACE

Discussion of Mental Health with Resources and Tips

- ▶ Remembering Walter Wallace
- ▶ Mental health neglect and impact in prisons
- ▶ The Connection to Mumia, Maroon and other Freedom Fighters

5pm-8pm: GISCSG & Totland 266-268 S. 58th Street
MAROON DA'WAH COMMUNITY IFTAR "GRAB & GO"

- ▶ Da'wah on Charity & Islam
- ▶ Updates on Maroon Harun
- ▶ Ramadan and it's benefits
- ▶ Feed 150+ Fasting and non-fasting community members

"EVERY MONDAY, THURSDAY & RAIN DAY, FAST AND PRAY FOR SELF AND REMEMBER MAROON HARUN ABDUR-RAUF"

"PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK"

FOR INFORMATION: SHOATZ UNITY FOR MAROON: 267-344-7064 | TO DONATE: [HTTPS://LINKTR.EE/FREEMARONN0W](https://linktr.ee/freemaronn0w)

Event:

Maroon Day of Service, Dawah & Community Iftar

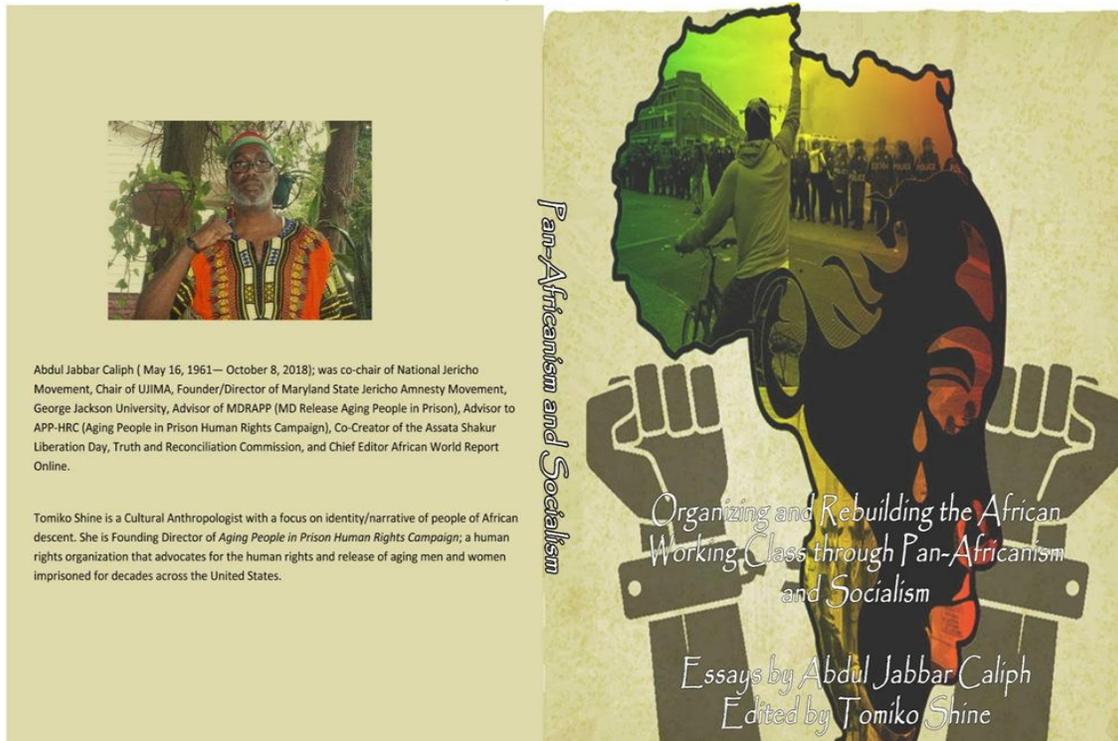
Date: April 25th 2021.

Time: 8am -8pm

Location: GISCSG & Totland: 266-268 S. 58th street.

For details see <https://fb.me/e/16FFriq69>

**“Organizing and Rebuilding African Working Class through Pan-Africanism and Socialism, a Collection of Essays” by Abdul Jabbar Caliph; Edited by Tomiko Shine. (Ongoing)
Order your Book Now!!**



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FB: <https://www.facebook.com/booksforthemovement>

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News, Articles, and Updates

A former member of the BPP (Sundiata Acoli) seeks parole nearly 50 years after he was convicted March 14
“A former member of the Black Panther Party, who went to prison when he was 36 and is now 84, will go before New Jersey’s Supreme Court this Fall to try to win his release, arguing that he has been a model prisoner and eligible for parole for a quarter-century but has been repeatedly denied because his crime involved the killing of a state trooper.” See https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/sundiata-acoli-black-panther-parole/2021/03/12/68254ace-81c2-11eb-ac37-4383f7709abe_story.html

The power of New York’s police commissioners-NYPD Commissioners Cleared Cops Found Guilty of Everything From Chokeholds to Pushing Man Into Traffic March 14

“More than 40 times in the last four years, the NYPD’s top officials overturned judges’ decisions punishing officers accused of misconduct. The reprieves came in cases ranging from prohibited chokeholds to an incident in which a lieutenant pushed a man into oncoming traffic. Often, the commissioners discounted clear video evidence. According to a new investigation, this is a unique fact of the city’s system for disciplining officers.” See <https://www.thecity.nyc/2021/3/14/22330463/nypd-commissioners-cleared-guilty-cops-chokeholds-matrix>

Letters: Illinois should remove hurdles to parole, especially for older inmates March 15

“Illinois doesn’t allow inmates sentenced after 1978 to apply for parole. This, combined with “tough on crime” sentencing, has grown the state’s prison population. Thousands of people will spend the rest of their lives in prison if we do not take action.” See <https://www.chicagotribune.com/opinion/letters/ct-letters-vp-031621-20210315-fojmgpm3nnbzykqbo5kdkqfbee-story.html>

Voting Rights Restoration A Good Step But New York Must End Blanket Disenfranchisement March 15

“Voting rights and social justice advocates are counting on legislative supermajorities in Albany to begin tackling a long ignored civil rights imperative, reform of New York’s racist Civil War-era blanket voter disenfranchisement law, which strips citizens of their right to vote while in prison or on parole for a felony conviction, regardless of the nature or circumstances of the offense. For the first time since the early 1970s, the New York State Legislature has begun to grapple with that legacy. The State Senate recently passed incremental legislation to restore voting rights to citizens on parole, and the state Assembly is poised to do the same soon.” See <https://www.gothamgazette.com/open-government/130-opinion/10240-voting-rights-restoration-good-new-york-end-blanket-disenfranchisement>

“Hell No”: Correctional Officers Are Declining The Coronavirus Vaccine En Masse March 15

“A Florida correctional officer polled his colleagues earlier this year in a private Facebook group: “Will you take the COVID-19 vaccine if offered?” The answer from more than half: “Hell no.” Only 40 of the 475 respondents said yes. In Massachusetts, more than half the people employed by the Department of Correction declined to be immunized. A statewide survey in California showed that half of all correctional employees will wait to be vaccinated. In Rhode Island, 30% of prison staff have refused the vaccine, a higher rate than the incarcerated, according to the state’s Department of Corrections. And in Iowa, early polling among employees showed a little more than half the staff said they’d get vaccinated.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2021/03/15/hell-no-correctional-officers-are-declining-the-coronavirus-vaccine-en-masse>

TERROR TEARS THROUGH ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES March 18



“A white gunman was charged Wednesday with killing eight people at three Atlanta-area massage spas in an attack that sent terror through the Asian American community, which has increasingly been targeted during the pandemic. The shootings appear to be at the “intersection of gender-based violence, misogyny and xenophobia,” said Georgia state Rep. Bee Nguyen.” See

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/massage-spa-attack-terror-asian-america_n_6052ce7bc5b672d70981817c

Prisoners Keep Dying of COVID While ‘Compassionate Releases’ Stall in Court March 18

“At least 54 federal prisoners died from COVID-19 after their compassionate release requests were denied or delayed without a final resolution. It’s an uncertain process that creates anxiety for both people in prison and families on the outside.” See <https://www.vice.com/en/article/jgq7ny/prisoners-keep-dying-of-covid-while-compassionate-releases-stall-in-court>

Family separation, in Mexico: Biden Brings Back Family Separation—This Time in Mexico

U.S. agents no longer tear apart parents and children, but families are having to make painful decisions—just on the other side of the border. March 20

“Each night as Janiana tries to sleep, she wonders about what’s going to happen to her baby grandnephew. The woman, a 26-year-old from Honduras, lives in a tent together with her 20-year-old niece, the baby’s mother, in a tent village of hundreds of asylum seekers like them that formed right next to the pedestrian bridge that leads from Mexico into California. They’re among the tens of thousands of people crowded in dire conditions across the length of the border who have fled violence, extreme poverty, natural disaster and other circumstances in their various home countries in the hope of being given asylum in the U.S. And as more keep coming, the number of tents keeps growing.” See <https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2021/03/20/border-family-separation-mexico-biden-477309>

Four Palestinian and Regional Civil Society Organisations Send Submission to UN Expert on Long-Term Detention of Human Rights Defenders March 22

“On 19 March 2021, Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association, Al-Haq, Law in the Service of Man, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, and Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies sent a joint submission to United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, Ms Mary Lawlor, in response to a call for input issued ahead of her upcoming report on long-term detention of human rights defenders, which will be presented to the 76th session of the General Assembly in October 2021.” See

https://www.alhaq.org/cached_uploads/download/2021/03/22/210319-final-joint-submission-to-the-united-nations-special-rapporteur-on-the-situation-of-human-rights-defenders-1616422371.pdf

NYC Correction Department officials brushed off concerns about recorded jailhouse calls between inmates and legal advisers March 22

“Correction Department officials for months brushed off serious concerns about wrongfully recorded calls between inmates and legal advisers — even though public defenders sounded the alarm in March 2020, records and new testimony revealed Monday. Agency officials only asked in December that Securus Technologies Inc., a city contractor that manages the jail phone system, do two audits of mistakenly recorded calls after learning the Bronx District Attorney’s Office had audio of privileged conversations.” See

<https://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/ny-correction-department-legal-aid-jail-phone-calls-securus-technologies-20210322-abbd7qxiyvd5njzpxteiwblem-story.html>

Lakota Mount Rushmore protester says charges being dropped March 22

“A Lakota activist who was arrested while leading a protest before former president Donald Trump’s visit to Mount Rushmore last year said he has negotiated with prosecutors to drop charges against him, which carried a punishment of nearly 17 years in prison.” See <https://www.startribune.com/lakota-mount-rushmore-protester-says-charges-being-dropped/600037323/>

Minnesota Police Ready for Pipeline Resistance as Enbridge Seeks to Drill Under Rivers March 23

“They got a lot of money, they got a lot of equipment, but we got a lot of people,” said Anishinaabe water protector Winona LaDuke at an event last week with actor and activist Jane Fonda, which took place in front of the flowing Crow Wing River, not far from where Enbridge seeks to drill under its shores. “Spring is coming. Let’s be outdoorsy...” “The project would double Line 3’s capacity for carrying tar sands oil, one of the most carbon-intensive fossil fuels in the world, at a moment when a rapid shift away from fossil fuels has become critical to address the climate crisis.” See <https://theintercept.com/2021/03/23/enbridge-line-3-mississippi-minnesota-police/>

“Stranger Fruit”: Black Mothers and the Fear of Police Brutality March 22



“Jon Henry’s photography project seeks to convey the impact of police violence on Black families. After the spotlight fades, police brutality cases usually follow a pattern. There’s a flurry of local and national media coverage, followed by a wave of public outrage, and then a rare prosecution or even rarer conviction of the officer involved. But for many families, the specter of police violence is a constant presence. Photographer Jon Henry’s ongoing series, “Stranger Fruit,” turns a lens toward Black families who live in fear of police brutality. Henry offers us intimate portraits, taken over seven years, of fretful mothers worried their sons will become victims.”

See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2021/03/22/stranger-fruit-black-mothers-and-the-fear-of-police-brutality>

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A historic end to Virginia's death penalty March 23

"The last time the Virginia Senate took up a proposal to abolish the death penalty, two Democrats put a quick end to the debate." It's no secret what my views are," Senate Majority Leader Richard L. Saslaw (D-Fairfax) said at a committee meeting in 2020 as he moved to table the bill for a year. Sen. Chap Petersen (D-Fairfax City) seconded the motion with a terse comment: "There are certain acts of violence which can only be recognized in a certain way." For decades — centuries, actually — the only real issue in Virginia related to the death penalty was how to expand it, no matter which party was in charge. That will change in dramatic fashion on Wednesday, when Gov. Ralph Northam (D) puts his signature on a bill abolishing the death penalty in the state that over the past 400 years has been its most prolific proponent." See https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/virginia-politics/virginia-death-penalty-abolish/2021/03/23/64a5a8fa-88dc-11eb-8a8b-5cf82c3dffe4_story.html

Prison Mail Surveillance Company Keeps Tabs On Those On the Outside, Too March 24

"In March 2018, the Virginia Department of Corrections (VA DOC) was trying to gain more control over the mail its approximately 30,000 incarcerated people received. Mainly, it wanted to close a loophole in which people posed as businesses so they could include color photos. A contact at the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections recommended they talk to a Florida company called Smart Communications about its product, MailGuard." See <https://www.vice.com/en/article/wx8ven/prison-mail-surveillance-company-keeps-tabs-on-those-on-the-outside-too>

A State-by-State Look at Coronavirus in Prisons-BOP removes COVID cases from count March 25

"By March 16, at least 390,896 people in prison had tested positive for the illness, an increase of less than 1 percent from the week before. While new infections in prisons have dropped in recent months from their highest peaks in mid-December, this data no longer includes new cases from the Federal Bureau of Prisons, which has had more prisoners infected than any other system. In early March, the bureau's totals began to drop because they removed cases of anyone who was released, a spokesman said. As a result, we cannot accurately determine new infections in federal prisons. Reported cases first peaked in late April, when states such as Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee began mass testing of prisoners. Those initiatives suggested that the coronavirus had been circulating among people without symptoms in much greater numbers than previously known." See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/05/01/a-state-by-state-look-at-coronavirus-in-prisons>

Jacob Blake files excessive force lawsuit against officer who shot him in the back March 26

"A Black man who was paralyzed after he was shot in the back by a White police officer in southeastern Wisconsin filed a civil lawsuit Thursday accusing the officer of excessive force. Jacob Blake Jr. was shot by Kenosha Officer Rusten Sheskey in August, while Blake was about to get into an SUV during a domestic dispute. The shooting of Blake, captured on bystander video, turned the nation's spotlight on Wisconsin during a summer marked by protests over police brutality and racism. It happened three months after George Floyd died while being restrained by police officers in Minneapolis. The white officer charged with murder and manslaughter in Floyd's killing is currently on trial." See <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/jacob-blake-lawsuit-excessive-force-rusten-sheskey-kenosha-officer/>

NYPD officers are no longer protected from civil lawsuits after city council passes police reform legislation

March 26

"The New York City Council passed a series of reforms for the New York Police Department on Thursday, including ending qualified immunity for officers, which protected them against civil lawsuits. The city is the first in the nation to end qualified immunity according to Council Speaker Corey Johnson. The package of legislation included five bills and three resolutions that provide additional oversight and require more transparency from the department. The city council also adopted a policing reform plan mandated by a New York State executive order." See <https://www.cnn.com/2021/03/25/us/nyc-police-reform-nypd/index.html>

A Police Union Contract Puts Taxpayers on the Hook to Defend Officers When the City Won't March 26

“Even among the hundreds of videos capturing the violent police response to Black Lives Matter protests last year, this one stood out. A muscular male officer, in a navy blue shirt with “NYPD” across the back, lunged at a young demonstrator, shoving her several feet and sending her crashing to the ground on a street in Brooklyn. In a video shot by a reporter and shared widely on social media, the woman, Dounya Zayer, can be seen clutching her head and writhing in pain after she tumbles to the asphalt.” See

<https://www.propublica.org/article/a-police-union-contract-puts-taxpayers-on-the-hook-to-defend-officers-when-the-city-wont>

Supporters Trying to Free 84-Year-Old Sundiata Acoli from Prison March 26

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.

Following his conviction in the murder of New Jersey State Trooper Werner Foerester in 1973, Acoli was sentenced to life. In the Garden State, those convicted and sentenced to life are eligible for parole after twenty-five years. “Sundiata Acoli has had a near perfect disciplinary record for 40 years, with no violations of any kind for the past twenty-five years,” explained Acoli’s attorney, Bruce I. Afran. “I have come to know Mr. Acoli well over the past nine years. He has emerged into a useful, law abiding and productive member of the community, albeit while incarcerated. He has evolved so far in his life and thought that he has been approved to teach the Federal Bureau of Prison’s course in Avoiding Criminal Thinking, the program to teach younger inmates how to avoid recidivism.” See <https://www.blackstarnews.com/us-politics/justice/supporters-trying-to-free-84-year-old-sundiata-acoli-from-prison>

Black Activists Call Out Biden-Harris Administration’s White Supremacy with Rallies Demanding U.S. and Western Organizations End Support for Dictatorship in Haiti March 27

“Members of the Black Alliance for Peace (BAP) in Chicago and Washington, D.C., will rally in the coming days to demand the Biden-Harris administration and Western entities—such as the Core Group and the Organization of American States (OAS)—end decades of interventions that have violated the right of the Haitian people to transparent democratic processes and sovereignty.” See blackallianceforpeace.com

After Nearly Half Century Behind Bars, Elderly Black Panther Denied Parole March 28



Sundiata Acoli is 84 years old and has been in prison for nearly half a century. When the state of New Jersey locked him up in 1974, Acoli was not sentenced to die behind bars; he has been eligible for parole for almost three decades. The much-loved father and grandfather has an exemplary disciplinary record and a stellar history of work and academic achievement while incarcerated. His parole bid in February was denied. Acoli will likely not live long enough to appear before the board again. The idea

that this elderly Black community leader could be a risk to society outside the prison walls is laughable. Yet Acoli’s release does not appear to be on the horizon. He has been consistently denied parole since the early 1990s. His last bid, in February, was again denied. The parole board determined that he should be considered ineligible for another hearing for an extended but unspecified period of time. Acoli will likely not live long enough to appear before the board again.” See <https://theintercept.com/2021/03/28/elderly-prisoner-black-panther-parole/> (Illustration: Clay Rodery for The Intercept retrieved from <https://theintercept.com/2021/03/28/elderly-prisoner-black-panther-parole/>)

Mumia update: The new Krasner brief by Pam Africa, International Concerned Family & Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal March 28

“As you can see from our petition, we have been seeking to approach Larry Krasner diplomatically. In our effort to attract the widest possible range of supporters, we have written the petition with polite language. We are trying to give DA Krasner the benefit of the doubt by considering the possibility that he is sincere in his stated desire to confront Philadelphia’s ugly history of racial injustice. For Mumia’s sake, we truly hope that DA Krasner’s defense of Mumia’s conviction is because he has not actually researched the case himself, that his position on Mumia’s case is simply a product of the Philadelphia corporate media’s well-documented bias against Mumia. We are sincerely presenting him with an opportunity to rethink his position and to do the right thing. We hope that he listens.” See <https://sfbayview.com/2021/03/the-new-krasner-brief/>

Tellin’ stories about the FBI March 28

“On the 12th of February, right in the middle of Black History Month, the bombshell new film “Judas and the Black Messiah” dropped. Chronicling the infiltration of FBI asset William O’Neal into the Chicago Black Panther Party and his eventual role in the assassination of Chairman Fred Hampton, the film brought screaming into relief the racially charged and murderously corrupt nature of the Federal Bureau of Investigation under J. Edgar Hoover. Just three weeks later, on March 8, this historical gaze was reprised when the 50th anniversary of the Media Pennsylvania burglary was celebrated on the heavily syndicated news program, “Democracy Now!” This was a burglary of a small FBI field office by white leftists operating under the moniker “Citizens’ Commission to Investigate the FBI.” The result of their heist was a trove of classified documents detailing the targeting of discrete populations for surveillance and abuse, notable for its exposure of concentrated institutional anti-Blackness and the first glimpse the public ever had of the term COINTELPRO. Watching these two multi-media offerings was enough to get pretty riled up at the FBI, and yet the feeling was disembodied. These events were 50 years ago. A safe distance away.” See <https://sfbayview.com/2021/03/tellin-stories-about-the-fbi/>

New York Must Offer Vaccine to All Prisoners Immediately, Judge Rules March 29

“A judge in the Bronx ruled that people incarcerated in the state’s prisons and jails had been arbitrarily excluded from the coronavirus vaccine rollout.” “New York must immediately begin to offer Covid vaccines to all incarcerated people in the state’s prisons and jails, a judge ruled on Monday, making the state one of few in the nation to provide doses to such a broad population behind bars. The order, the first involving any of the country’s largest correctional systems, comes as the coronavirus continues to roar through facilities in New York. At least 1,100 people living behind prison walls have tested positive for the virus since the start of last month, and five have died.” See <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/29/nyregion/covid-vaccine-new-york-prisons.html>

Chicano political prisoner Xinachtli calls on all freedom fighters, liberation-movement organizations to unite to build the National United Front Prison Lives Matter movement March 29

“Xinachtli, s/n Alvaro Luna Hernandez, is the longest-held Chicano political prisoner in the United States, targeted by the COINTELPRO-style police state apparatus to stop him from organizing oppressed communities and from becoming a stronger symbol of resistance in the occupied territories of Aztlan, the US Southwest once belonging to Mexico but colonized by forces of US Yankee colonialism and imperialism, after several wars of conquest and annexation in the expansionism of the colonial system by white settler colonists. See “An Indigenous People’s History of the United States” by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, 2014 Beacon Press. Xinachtli was a NGO Human Rights delegate of the International Indian Treaty Council, San Francisco-based at the 49th Session, United Nations Commission on Human Rights at Geneva, Switzerland, March-April 1993, where he delivered a presentation to the UN General Assembly denouncing the historical war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide, hypocrisy of the U.S. government and its double standard on human rights, and calling for reparations and for freedom and self-determination for Black, Chicano and other indigenous nations enslaved by US Yankee international colonialism and imperialism.” See <https://sfbayview.com/2021/03/chicano-political-prisoner-xinachtli-calls-on-all-freedom-fighters-liberation-movement-organizations-to-unite-to-build-the-national-united-front-prison-lives-matter-movement/>

No convictions for St Louis officers who beat Black undercover colleague at protest March 30

“No convictions were returned for three white St Louis police officers accused of beating a Black undercover colleague so severely during a protest over another officer’s acquittal that he had to undergo multiple surgeries. A jury on Monday acquitted officer Steven Korte of charges of deprivation of rights under color of law and of lying to the FBI in connection to the attack on officer Luther Hall. It happened when Hall was mistaken for a protester during demonstrations that erupted after former police officer Jason Stockley, who is white, was found not guilty in the 2011 death of Anthony Lamar Smith, who was Black. Hall described the 2017 attack to jurors as a “free-for-all.” See <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2021/mar/30/st-louis-officers-trial-luther-hall-undercover-protest>

Minnesota cops were ‘trained by racist Israeli forces in restraint techniques March 30

“Over 100 Minnesota law enforcement officers attended a 2012 conference organized by the Israeli consulate in which Israeli police trained them. Israeli forces often use the knee-on-neck restraint on Palestinians... Israel has been training law enforcement officers around the US for many years, despite the fact that Israeli forces have a long record of human rights violations...The neck technique taught by Israeli trainers was in the Minneapolis police manual...” “The training of US police officials by Israeli forces is widespread. Even Amnesty was compelled to report that hundreds of police from Florida, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, California, Arizona, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Georgia, Washington state and Washington DC had been flown to Israeli for training. Thousands more have been trained by Israeli forces who have come to the US to host similar events to the one held in Minneapolis. According to the somewhat selective rights organisation, many of these trips are taxpayer-funded, while others are privately funded.” See <https://israelpalestineneews.org/minn-cops-trained-by-israeli-police-who-often-use-knee-on-neck-restraint/>

Palestinian Prisoner Enters Day 40 of Hunger Strike in Protest against Administrative Detention March 30

“The PPS said in a statement that Imad Batran, 47, from the occupied West Bank city of Hebron (Al Khalil), is among the hundreds of Palestinians targeted by Israel through its policy of administrative detention. Batran has spent a total of 10 years behind bars, most of which were under administrative detention. Badran already went on a hunger strike in 2013, for 105 days, and in 2016, for 36 days. As a result of the repeated strikes and long detentions, Batran has suffered from health problems, most notably severe stomach and head pains. There are 440 administrative detainees in the occupation prisons, said the PPS, while 175 orders, including 51 new ones and 124 renewals, were issued in the months of January and February of this year.” See <https://www.palestinechronicle.com/palestinian-prisoner-enters-day-40-of-hunger-strike-in-protest-against-administrative-detention/>

Advancing the cause of Prison Lives Matter 2021 by Kevin “Rashid” Johnson, Minister of Defense, Revolutionary Intercommunal Black Panther Party March 31

“A number of existing and recently released political and politicized prisoners have come together to form Prison Lives Matter (PLM), a prisoner support and political development structure. We have been effectively indoctrinated into loving and trusting the enemy and hating and distrusting ourselves. On the cultural front, this initiative envisions reviving the spirit and consciousness of the Prison Movement of the 1960s-’70s, which has long since been lost. A culture of resistance that must be revived because the struggles of decades past have been co-opted and through systemic infiltration of pig values into the cultures of the oppressed, the pigs have replaced it with a culture of collaboration – friendly interaction, feeding information to and spreading divisive information for them, and overall submission to the pigs, while disunity and distrust have come to define the relations between prisoners. We have been effectively indoctrinated into loving and trusting the enemy and hating and distrusting ourselves. On the cultural front, this initiative envisions reviving the spirit and consciousness of the Prison Movement of the 1960s-’70s, which has long since been lost.” See <https://sfbayview.com/2021/03/advancing-the-cause-of-prison-lives-matter-2021/>

Three Words. 70 Cases. The Tragic History of ‘I Can’t Breathe.’ March 31

“As the sun began to rise on a sweltering summer morning in Las Vegas last year, a police officer spotted Byron Williams bicycling along a road west of downtown. The bike did not have a light on it, so officers flipped on their siren and shouted for him to stop. Mr. Williams fled through a vacant lot and over a wall before complying with orders to drop face down in the dirt, where officers used their hands and knees to pin him down. “I can’t breathe,” he gasped. He repeated it 17 times before he later lapsed into unconsciousness and died. Eric Garner, another black man, had said the same three anguished words in 2014 after a police officer who had stopped him for selling untaxed cigarettes held him in a chokehold on a New York sidewalk. “I can’t breathe,” George Floyd pleaded in May, appealing to the Minneapolis police officer who responded to reports of a phony \$20 bill and planted a knee in the back of his neck until his life had slipped away. Mr. Floyd’s dying words have prompted a national outcry over law enforcement’s deadly toll on African-American people, and they have united much of the country in a sense of outrage that a police officer would not heed a man’s appeal for something as basic as air.” See <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/06/28/us/i-cant-breathe-police-arrest.html>

Israeli forces rearrest Palestinian man celebrating release after 20 years in prison March 31

“The scenes of jubilation following the Tuesday release of Magd Barbar, a Palestinian man who spent 20 years in jail, were brought to an abrupt and violent halt that night when he was rearrested by Israeli forces. Barbar was later released on Wednesday afternoon, the Handala Center NGO said. The 45-year-old was first arrested in 2001 at the peak of the Second Intifada, and was charged with belonging to the Popular Front for Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), Marxist-Leninist group, and plotting military acts against Israeli targets. When he was arrested, Barbar was forced to leave behind a 15-day-old daughter and two-year-old son.” See <https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/israel-palestine-rearrest-magd-barbar-celebrating-release>

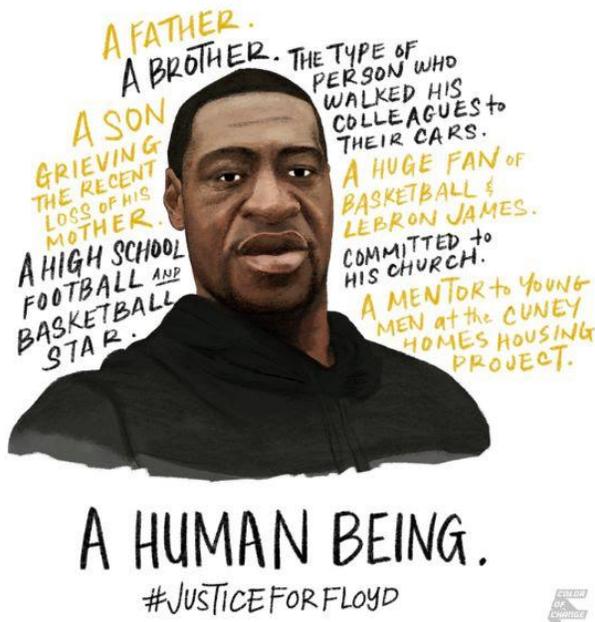
Black Agenda Report: Cuomo and the Black Political Class March 31

“Black politicians shamelessly rallied to Cuomo, ridiculously comparing him to Emmett Till and the Central Park Five, in hopes that he will dispense patronage their way if he remains in office.” There is no other community in the state that is represented by people so willing to debase themselves for so little.” New York Governor Andrew Cuomo led a charmed political life, benefitting from connections and name recognition as the son of Mario Cuomo. He married a Kennedy and served as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in the Bill Clinton administration. Along the way he made the right connections and was able to raise the requisite \$30 million needed to make a credible run for governor in New York. He won election three times and was expected to run again. Now Cuomo’s luck may have run out after multiple allegations of sexual harassment and improper conduct have been made public. Far from being the hero of New York’s COVID-19 crisis in 2020 he actually contributed to the deaths of thousands of people. In a time of crisis he continued his petty dislike for New York City mayor Bill de Blasio and refused to heed his advice on shutting down the city sooner, a choice which may have cost 17,500 lives.” See <https://www.blackagendareport.com/freedom-rider-andrew-cuomo-and-black-political-class>

After pressure from pro-Israel students, Butler abruptly canceled an event featuring Angela Davis March 31

“Students at Butler University are demanding to know why an event featuring Angela Davis was abruptly canceled by the school. The activist and author was scheduled to speak at an event called “Joint Struggle and Collective Liberation” on April 1st. On March 29, the school canceled the event without notifying the organizers of the event. The school is blaming the cancellation on procedural errors, but a group of campus and community organizations put out a statement saying Davis was targeted over her BDS support. “Days before Butler University’s shameless censorship of Dr. Angela Davis, the Student Government Association was bombarded by pressure from Zionist students who claimed to oppose Davis’ event because of her support for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement — a grassroots demand for nonviolent economic pressure against Israel’s illegal military occupation of Palestine,” the statement reads.....” See <https://mondoweiss.net/2021/03/after-pressure-from-pro-israel-students-butler-abruptly-canceled-an-event-featuring-angela-davis/>

Eric Nelson isn't working alone to defend Derek Chauvin: A police legal fund is backing him up with a dozen lawyers and \$1 million April 1



“Derek Chauvin’s trial in the death of George Floyd appears to be a match of a lone defense attorney battling a stacked prosecution by the Minnesota Attorney General’s Office with seemingly limitless resources.

Attorney Eric Nelson stands with Chauvin and Amy Voss – whom Nelson describes as his “assistant” but is a licensed attorney – on one side of the courtroom of Judge Peter Cahill. Several feet away, there’s a rotating crew of four state prosecutors, including Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison. Despite appearances, Nelson is hardly working solo. Nelson, a private attorney with the firm Halberg Criminal Defense, has plenty of help from the Minneapolis Police and Peace Officers Association’s legal defense fund.”

See <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/03/30/derek-chauvin-trial-eric-nelson-defense-george-floyd/6969253002/>

Prison leeches: Professionals who live off prisoners’ suffering by Kevin “Rashid” Johnson April 1

“There are a certain character and caliber of “professionals” who live off prisons and lack any real incentive to use their skills to better others’ lives and society. While they may have specialized skills, they apply them at the most substandard levels. Applying the sociopathic illogic of capitalism, they care nothing about the harm caused to those who rely on their services and only about the profits they can generate for themselves. These sorts cling to and blood suck the prison system like leeches.” See <https://sfbayview.com/2021/04/prison-leeches-professionals-who-live-off-prisoners-suffering/>

Fifty years ago, April 1, 1971: An Omaha prosecutor told falsehood to jury about Black Panther leader Ed Poindexter in murder trial opening statement April 1

“Fifty years ago, April 1, 1971, was the opening day of the Patrolman Larry Minard murder trial in Omaha, Nebraska. Prosecutor Arthur O’Leary, Deputy Douglas County Attorney, used the opening statement to tell the jury false information. Co-defendants Edward Poindexter and David Rice (later Wopashitwe Mondo Eyen we Langa) were Black Panther leaders, officers in the local National Committee to Combat Fascism. O’Leary sought the death penalty in Nebraska’s electric chair for the two men who had been subjects of a year-long harassment campaign by the Omaha Police Department.” See <https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2021/04/01/fifty-years-ago-april-1-1971-an-omaha-prosecutor-told-falsehood-to-jury-about-black-panther-leader-ed-poindexter-in-murder-trial-opening-statement/>

The Interior Department Is Finally Getting Serious About Missing, Murdered Native Americans April 2

“Interior Secretary Deb Haaland on Thursday announced the creation of a new Missing and Murdered Unit within the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services, which will investigate missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives. The unit builds on Operation Lady Justice, a task force established in 2019 to resolve unsolved cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, and aims to increase collaboration across federal agencies.” See https://www.huffpost.com/entry/missing-and-murdered-unit-indian-affairs_n_60672855c5b68872efe5ed60

Political prisoners should be among first released in pandemic response, says UN rights chief April 3

The decision by many Governments to release prisoners to slow the transmission of new coronavirus was welcomed on Friday by the UN's top rights official, Michelle Bachelet. The development comes after an appeal last week from the High Commissioner for Human Rights to prevent "catastrophic" rates of infection, as the number of confirmed cases continues to rise worldwide. To date, there have been more than a million confirmed cases and in excess of 50,000 people have died." See

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/04/1061002>

KKK Event in Indiana to Be Met With Counter Demonstration April 3

"A coalition of anti-racism groups has organized a demonstration against a planned Ku Klux Klan meeting in Indiana. The Indiana Mutual Aid Coalition said its April 3 event outside the DeKalb County Courthouse in Auburn would not be a protest but an "assembly of people networking against racial injustice and hate."

The Church of the Ku Klux Klan plans to hold an "Indiana White Unity Meet & Greet" on the same day. The meeting is believed to be taking place on private property in Auburn." See

<https://www.newsweek.com/kkk-event-indiana-met-counter-demonstration-1578326>

Minneapolis police chief: Derek Chauvin 'in no way' should've kept George Floyd pinned by the neck April 5

"That should have stopped." Derek Chauvin's former boss, Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo, told jurors at the murder trial Monday that Chauvin violated department policy by keeping his knee on George Floyd's neck even after Floyd became unconscious." See

<https://www.startribune.com/minneapolis-police-chief-derek-chauvin-in-no-way-should-ve-kept-george-floyd-pinned-by-the-neck/600042338/>

Fifty years ago, April 5, 1971: Confessed bomber names Raleigh House as provocateur during Ed Poindexter murder trial April 6

"Fifty years ago, April 5, 1971 marked the second week of testimony in the controversial murder trial of Edward Poindexter and David Rice (later Wopashitwe Mondo Eyen we Langa) charged with the bombing death of Patrolman Larry Minard. Confessed bomber sixteen year-old Duane Peak testified that Raleigh House, the treasurer of the National Committee to Combat Fascism, drove him to pick up the dynamite and suitcase used to construct the deadly device. However, House had an out in the prosecutor's office, Deputy County Attorney Arthur O'Leary, and only spent one night in jail and was never charged in Minard's murder." See

<https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2021/04/06/fifty-years-ago-april-5-1971-confessed-bomber-names-raleigh-house-as-provocateur-during-ed-poindexter-murder-trial/>

The Blue Wall of Silence Is Crumbling Around Derek Chauvin-For one of the first times in memory, police are testifying against one of their own. But will it lead to an actual conviction? April 6

"I can't pretend to get inside the headspace of somebody who has an "open mind" about whether choking a Black person to death on the street is a crime. I can't really assess the effectiveness of the prosecution's ongoing case, or grade the defense's strategy, because I'm not the audience for any of this. For me, catching snippets of this trial has been like catching snippets of an Easter homily: I'm sure this is for somebody, but it ain't for me." See

<https://www.thenation.com/article/society/chauvin-police-testimony/>

As States Expand Vaccine Eligibility, Many People in Prison Still Wait for Shots April 6

"Despite CDC advice to vaccinate prisoners quickly, two-thirds of states lag behind the general population. This week, Florida expanded eligibility for COVID-19 vaccines to all residents 16 and older. But across the state, more than 70,000 people still don't have access to the vaccine. Those men and women are Florida state prisoners. More than half the country has opened up vaccine eligibility, vastly expanding the ability for most Americans to get the shot, despite their age or any preexisting medical conditions. But inside prisons, it's a different story: Prisoners, not free to seek out vaccines, still lack access to them on the whole." See

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2021/04/06/as-states-expand-vaccine-eligibility-many-people-in-prison-still-wait-for-shots>

A Detective Was Accused of Lying. Now 90 Convictions May Be Erased. April 6

“Over nearly two decades as a police officer and narcotics detective, Joseph E. Franco made thousands of arrests, many for the possession and sale of drugs. Mr. Franco often worked undercover, and his testimony secured convictions for prosecutors around the city. But officials who once relied on Mr. Franco are questioning his accounts. After he was accused of lying about drug sales that videos showed never happened, Mr. Franco was charged with perjury in Manhattan in 2019.” See

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/06/nyregion/brooklyn-criminal-convictions.html>

“Goon Squad” Manual Teaches Officers to Violate Protesters’ Rights April 7

“When thousands of New Yorkers poured into the city’s streets last summer following the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, they were met with the very police violence they had come to protest. In the days following Floyd’s death, and then again during protests last fall, New York police arrested hundreds of people, many with no probable cause. They pepper-sprayed protesters and struck them with batons, trapped them in the streets with no way out, pushed them to the ground, and shoved them with bikes. In Brooklyn, on May 30, an officer pulled down a man’s Covid-19 mask and pepper-sprayed him at close range..” See

<https://theintercept.com/2021/04/07/nypd-strategic-response-unit-george-floyd-protests/>

‘His only treatment is freedom’ Advocates for Mumia Abu-Jamal continue fight for his release April 7

“Advocates on behalf of political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal are not slowing down their efforts in working toward his release. Social activist and writer for Workers World Betsy Piette told The Final Call this slow walking of Mumia’s appeals process could have only one end result—his death. For that reason, the focus for the movement to free the former Black Panther and journalist is calling for his compassionate release on medical grounds.” See new.finalcall.com

Police who shoot citizens can remain anonymous April 7

“Citing Marsy’s Law — Florida’s constitutional amendment granting privacy rights to crime victims — the 1st District Court of Appeal ruled Tuesday that municipalities cannot make public the names of police who shoot citizens if the police officers themselves were crime victims, which is almost always the case in police shootings.” See

<https://news.yahoo.com/court-police-shoot-citizens-remain-102012134.html>

‘Awful but Lawful’ April 7

“Along with many others, I have long argued that the reason so few police officers are ever charged in their killings of unarmed Black people (and few of those charged are ever convicted) is that our legal system has effectively rendered those killings legal. This is the case regardless of how horrendous the killings are or how much evidence, including video, makes clear what took place. The defense in the trial of Derek Chauvin in the death of George Floyd raised this very concept Wednesday when questioning Sgt. Jody Stiger, a Los Angeles Police Department use-of-force expert who was a witness for the prosecution.” See

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/07/opinion/us-police-killings-law.html>

Breonna Taylor died more than a year ago. But US policing has barely changed. April 8

“It has been over a year since Breonna Taylor, a 26-year-old ER technician, was killed by police officers in her home. It has been nearly a year since George Floyd, a former rapper and father of five, was killed by officer Derek Chauvin in broad daylight. And it has been some 300 days since the subsequent uprisings in their names. Thousands of protesters were arrested, and while the vast majority have had their flimsy charges dropped, there are many still facing harsher punishments than the officers who killed Taylor face. There is legislation being passed in the name of the slain and a handful of cities have made modest cuts to police budgets due to the hard work of local organizations. At the same time, many local governments have doubled down on their support for violent policing, and the system that necessitated a movement to defund the police remains pretty much entirely intact and murderous.” See

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/apr/08/breonna-taylor-death-us-policing-protesters-arrested>

Fifty years ago, April 8, 1971: Omaha police detectives contradicted each other about dynamite during Ed Poindexter murder trial April 9

“Omaha detective Jack Swanson’s testimony about discovery of dynamite was contradicted by another detective in Edward Poindexter murder trial. Fifty years ago, April 8, 1971, Omaha detective Jack Swanson was called to testify in the murder trial of Edward Poindexter and David Rice (later Wopashitwe Mondo Eyen we Langa). The two men were leaders of the local Black Panther affiliate group, the National Committee to Combat Fascism, and accused of the bombing murder of Patrolman Larry Minard, killed at a vacant house on the Near Northside on August 17, 1970.” See <https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2021/04/09/fifty-years-ago-april-8-1971-omaha-police-detectives-contradicted-each-other-about-dynamite-during-ed-poindexter-murder-trial/>

Was the killing of an Antifa protester actually justified? April 10

“Local investigators in Washington State cleared the U.S. Marshals task force that shot and killed Michael Reinoehl over the summer, saying Reinoehl fired at officers first. But a New York Times review of the case documents contradicts the investigators’ assessment. Photos show that Reinoehl may never have fired or pointed his gun.” See <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/10/us/michael-reinoehl-killing-investigation.html>

A Knee on the Neck of Long-term Political Prisoners April 11

“The line between clearly defined political prisoners and prisoners targeted to make points for the political power structure is hidden. Criminalization is a standard tool of racial supremacists. George Floyd’s death is familiar a thousand times over because it restates the predominant ethic of law enforcement’s historical treatment of a minority population as revealed in the examples of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Fred Hampton. But consider the less well known and large number of former Black Panther and other community activists serving intolerable prison terms which have taken away their normal lives in trials that can’t match objective standards of justice or international law. Guilty verdicts thrived on the targeting mechanisms of the FBI’s COINTELPRO operation, withheld testimony, ‘bought’ witnesses, rights violations, and obvious misidentifications suggesting that U.S. law enforcement has a difficulty telling Black people apart. At particular risk of injustice were those who converted to Islam and were targeted for destruction.” See <https://dissentvoice.org/2021/04/a-knee-on-the-neck-of-long-term-political-prisoners/>

Fifty years ago, April 12, 1971: Two cousins of confessed bomber dispute his testimony against Ed Poindexter during Black Panther murder trial April 12

“Fifty years ago, April 12, 1971, two cousins of confessed bomber Duane Peak testified that he did not meet with Ed Poindexter to discuss bombing Omaha police as he claimed earlier in the trial over the death of Patrolman Larry Minard.” See <https://richardsonreports.wordpress.com/2021/04/13/fifty-years-ago-april-12-1971-two-cousins-of-confessed-bomber-dispute-his-testimony-against-ed-poindexter-during-black-panther-murder-trial/>

Police shooting of Daunte Wright puts spotlight on ‘pretextual arrest’ laws April 12

“Daunte Wright was shot by a police officer Sunday afternoon in the Minneapolis suburb of Brooklyn Center after officials say they pulled him over for an expired registration on his vehicle. When they approached the car, they saw he had something hanging from his rearview mirror, and after running his name they found an outstanding warrant. Body camera footage released Monday showed an officer shooting Wright as he tried to get back into his car. No gun was found in the car, and Brooklyn Center Police Chief Tim Gannon said he believed the officer intended to tase Wright but shot him instead, calling it an “accidental discharge.” See <https://news.yahoo.com/police-shooting-of-daunte-wright-puts-spotlight-on-pretextual-arrest-laws-185346628.html>

In Oakland, Building Black and Asian Solidarity at the Street Level April 12

“Stop Asian Hate” has been a hot topic of late, rivaling the Derek Chauvin trial as America’s most compelling and current racialized narrative. One emergent storyline has pitted Asians against another marginalized ethnic group, African-Americans. Yet activists, educators, artists, and community organizers in the Bay Area are

creating an alternate narrative of Afro-Asian solidarity against what they see as both a common enemy and root cause: white supremacy. Khafre Jay, Executive Director and founder of Hip-Hop for Change, relates how he grew up hardscrabble in Hunters Point; during the 90s, he roamed Muni lines robbing vulnerable passengers alongside his “Asian patnas.” That guy is not the same Jay of today, who speaks in both pragmatic and optimistic terms about principles of organizing and building effective movements which transcend racial and cultural lines.” See <https://www.kqed.org/arts/13895462/in-oakland-building-black-and-asian-solidarity-at-the-street-level>

In the Spirit of Mandela Campaign

2021 IS THE YEAR TO FREE ALL U.S. HELD POLITICAL PRISONERS & POWS
FREE EM' ALL: PRISONER ADVOCACY AND JUSTICE NEWS!
SPECIAL REPORT: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021

In the Spirit of Mandela: International Tribunal On Human Rights Violations & U.S. Held Political Prisoners
 New York City... Friday, October 22, 2021 – Tuesday, October 26, 2021



To: All Prisoner Advocacy Organizations, Campaigns & Individuals

From: National Jericho Movement - Spirit of Mandela Coalition, Outreach Committee

Re: 2021 International Tribunal on Human Rights Violations & U.S. Held Political Prisoners

Greetings Friends, Families, Comrades & Supporters of U.S. Captured Freedom Fighters,

The “In the Spirit of Mandela” IT (International Tribunal) 2021 campaign was 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.

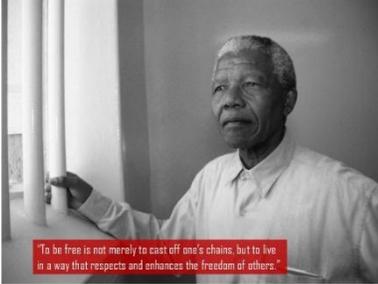
Set your calendars now: The International Tribunal on U.S. Human Rights Violations and Political Prisoners (ITUSHRPP) is set to take place in October 2021.

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!



Dr. 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 a campaign “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). Please begin to prepare for the “International Tribunal” organized by the In the Spirit of Mandela Coalition. At this 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.

Dates: Friday, October 22nd – Tuesday, October 26, 2021 **Location:** New York City (Venues TBA)

Formally indicting the United States government and its States with historical, systematic, and ongoing human rights violations against people of color, working class people, and the planet! Outcomes Reparations Establishment of People's Senate International Solidarity Truth & Justice Commission to Free All Political Prisoners.

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Get Ready for I.T. 2021!



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 spirtofmandela1@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”.

*“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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