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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 the arms of their families—who have been waiting for decades. We hope you join us in making this a reality.

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**If they come for me in the morning, they will come for you in the night.
-Angela Davis-**

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 also focusing on the campaign "In the Spirit of Mandela", raising funds to support our PP's, and addressing health and legal issues. We are assisting our comrades who have finally come home, and we are actively monitoring the Covid-19 prison crisis by keeping track of latest developments and statistics. We have been attending many online meetings, calls to action, as well as strategizing on gaining the release of our Political Prisoners. Lastly, we hope you will connect with some of our powerful allies who are hosting events and Calls to Action (past and future). As you can see, there are many "boots on the ground"! Free Em All!!

Chairperson's Corner

Please Check Back Next Month

Jericho Highlights and Tributes

The National Jericho Movement mourns the loss of two great legendary Black men who were giants in the movement, Glen Ford and Bob Moses. Our condolences and love go to their families and friends. Rest in Power comrades, your dedication, sacrifices and fierce determination...will live on.

Glen Ford, co-founder and Executive Editor of Black Agenda Report and a great friend of UNAC has passed away. November 5, 1949 - July 28, 2021



(Photo Source: "Glen Ford. | Source: Glen Ford / LinkedIn")

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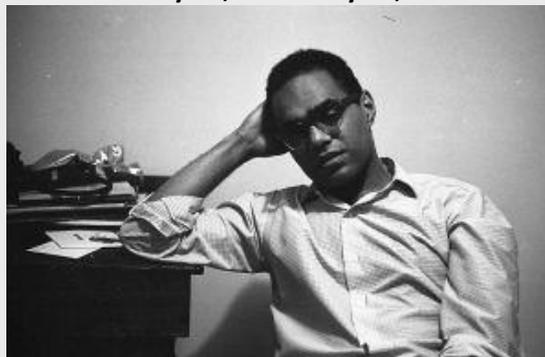
“Glen Ford, a veteran broadcast, print and digital journalist who hosted the first nationally syndicated Black news interview program on TV before going on to found the Black Agenda Report website, has died, according to reports. He was 71 years old. Ford’s cause of death was not immediately reported. Several sources announced his death late Wednesday morning, including Margaret Kimberley, an editor and columnist at Black Agenda Report, the weekly news magazine that offers commentary and analysis from a Black perspective which Ford launched and served as its executive editor.” <https://newsone.com/4178339/glen-ford-dies-black-agenda-report-founder/>. In addition to his many accomplishments, “Ford co-founded BlackCommentator.com (BC) in 2002. The weekly journal quickly became the most influential Black political site on the Net. In October, 2006, Ford and the entire writing team left BC to launch BlackAgendaReport.com (BAR). In addition to his broadcast and Internet experience, Glen Ford was national political columnist for Encore American & Worldwide News magazine; founded The Black Commentator and Africana Policies magazines; authored The Big Lie: An Analysis of U.S. Media Coverage of the Grenada Invasion (IOJ, 1985); voiced over 1000 radio commercials (half of which he also produced) and scores of television commercials; and served as reporter and editor for three newspapers (two daily, one weekly).” <https://peoplesforum.org/instructor/glen-ford/> “Ford was a founding member of the Washington chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ); executive board member of the National Alliance of Third World Journalists (NATWJ); media specialist for the National Minority Purchasing Council; and has spoken at scores of colleges and universities. “The Black Alliance for Peace mourns the passing of Glen Ford (November 5, 1949-July 28, 2021) from an elder to an ancestor.” “UNAC joins with the BAP and Black Agenda Report and mourns Glen’s passing. He was a giant of our movement.” “In the coming days and weeks much more will be said about his tremendous contribution in the struggle for Black rights, peace, and justice and UNAC will also publish more on his life and contributions to our movement.” See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOTtbwTASM4> <https://unac.notowar.net/> and <https://www.blackagendareport.com/glen-ford-and-haiti-tribute>

Tribute: Glen Ford: Revolutionary, Friend, Leader, Lover of Black People:

Dr. Marsha Coleman-Adebayo, BAR editor and columnist Aug 4

“Glen Ford: Revolutionary, Friend, Leader, Lover of Black People The brilliant writer was also a dear friend and mentor. Glen was a man whose voice thundered with the passion of justice, his keen eyes intensified by those round glasses that sat on the bridge of his strong nose right in front of his daunting intelligence, his word mastery and their unveiling of perceptions he gleaned from having been wounded by a culture bent against his people, against him personally, as when it deployed hitmen against his life’s work. It was a confirmation that he was on the right track when he and the Black Agenda Report family made the government’s blacklist of subversive publications. So there was anger. And clarity. And passion that combined to make Glen more than a little intimidating. There was his work ethic. His unrelenting discipline. His body of work. His insistence on excellence. His wry sense of humor—that would catch one off guard—and his deep and unconditional love for Black people...” See <https://blackagendareport.com/glen-ford-revolutionary-friend-leader-lover-black-people>

Bob Moses, Veteran SNCC Organizer And The Algebra Project Founder Dies At 86 January 23, 1935- July 25, 2021



(Photo Source: “Getty Images / Getty” Retrieved from

<https://newsone.com/4177453/veteran-sncc-organizer-and-the-algebra-project-founder-bob-moses-dies-at-86/>)

“A lifelong educator, Moses inspired multiple generations to organize for equity and justice, leaving behind a legacy of servant leadership and grassroots empowerment. As news broke of his passing Sunday, his legacy and impact could be felt across the internet. He was 86. The SNCC Legacy Project offers its condolences and love to Janet Moses, and his children Maisha, Omo, Taba, and Malika Moses at the passing of Bob Moses who was husband, father and an emotional center for the family. pic.twitter.com/W1boiPW0kP

— SNCC 60th (@SNCC60th) July 25, 2021. From the stories and anecdotes, one can glimpse the impact Moses had on the lives of countless organizers and educators alike. A young math teacher from Harlem, Moses would travel to Mississippi in the summer of 1960 and change history. As an organizer with the Southern Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and under the guidance of Ella Baker, Moses worked alongside communities in rural Mississippi. In many ways, his work paved the way for contemporary organizing around voter registration and civic engagement. The Zinn Education Project tweeted a picture of Moses and several others with a powerful quote about leadership that sums up the organizing philosophy of many of today’s organizations. “Leadership is there in the people,” said Moses. “You don’t have to worry about where your leaders are. . . If you go out and work with your people, then the leadership will emerge.” See <https://newsone.com/4177453/veteran-sncc-organizer-and-the-algebra-project-founder-bob-moses-dies-at-86/> “[In] Mississippi, Bob Moses was the equivalent of Martin Luther King,” Taylor Branch, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Parting the Waters: America in the King Years 1954-1963*, told *The New York Times* in 1993. Moses, a pioneer in the struggle for civil rights in America, was one of the more subtle figures in the crusade, characterizing himself as “organizer, not a leader,” reports *New York Times*. Nevertheless, whether taking to the rural communities of Mississippi or to the classroom, Moses invested decades in the fight for equality. On Sunday, July 25, Bob Moses died of unspecified causes at his home in Hollywood, Fla, as confirmed by his eldest daughter, Maisha Moses. He was 86 years old. “He exemplified putting community interests above ego and personal interest,” N.A.A.C.P. President Derrick Johnson, told the *Times*. “If you look at his work, he was always pushing local leadership first.” See <https://www.theroot.com/civil-rights-icon-and-educator-bob-moses-dies-at-86-1847362145>

Meet National Jericho’s Newest Political Prisoner: Jessica Reznicek

Affiliation: WATER PROTECTOR

Contact Information/Prison Address

#19293-030, FCI Waseca

P.O. Box 1731

Waseca, MN 56093

United States

“Jessica Reznicek is a 40 year old land and water defender who has worked with and lived in the Des Moines Catholic Worker community for the last 10 years. In 2016, Jessica took a stand against the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline. Jessica and her fellow organizers attended public comment hearings, gathered signatures for valid requests for Environmental Impact Statements, and participated in civil disobedience, hunger strikes, marches and rallies, boycotts and encampments. In 2017, Jessica and another person took direct action and disabled construction machinery in order to protect the land. No one was injured by their



actions, and the land was protected from the flow of oil for an additional six months. Jessica has worked with the Catholic Worker and the homeless populations of Duluth and Des Moines. She has worked on third-party accompaniment work in Palestine, and as an organizer during Occupy Wall Street, both at Zuccotti Park and in Des Moines. She has campaigned against weapons contractor Northrup Grumman in Omaha and protested the

drone base in Des Moines. She also protested the construction of a U.S. Naval base on Jeju island, South Korea

so as to save the sacred Gureombi Rock in the village of Gangjeon. On February 6, 2021, Jessica pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to damage an energy facility and on June 30, 2021, was sentenced to 8 years in prison. She received the 'federal crime of terrorism' enhancement and was ordered to pay over 3 million dollars in restitution and three years of supervised release. She reported to federal prison on August 11, 2021. Jessica has a deep love for nature, camping, swimming, hiking, theology, music, gardening, laughter and eco-sustainability, as well as a commitment to self-discovery through deep relationships cultivated in intentional faith-based community living." freejessicareznicek@gmail.com <https://supportjessicareznicek.com> <https://www.facebook.com/freejessrez> <https://twitter.com/FreeJessRez> <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/protecting-water-is-never-terrorism-repeal-jessica-rezniceks-terrorist-enhancement>. See <https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/resniecek-jessica>

Political Prisoners/POWs Updates

1. Medical

- **Maroon Shoatz:** Maroon's condition is severe and has worsened, so he is now seeking a medical transfer. (<https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2021/07/updates-27-jul-2021.pdf>). Update: August 12, Russell Maroon Shoatz's petition to quietly live out his days in hospice care was denied."

2. Legal

-**Ruchell MaGee:** "We are enraged to report the following: According to the CDCR, Cinque was denied parole for 3 years at his July 15 hearing. We shall continue the fight. Power to the people! Coalition to Free Ruchell Magee."

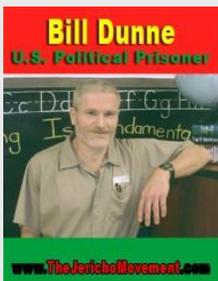
-**Larry Hoover:** Larry was refused compassionate release

3. Other Political Prisoner Updates

Political Prisoners/POWs Birthdays: Please Send a Card!

August Birthdays!

Bill Dunne: Birthday: August 3



Class War Prisoner

Contact Information/Prison Address

#10916-086 FCI Victorville Medium I, P.O. Box 3725

Adelanto, CA 92301 United States

Captured: 1979. Release date: 2043

"I am a collectivist, long having recognized that in numbers there is strength and capability and security and satisfaction. There is more humanity in cooperation than in isolation...

With mutual struggle, we can forge the diverse elements of our side of the barricade into a powerful weapon against the depredations of imperial capital. It can be the tool of emancipation from exploitation and oppression of that class enemy that afflict us all." Bill Dunne is an anti-authoritarian sentenced to 90 years for the attempted liberation of an anarchist prisoner in 1979." See <https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/bill-dunne>

Hanif Shabazz Bey* Birthday: August 6, 1950



VIRGIN ISLAND 5

Contact Information/Prison Address

#5161331, Citrus County Correctional Facility

2604 West Woodland Ridge Drive, Lecanto, FL 34461, United States

Address envelope to Beaumont Gereau #5161331

CAPTURED 1972--8 LIFE SENTENCES

A history of the "Virgin Island Five", a group of activists accused of murdering eight people in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The murders took place during a turbulent period of rebellion on the Islands. The island was put under virtual martial law, and eventually five men: Ismail Ali, Warren (Aziz) Ballantine, Meral (Malik) Smith, Raphael (Kwesi) Joseph, and Hanif Shabazz Bey were apprehended and then charged with the

attack. All the men were known supporters of the Virgin Island independence movement. The five were charged after being subjected to vicious torture, in order to extract confessions. They were beaten, hung from their feet and necks from trees, subject to electric shocks with "cattle prods", had plastic bags tied over their heads and had water forced up their noses by the "defenders of the law." Eventually, the five went to trial in what became known as the "Fountain Valley" murder trial. This was an obvious Kangaroo Court and a mockery of any sense of a fair trial. On August 13, 1973, each of the five men convicted and sentenced to eight (8) consecutive life terms. Today, Warren (Aziz) Ballantine, Meral (Malik) Smith, and Hanif Shabazz Bey are all confined in federal prisons. Ismail Ali was liberated to Cuba via an airplane hijacking in 1984. Raphael (Kwesi) Joseph was granted a pardon by the V.I. governor in 1992. Six years later Kwesi was mysteriously found dead of poison-laced drug overdose, after it was said that he was about to reveal evidence that would have exonerated at least one or more defendants." <http://abcf.net/abc/pdfs/vi5.pdf>

Mutulu Shakur- Birthday : August 8, 1950



REPUBLIC OF NEW AFRICA POLITICAL PRISONER

Contact Information/Prison Address

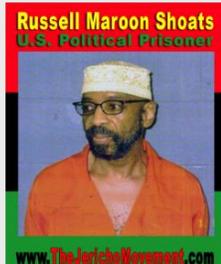
#83205-012, FMC Lexington, P.O. Box 14500, Lexington, KY 40512

Captured: 1986: Sentenced to 60 years.

"There is a need for a Truth and Reconciliation Commission in the U.S. to resolve the history of slavery, oppression, racism, segregation, lynching and the issue of political prisoners of the Civil Rights Black Liberation Struggle who fought against these gross human rights abuses.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission was also a process set up in South Africa to redress the gross violations of human rights by the apartheid regime. It was a tool to assist a peaceful transition to a democratic society but public acknowledgement of the gross human rights abuses by the government and its agent...The idea of crimes against humanity comes under International Law and the Geneva Convention adopted by the world at the U.N. the liability of such violators lies on nations as well as individuals who fight against the violators of human rights." See <https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/shakur-mutulu> and <http://mutulushakur.com>

Russell Maroon Shoats-Birthday: August 23, 1943



Black Unity Council-Black Liberation Army

Contact Information/Prison Address

Smart Communications / PADOX/SCI Fayette

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

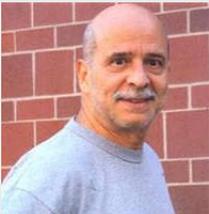
Affiliation: Black Unity Council-Back Panther Party, Black Liberation Army

Captured: 1970-Life.

"Russell Maroon Shoatz is a dedicated community activist, founding member of the Black Unity Council, former member of the Black Panther Party and soldier in the Black Liberation Army. He is serving multiple life sentences as a U.S.-held prisoner of war." See <http://russellmaroonshoats.wordpress.com>

July Birthdays!

Simon Trinidad- Birthday: July 30th



Affiliation: THE FARC

Contact Information/Prison Address (International Prisoner)

Mr. Simón Trinidad, 27896-016 a/k/a Juvenal Ovidio Ricardo Palmera Pineda

US Penitentiary Florence-ADX P.O. Box 8500, Florence, CO 81226-8500 United States

"Ricardo Palmera, popularly known as Simon Trinidad in Colombia, is a political prisoner of the U.S. government. Simon Trinidad is being tortured in solitary confinement in the Florence, Colorado supermax prison. Trinidad beat the U.S. government in three out of four

court trials. Trinidad is held in solitary confinement violating his human rights. Trinidad is held as a political prisoner by the U.S. government under Special Administrative Measures (SAMS), meaning his rights are more restricted than other prisoners. The FARC is saving a chair for Trinidad as one of the top five negotiators at the peace table." "The imprisonment of Ricardo Palmera is a direct result of U.S. intervention in Colombia's civil war." See <https://www.thejerichomovement.com/profile/simon-trinidad>, The National Committee to Free Ricardo Palmera at www.Freericardopalmera.org or <https://www.facebook.com/SupportTheColombiaPeaceProcess?fref=ts> Info@freericardopalmera.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

**Poem by Michael Green (Haki Malik Abdullah)
Think it ain't Legal Yet
(Written in 2006, Submitted July 2021)**

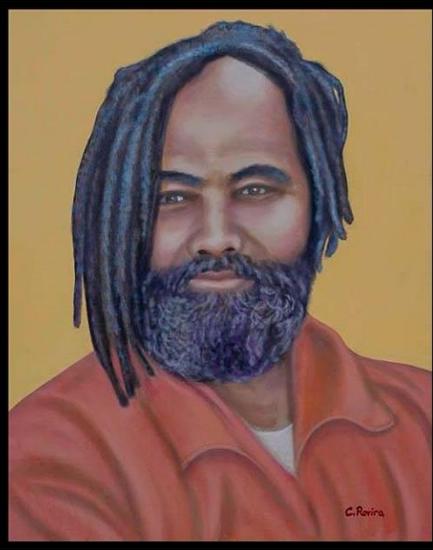
"Think it ain't legal yet, to be conscious, spiritual, cultural, righteous, and very proud to be Black!
I think it ain't legal yet, to love and have concern for my people,
to have brotherly love for my brotha (s).
Think it ain't legal yet, for Brothers, thugs, hustlers, and bangers on the block
to show some unity and give the glock a rest. And just make money.
Think it ain't legal yet, for my beloved Mama Africa to establish a lasting "De'tente"
of tribes/Clans, politics and religious rivalry, stop the senseless savage ravage
of the Continent's people and resources by unrighteous forces within and from without.
Think it ain't legal yet, to revive and restore the rights of Passage for men and women.
The past great egalitarian-communal systems, societies, nations/kingdoms of the Motherland.
I think it ain't legal yet, eradicate Black people, Africa, Diaspora as the bed-rock and the bed-lam of the world,
like trapped fish in a net!
It just ain't legal yet, for some brothers to be innovative,
be the motivation to something new, new illuminati.
The catalyst of progressive legit change. Re-arrange the balance of power of world Black people.
Think it ain't legal yet, to be our natural Black selves, to be Black, strong, wealthy, and loving!
Think it ain't legal yet.....
9/25/2006 by Michael D. Green" (Haki Malik Abdullah)

**Jaan Laaman on Life as a Political Prisoner
August 12, 2021 by A Public Affair**

"Back in May, political activist Jaan Laaman walked out of McCreary Federal Prison after serving thirty-seven years. Today on the show, Jaan tells us about life on the inside—and what allies on the outside can do to help political prisoners. You can hear/read more about Jaan Laaman's life and incarceration here:
<https://soundcloud.com/wort-fm/jaan-laaman-on-life-as-a-political-prisoner>"

Ruchell Cinqué Magee: Sole Survivor Still* by Mumia Abu-Jamal

VETERAN BLACK PANTHER PARTY POLITICAL PRISONER MUMIA ABU-JAMAL SPEAKS ON RUCHELL "CINQUE" MAGEE!



"Last month it was reported that 82-year-old Ruchell "Cinque" Magee, who has spent the last 58 years in prison, was again denied parole. He won't have another opportunity to appeal his sentence until 2024 at the age of 85. Below we share what Veteran Black Panther Political Prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal wrote about him in 1997." "Slavery is being practiced by the system under the color of law. Slavery 400 years ago, slavery today; it's the same thing, but with a new name. They're making millions and millions of dollars enslaving Blacks, poor whites, and others - people who don't even know they're being railroaded."

Ruchell Cinque Magee

If you were asked to name the longest held political prisoner in the United States, what would your answer be?

Most would probably reply: Geronimo Ji Jaga Pratt, who was granted a new trial on 29 May, 1997 and released on June 10, 1997, Sundiata Acoli, or Sekou Odinga - all three members of the Black Panther Party and/or soldiers of the Black Liberation Army, who have been engaged for their

political beliefs or principled actions for decades. Some would point to Lakota leader, Leonard Peltier, who struggled for the freedom of Native peoples, thereby incurring the enmity of the US government, who framed him in a 1975 double murder trial. Those answers would be good guesses, for all of these men have spent hellified years in state and federal dungeons, but here's a man who has spent more. Ruchell Cinqué Magee arrived in Los Angeles, California in 1963, and wasn't in town for six months before he and a cousin, Leroy, were arrested on the improbable charges of kidnap and robbery, after a fight with a man over a woman and a \$10 bag of marijuana. Magee, in a slam-dunk "trial", was swiftly convicted and swifter still sentenced to life. Magee, politicized in those years, took the name of the African freedom fighter, Cinque, who, with his fellow captives seized control of the slave ship, the *Amistad*, and tried to sail back to Africa. Like his ancient namesake, Cinque would also fight for his freedom from legalized slavery, and for seven long years he filed writ after writ, learning what he calls "guerrilla law," honing it as a tool for liberation of himself and his fellow captives. But California courts, which could care less about the alleged "rights" of a young Black man like Magee, dismissed his petitions willy-nilly.

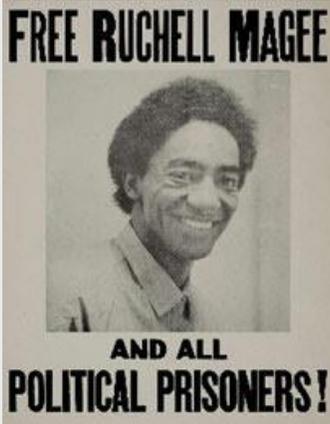
In August 1970, Magee appeared as a witness in the assault trial of James McClain, a man charged with assaulting a guard after San Quentin guards murdered a Black prisoner, Fred Billingsley. McClain, defending himself, presented imprisoned witnesses to expose the racist and repressive nature of prisons. In the midst of Magee's testimony, a seventeen year old Black man with a huge Afro hairdo, burst into the courtroom, heavily armed. Jonathan Jackson shouted "Freeze!" Tossing weapons to McClain, William Christmas, and a startled Magee, who given his seven year hell where no judge knew the meaning of justice, joined the rebellion on the spot. The four rebels took the judge, the DA and three jurors hostage, and headed for a radio station where they were going to air the wretched prison conditions to the world, as well as demand the immediate release of a group of political prisoners, known as the Soledad Brothers (these were John Clutchette, Fleeta Drumgo, and Jonathan's oldest brother, George). While the men did not hurt any of their hostages, they did not reckon on the state's ruthlessness.

Before the men could get their van out of the court house parking lot, prison guards and sheriffs opened furious fire on the vehicle, killing Christmas, Jackson, McClain as well as the judge. The DA was permanently paralyzed by gun fire. Miraculously, the jurors emerged relatively unscratched, although Magee, seriously wounded by gunfire, was found unconscious.

Magee, who was the only Black survivor of what has come to be called The August 7th Rebellion, would awaken to learn he was charged with murder, kidnapping and conspiracy, and further, he would have a co-defendant, a University of California Philosophy professor and friend of Soledad Brother George L. Jackson, named Angela

Davis, who faced identical charges. By trial time the cases were severed, with Angela garnering massive support leading to her 1972 acquittal on all charges.

Magee's trial did not garner such broad support, yet he boldly advanced the position that as his imprisonment was itself illegal, and a form of unjustifiable slavery, he had the inherent right to escape such slavery, an historical echo of the position taken by the original Cinque and his fellow captives, who took over a Spanish slave ship, killed the crew (except for the pilot) and tried to sail back to Africa. The pilot surreptitiously steered the Amistad to the US coast, and when the vessel was seized by the US, Spain sought their return to slavery in Cuba. Using natural and international law principles, US courts, decided their captives had every right to resist slavery and fight for their freedom. Unfortunately, Magee's jury didn't agree, although it did acquit on at least one kidnapping charge. The court dismissed on the murder charge, and Magee has been battling for his freedom ever since. That he is still fighting is a tribute to a truly remarkable man, a man who knows what slavery is, and more importantly, what freedom means.



Free Cinque!!

* From radio interview with Kiilu Nyasha, "Freedom is a Constant Struggle", KPFA-FM. August 12, 1995"

"Here you can sign a petition to urge Governor Newsom of California to commute Ruchell's sentence:

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/governor-newsom-free-82-year-old-prisoner-ruchell-magee-unjustly-incarcerated-for-58-years>. And don't hesitate to **write a letter to Ruchell**: #A92051, #T 115 California Medical Facility, P.O. Box 2000, Vacaville, CA 95696-2000, United States" (Photo of Mumia by Revolutionary Art By Carlito Rovira).

Community Calls for Action

PETITION: Innocence Project: Ida B. Wells July 15



"Born into slavery in Holly Springs, Mississippi, Ida B. Wells was freed by the Emancipation Proclamation as a baby. She lost her parents at just 16 years old and moved her family to Memphis, Tennessee for work, where she eventually became the co-owner of and journalist at the Memphis Free Speech and Headlight newspaper, covering racial segregation and inequality." "Ida risked her life to interview the men on death row to expose the injustice and reveal the truth. Thankfully, in part because of her reporting, all 12 men were acquitted with the help of the NAACP, which Ida also co-founded. She spent her life advocating for equal justice and because of all her work, Memphis is putting up a statue in her honor today. But the fight for freedom and equality is not over. Today in Tennessee, a Black man named Pervis Payne is still facing many of the same injustices that Ida fought against." Pervis has been on death

row for 33 years for a crime he's always said he didn't commit. And he's facing execution even though he has an intellectual disability, which makes it unconstitutional to execute him. He was accused of attacking a white woman, and at his trial in Shelby County, which includes Memphis, the prosecutor played up racial stereotypes to paint Pervis as a violent drug user even though there was absolutely no evidence to support this. So today, in honor of Ida B. Wells' birthday, please help continue her work of fighting for the truth by speaking up for Pervis right now. Take a moment to sign the petition to support Pervis and help spread the word about his case.

Petition: https://innocenceproject.org/petitions/stop-execution-pervis-payne/?p2asource=ip-em_07162021

"P.S. Ida B. Wells' great grandson Dan Duster recently wrote an op-ed about the connection of her work to Pervis Payne's case. If you have time today, we highly encourage you to read it." See

<https://www.tennessean.com/story/opinion/2021/07/16/uphold-ida-b-wells-commitment-justice-saving-pervis-payne/7952234002/>

PETITION: It's time to Let Cuba Live...and the end the economic stranglehold of the Cuban people.

U.S. out of Cuba!! July 16

"While the mainstream media is painting a picture of severe unrest in Cuba, we know that there have been far more expressions of support by the Cuban people for their revolution and their government all across the island including Guantanamo, Cienfuegos, Las Tunas, and others. It's not lost on us, that U.S. corporate media covered the recent protests in Cuba involving a few hundred people with the sympathy not afforded the millions of multiracial protesters against lethal police brutality in the U.S. Over the past year alone, Cuba has sent 3,700 health workers, in 52 international medical brigades, to 39 countries overwhelmed by the pandemic. Cuba's international medical brigades have treated patients and saved lives for the past 15 years in 53 countries confronting natural disasters and serious epidemics, such as COVID-19 and the Ebola crisis in West Africa.

The U.S. has discredited Cuba's international cooperation in the field of health even though its international medical program has been recognized by dozens of governments, the United Nations, the World Health Organization, and other international organizations." "As the National Network on Cuba has reported, these 30 million people join with these others: * Cuban Americans whose families are suffering and have initiated car and bike caravans in Miami and other cities across the U.S. and around the world. * Generous people who in a few short weeks donated more than \$500,000 to send syringes to Cuba so the five COVID-19 vaccine candidates developed by Cuban scientists could be administered * A group of dedicated Cuban Americans walking in a peace pilgrimage from Miami to Washington DC to call on President Biden to end the blockade..." For more information & to sign see <https://fs24.formsite.com/IFCO7120/ihhyilyjgc/index.html>

Help stop the Line 3 oil pipeline! July 21

"I recently spent five weeks on Anishinaabe land in what's known as Northern Minnesota, called on by Indigenous leadership to bear witness and stand as a frontline water protector against the Line 3 pipeline which is designed to carry nearly a million barrels of crude oil per day. Enbridge Energy Company is currently constructing the pipeline (violating treaty rights¹) through 800 fragile wetlands and 200 bodies of water, including the Mississippi River². We are up against corporate greed, ecological destruction, and the legacy of colonialism and genocide. But at the Giniw Collective and Honor the Earth resistance camps, I was constantly reminded of the power and beauty of living in a community that draws on Indigenous knowledge³. Please sign and share this petition to President Biden

https://act.rootsaction.org/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=14286

Other ways to help: Donate directly to Honor the Earth to fund supplies for those helping to stop Line 3.

<https://donorbox.org/line-3>. You could be one of the water protectors at Line 3 in August. Are you interested in participating? Fill out this interest form and we'll reach out with details

https://act.rootsaction.org/signup_page/line3-aug2021"

SIGN THE PETITION "Protecting Water is Never Terrorism: Repeal Jessica Reznicek's Terrorist Enhancement!", and Free Jessica WEBSITE LAUNCH! July 23

"Since sentencing Jessica has remained on house arrest at the Des Moines Catholic Worker, with her cat Noni who has offered constant comfort and solidarity. The United States Department of Justice has notified Jessica Reznicek that she is scheduled to report to Waseca, MN Federal Correctional Institution on Aug 11th at 2pm. Our hearts are filled with feelings of love and gratitude from all the requests to write letters of support to Jessica. Once she is in prison we will launch a letter writing campaign with all the information and directions on how to do so. The 8th Circuit United States Court of Appeals has set a preliminary deadline of August 19th for an appeals brief to be filed. The appeal will be focusing on Judge Rebecca Goodgame Ebinger's misuse of terrorism enhancements at Jessica's sentencing. Despite federal authorities use of 'terrorism' language to describe Reznicek's actions, no person was harmed by her actions, nor was she technically convicted of any terrorism-related crime. In plain language, there are already laws on books to punish people for arson, and without the domestic terrorism enhancement Jessica would be looking at less than half of the 8 year sentence she has wrongfully received." ADD YOUR NAME TO THE PETITION":

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/protecting-water-is-never-terrorism-repeal-jessica-rezniceks-terrorist-enhancement>. See <https://supportjessicareznicek.com/>

Actions nationwide to demand U.S. hands off Cuba! July 24-26

“Solidarity actions with Cuba July 24-26 Stand against the U.S. blockade and regime change push! If you are organizing an action in your area, or joining one not already listed here, please submit information about the action by filling out this form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1TQUuSiITDZ_wr5ui93KrEpLuE8zrKNTIYTDe6zegcl/viewform

July 26 marks the raid on the Moncada barracks in 1953 led by Fidel Castro that began the process which culminated in 1959 with the triumph of the revolution. It is celebrated by Cubans and supporters of Cuba around the world as a day to show their resolve to defend the country's independence. On July 26 and the days leading up to it, events will be held in cities across the country to oppose U.S. intervention. The ANSWER Coalition urges our supporters to attend these important actions. For more info and to see a List of Actions by geographic region see https://www.answercoalition.org/actions_nationwide_to_demand_u_s_hands_off_cuba”

Button fundraiser for Eric King July 25

Twitter user @genderended is raising funds for political prisoner Eric King. They are selling these buttons sliding scale \$1-\$5 for Eric's birthday to put money on his books! To order send money to their payment apps (Venmo: genderenders Cashapp: \$genderenders) and put “Eric” in the notes and send us a screenshot! If you can't donate write him a letter or DO BOTH.” See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2021/07/updates-27-jul-2021.pdf>

SF Car & Bicycle Caravan: End the U.S. Blockade! U.S. Hands off Cuba! July 25



“Gathering at 1875 Marin Street, San Francisco-Sunday, July 25, 11:30am. Join us for a car and bicycle caravan to build awareness and solidarity with Cuba as we travel through San Francisco!” “For 60 plus years, Cuba has remained under the criminal blockade of the United States government. The world sees the U.S. blockade of Cuba for what it is: an unjust and criminal attack on the sovereignty and rights of the Cuban people. On Sunday, July 25, Cuban-American anti-blockade travelers and supporters who are trekking 1,300 miles from Miami to Washington D.C. will rally in front of the White House at Lafayette Park to deliver demands and a petition signed by over 25,000 people to the Biden administration. Solidarity caravans and other actions will take place in many U.S. cities in support of this effort.” See https://www.answercoalition.org/san_francisco

STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF CUBA: SIGN THE PETITION & JOIN THE NATIONAL "WHITE HOUSE RALLY & CAR CARAVAN" IN WASHINGTON D.C. July 25

When? Sunday July 25

What? Rally at Lafayette Park in front of the White House 2pm-4pm
H&P Person Square or Farragut West metro (blue, orange, silver) Farragut North (red)

Also join the car caravan at 12:30pm on H St between 17 St and Connecticut NW. To register contact 240-390-5743 or 443-610-1970.

And...an evening event at 6pm at Busboys and Poets, 14th and V NW, Washington DC. Come get your mojitos!

WELCOME RALLY FOR CUBAN AMERICAN 'MIAMI TO DC' WALKERS CALLING FOR AN END TO THE U.S. BLOCKADE OF CUBA!

“SIGN THE BELOW PETITION TO PRESIDENT BIDEN & JOIN THE SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021 RALLY & CAR CARAVAN IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO END THE U.S. BLOCKADE ON CUBA AND TO DEMAND THE U.S. MILITARY GET OUT OF GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA”

Sponsors: Puentes de Amor, National Network on Cuba, CODEPINK, DC Metro Coalition in Solidarity with the Cuban Revolution, ANSWER Coalition, Friends of Latin America, Hands Off Cuba/Venezuela South Florida Coalition, Green Party of Florida, Jacksonville Progressive Coalition, Global Health Partners

Two upcoming NYC-area actions + one petition for Palestine July 25-27

1. #BlockTheBoat - Mass Picket to Stop Apartheid Israel Zim Ship Sunday, July 25 at 6 AM EDT – 9 AM EDT
1210 Corbin St, Elizabeth, NJ 07201-2950, United States. Join us as we mobilize for another community picket line to let ZIM - apartheid Israel's largest shipping company - know that they are NOT welcome in New York and New Jersey. See <https://www.facebook.com/events/500776417869221/>

2. Protest to defund Zionist settler groups-Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 4:30 PM EDT
55 Hanson Pl, Brooklyn, NY 11217-1523, United States. Demand New York Attorney General Tish James revoke the charitable status of Zionist settler organizations abusing nonprofit law to fund Israel's war crimes of ethnic cleansing and illegal settlement. See <https://www.facebook.com/events/531616891374603/>

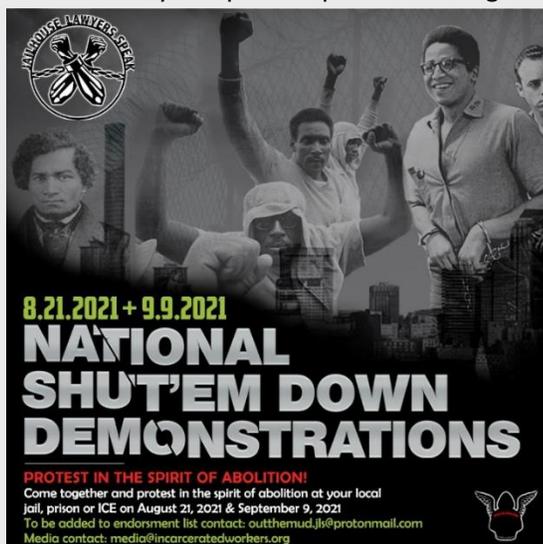
3. Letitia James, New York State Attorney General: Stop the Hebron Fund!

US taxpayers are shouldering the burden for the tax-deductible donations given to this organization for the purpose of continued violence against Palestinians. Sign Here: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/dismantle-the-ghetto-take-the-settlers-of-out-of-hebron-2>

Fundraising for Jailhouse Lawyer's Speak ShutEmDown 2021 Week of Action July 27



"In response to an ask from our comrades in Jailhouse Lawyers Speak, we are raising funds to assist them in the call to action for the national 2021 Shut'em Down demos taking place across the country. This includes specific funding for commissary, Blackstone Paralegal courses, law textbooks, commercial printing, COVID-19 aid and responding to repression and retaliation. Our comrades in JLS have trusted us with the goal of raising \$50,000 to support these efforts by the end of the summer. As a community invested in abolitionist movement building and prisoner solidarity, we would like to ask you to join us in this call and commit to raising \$500-\$5000 for Jailhouse Lawyers Speak as part of the larger fundraiser: <https://givebutter.com/jailhouselawyerspeak>



(Every dollar counts and is appreciated!) Please reach out to us via e-mail if you are able to commit to helping fundraise a certain amount for JLS.

Here are a few fundraising strategies if you're looking for ideas:

- Send out an email to your membership
- Boost the fundraiser on your social media (see @fighttoxicprisons on Instagram for graphics to repost)
- Bingo Fundraising
- Direct people towards our abolitionist merch fundraiser: bit.ly/jlsmerch21
- Plug JLS fundraising at events or workshops"
- See <http://www.iamweubuntu.com/shutemdown.html>

Jailhouse Lawyers Speak: ShutEmDown 2021 Fund:

<https://givebutter.com/jailhouselawyerspeak>

NY protest tomorrow, webinar Wednesday, and new petition for Palestine July 27-28

[“Protest to defund Zionist settler groups](#)

Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 4:30 PM EDT

[55 Hanson Pl, Brooklyn, NY 11217-1523, United States](#)

Demand New York Attorney General Tish James revoke the charitable status of Zionist settler organizations abusing nonprofit law to fund Israel’s war crimes of ethnic cleansing and illegal settlement.

[#DefundRacism Campaign Webinar with Good Shepherd Collective](#)

Wednesday, July 28 2021 at 12:00 PM EDT

Join us to learn more about the role of settler organizations in maintaining Israeli apartheid, how we plan to move forward with the campaign, and how you can be involved.

[Defund Racism](#)

Tell New York State Attorney General Letitia James to uphold and enforce the law! Stop US charities that finance violence. Make your voice heard.”

PETITION: The Red Road ends in DC this week! July 27



“We’ve traveled thousands of miles with a 25-ft, 5000 pound totem pole, visiting dozens of Indigenous sacred places at risk from dams, mining, oil and gas drilling--from the Snake River to the Missouri River, Bears Ears to the Black Hills, Chaco Canyon to the Grand Canyon, and tribal treaty lands and waters impacted by the Dakota Access, Line 3, and Line 5 pipelines. The Red Road to DC journey comes to an end this Thursday, July 29th, when we deliver the pole, your petition signatures, and the prayers and messages of so many to the Biden Harris Administration. And, Big News Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland will join us at a 2pm ceremony on the National Mall! This will be followed by a rally featuring tribal leaders, Native and allied organizers, and Congresspeople. Please RSVP to join us online or in person for this not-to-be-missed event on Thursday: <https://redroadtodd.org/events/washington-dc/>. The following day the totem pole will be on display outside the National Museum of the American Indian, where our exhibition about the totem pole journeys can be found inside. While in DC, we will deliver tens of thousands of petition signatures calling for tribal consent to be the foundation for decision-making on the management of water and land impacting tribal lands and sacred sites. **It’s not too late to sign and share the petition with everyone you know**

<https://redroadtodd.org/actions/take-action-fpic/https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/support-and-uphold-native-peoples-free-prior-informed-consent>. Thanks, The Red Road to DC Team, House of Tears Carvers,

Se’Si’Le, Native Organizers Alliance, The Natural History Museum, National Congress of the American Indians, IllumiNative”

Special Report on Hiawatha Indian Insane Asylum July 28

“Hiawatha was a horrific place, located right here in South Dakota — something that should surprise nobody. Its reputation among Native People was so bad that the threat of being sent there was used as a deterrent for children who misbehaved at boarding schools. As some of the keepers of this story mention in their interviews with KELO, it housed people from many tribal nations, and once you went in, you were very unlikely to come out. It’s hard to find an “insane asylum” with a good reputation. But of course, the conditions at the one that impounded Native folks were far worse than most. Most of those sent to Hiawatha were anything but “crazy.” As my colleague, Chase Iron Eyes, put it earlier today, many of these relatives were spiritually gifted. Others probably just had too much fighting spirit for their own good.” See

<https://www.keloland.com/news/investigates/history-of-hiawatha-the-threat-behind-the-indian-boarding-schools/>

ACTION NEEDED: Kevin Rashid Johnson — Transferred to Ohio and Facing Bogus Charges! Aug 2

“On July 12 Kevin “Rashid” Johnson was transferred from Wabash Valley prison in Indiana to the custody of the Ohio Department of Corrections, being brought directly to their intake center in Orient. He would remain there for less than three weeks before being sent to Lucasville prison on July 30th. A founding member of the Revolutionary Intercommunal Black Panther Party Prison Chapter, having previously founded the New Afrikan Black Panther Party from which the RIBPP emerged following a split in 2020, Rashid is a longtime communist and prison organizer. His work over the years has garnered attention internationally, and he is the author of two books as well as an accomplished artist.” On July 30, the day of his transfer to Lucasville, Rashid was brought up on disciplinary charges and was tried and found guilty, for allegedly threatening guards that he was going to send someone to kill them (as those of us who know him can attest, Rashid doesn’t even talk like that!). This literally happened in the span of a few hours. As a result, he has received a 30-day restriction from using the phone and commissary, essentially cutting him off from the outside world and also preventing him from purchasing any basic necessities following his transfer. The transfer from Indiana to Ohio, the unexpected move to Lucasville after spending only 2 weeks of what was supposed to be a 4-6 week stay at the Orient intake center, in addition to the brand new charges and 30-day restriction are all attempts to prevent Rashid from responding to the case in Indiana, either by phone or mail. The 30-day restriction means is that he will not be able to contact anyone on the outside by phone or email for 30 days. The commissary restriction is to prevent him from buying paper and pencil to write with and be able to respond to the court case. As a result of his work against the abuses that run rampant throughout the prison system, once again Rashid has no property, no hygiene products, no paper or pen. Not even shoes to wear. We still don’t know where his property is or the \$400 that was on his trust account in Indiana. We are asking that calls be made to Virginia’s Department of Corrections (as Rashid is still legally a Virginia prisoner, despite his transfers to all over the United States) and the warden at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility at Lucasville and prison officials from Indiana, where he was transferred from. When communicating with prison staff in the different states, we need to refer to the prisoner i.d. # for Kevin Johnson (Rashid), which is different in each state..” **FOR ACTIONS TO TAKE SEE:**

<https://rashidmod.com/?p=3093>

KEVIN RASHID JOHNSON IN IMMINENT DANGER—Urgent Aug 3

“Just got word again that they've moved Rashid to the area where the Aryans are. They have threatened him and said explicitly what they intend on doing. Sergeant Joshua McAllister told Rashid exactly "I'm an old school dirty cop. I've been doing this since I was a teenager. We know how to set it up and make it look justified. You must not know about about us. We are worse than the Klan...We have a unit called J-1 where we execute inmates. We starve 'em. We hang 'em..." PLEASE KEEP CALLING! WE NEED TO INCREASE THE PRESSURE. I'LL BE CALLING LOCAL MEDIA CONTACTS AS WELL. IF ANYONE HAS ANY MEDIA CONTACTS PLEASE CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY. SERGEANT JOSHUA MCALLISTER NEEDS TO BE READY FOR THE FIRE HIS SUPPOSED SMOKE IS GOING TO BRING ON HIS ASS. THEY GOT THE RIGHT ONE.

* **Annette Chambers-Smith, Director of Ohio Depart of Rehabilitation and Corrections please contact: Melissa Adkins (Executive Assistant) via email: melissa.adkins@odrc.state.oh.us 614-752-1153.**

* **Ronald Erdos, Southern Ohio Correctional Facility, Warden (Lucasville) (740) 259-5544 drc.socf@odrc.state.ohio.us**

* **Joseph Walters, Dep. Director Virginia Department Of Corrections joseph.walters@vadoc.virginia.gov (Proxy for Harold W. Clarke, Director of the Department of Corrections) (804) 887-7982**

* **James Park, Interstate Compact Administrator James.park@vadoc.virginia.gov**

* **Charlene Burkett, Director DOC Ombudsman Bureau (Indiana) (317) 234-3190**

Ombud@idoa.in.gov Richard Brown, Warden Wabash Valley Correctional Facility, Indiana (812) 398-5050

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* **contact Virginia DOC authorities because VA prisoners transferred on inter-state compacts are**

supposed to have all the rights of VA prisoners. Rashid was originally incarcerated in VA before transfers to Oregon, Texas, Florida, Indiana, and now Ohio.

Abolition now! Nube Brown, Editor, San Francisco Bay View National Black Newspaper www.sfbayview.com
e: nube@sfbayview.com"

Halt Solitary: Rally this Tues., Aug. 3, 11 am to End Solitary in NYC: Please join a Rally & Press Conference this Tues., Aug. 3, 11 am to End Solitary in NYC Aug 3

City Council Must End Solitary in NYC

Join us to call out NYC's fake ban on solitary and demand that the City Council take action. DeBlasio did not end solitary - he just reinvented it.

Tues, Aug 3 at 11 am
City Hall entrance
(Broadway & Murray St)

Jails Action Coalition
New York City

HALTsolitary

"Please join a rally and press conference this Tuesday, August 3, at 11 am outside of City Hall at the Broadway entrance (on Broadway at Murray). NYC's current plan will perpetuate solitary by another name and violate the HALT Solitary Confinement Act. We will be urging the New York City Council to truly end solitary confinement as promised. Council Member Dromm, Senator Salazar, and other state and local legislators will be joining leaders of the #HALTsolitary Campaign and Jails Action Coalition and other community members. Will you join us? Spread the word by

amplifying this tweet <https://twitter.com/NYCAIC/status/1421116538292158464>"

Parole Justice Rally / Vigil for John MacKenzie, Wednesday, August 4th, at 6 pm, Union Square NYC Aug 4

"On the 5-year anniversary of the in-prison death of John MacKenzie, join community members for a rally and vigil to memorialize John's death and call for passage of the Elder Parole and Fair & Timely Parole bills, which would end the crisis of aging and dying in NY State prisons.. Please RSVP if you will participate and share widely. The event will be this Wednesday, August 4th at 6 pm in Union Square (on the steps just off 14th Street). Please wear a face mask. **Join us to demand justice!**" Register here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZWIvnMwNrCY4_kOJgDri_24SNvln5e6xr-dEgfiEv9c6ruw/viewform

Transfer Leonard Peltier Now! TAKE ACTION! Aug 5

"Leonard Peltier (Anishinabe/Dakota) is a American Indian Movement political prisoner who has been imprisoned for 46 years, despite all the evidence and testimony used against him was proven to be fabricated and false. Leonard is now 76 years old with serious health issues including an aortic aneurism, heart condition, an enlarged prostate, vision issues, diabetes and more. We are concerned he is not receiving appropriate health care and the Bureau of Prisons has not provided his medical records for us to know. Leonard wants to be transferred to Oxford, WI due to it being much closer to his family and close to the BOP's medical facility at Rochester, MN where he can get adequate treatment for his health issues. At 76 with a myriad of health issues Leonard is not a security risk and there is no reason he cannot be transferred to a Medium Security facility. While the work to free Leonard continues his health mandates that he be transferred. There are hundreds of thousands of us watching this happen – we are not okay with it: SIGN THIS FOR LEONARD PELTIER." CLICK

HERE: <https://resist.bot/petitions/ploggh/?fbclid=IwAR39Nov0BN-6DKrUwQyqqsqlunDB0v3JeC8wvKd4U6Y04Dr5ws1VhD7XWSc>

March for Puerto Rican Independence! Aug 7

¡QUE VIVA PUERTO RICO LIBRE! FREE PUERTO RICO!

**¡LUCHA SI, LUMA NO!
¡PARA VIEQUES Y CULEBRA!**

**SOUTH BRONX FREEDOM
MARCH! LET'S TAKE OUR
MESSAGE TO THE STREETS!**

Join the ProLibertad Freedom Campaign as we march through the South Bronx denouncing the Colonial Fiscal Control Board, the destructive LUMA contract, the oppression of the residents of Vieques and Culebra, and the RIDICULOUS Velazquez-Ocasio Bill.

Saturday, August 7th, 2021 at 1pm
Meet us at E. 149th St. and 3rd Ave.
Take the 2 and 5 to 3 Av-149th St. in the Bronx

**Look for the Puerto Rican flags!
Bring your flags, placards, and signs!**



www.ProLibertad.org Facebook: [Facebook.com/ProLibertadFC](https://www.facebook.com/ProLibertadFC)
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Rev. Joy Powell Needs Our Assistance. TAKE ACTION! Aug 10

"Political Prisoner Rev. Joy Powell is being charged with a Tier III violation for wearing an N95 mask provided to her by medical personnel while at a medical facility for a medical procedure. Rev. Joy stated the situation blew up and escalated into a shakedown of her cell; of course no contraband was found and Rev. Joy was temporarily relieved, thinking the situation had been resolved. However, the Tier III hearing is currently taking place." "Rev. Joy is requesting that all justice-loving individuals and organizations advocating the fair treatment of incarcerated individuals, especially our elderly, lend her your resources, solidarity, and support and help her raise awareness about this current issue by getting the word out through your social media platforms, through any contacts you may have in media, news, radio, tv, etc, and of equal importance by repeated phone calls, emails to the names and numbers below demanding that any unwarranted, unreasonable, rash and harsh decisions currently being contemplated with regards to Rev. Joy Powell #07G0632 be reevaluated with some measure of fairness with regards to the truth. If anyone should be held accountable, then it is whomever actually possesses said authority and allowed Rev. Powell to wear and have that mask upon her return to Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, 247 Harris Rd., Bedford Hills, NY 10507, Phone: (914) 241-3100. **Ask to Speak with the Superintendent** Director Anthony J. Annucci, NYS DOCCS, Building Two, 1220 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 1222-2050, Phone: (518) 457-8126 Website Contact Form: <https://publicapps.doccs.ny.gov/DOCCSWebContactForm.aspx> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/nysdoccs>"

FREE THE RAP Week of Action Aug 15-18

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 AGAINST THE WRONGFUL IMPRISONMENT & MEDICAL NEGLECT OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER IMAM JAMIL AL-AMIN (FKA H RAP BROWN)

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BLACK LIVES MATTER, PDA, CAIR, American Health & Wellness Coalition, MDC, SOCIAL JUSTICE, STUDENTS FOR IMAM JAMIL

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H Rap Brown aka Imam Jamil Al Amin
 Civil Rights Icon, Human Rights Defender, Political Prisoner (Incarcerated 2000-Present)

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Two Actions for Russell Maroon Shoatz Aug 16

EMERGENCY ACTION FOR
RUSSELL "MAROON" SHOATZ
 Denied medical transfer to home hospice!

Spiritual Rally at the Philadelphia In-Justice Center
 1301 Filbert St
Monday Aug 16 at Noon EST
WEAR ALL WHITE

Please bring a mask. Masks are required for outdoor gatherings larger than 1,000 people

linktr.ee/FreeMaroonNow

“Free Maroon Now! A coalition working to release terminally ill elder Russell “Maroon” Shoatz from the cruel and inhumane conditions of confinement in Pennsylvania’s Department of Corrections Russell “Maroon” Shoatz is a 78-year-old religiously devoted grandfather, beloved community member, mentor, and concerned citizen for human rights and the liberation of all oppressed people. He is serving multiple life sentences as a US-held political prisoner, including 22 years in solitary confinement. He is currently wheelchair-bound, partially blind, suffering from Stage 4 terminal pancreatic cancer, and has survived COVID this past year, in spite of the DOC’s totally inadequate medical care.

LAST THURSDAY AUGUST 12, RUSSELL MAROON SHOATZ’S PETITION TO

QUIETLY LIVE OUT HIS DAYS IN HOSPICE CARE WAS DENIED.

Judge Kai Scott of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas denied Russell Maroon Shoatz’s petition for a medical transfer, despite his immobility and terminal cancer diagnosis, because she believes he is a danger to the community and a risk of escape.

Statement from the ‘Free Maroon Now!’ Coalition

CALL TO PRAYER & ACTION
MAROON MONDAY

Join us to mobilize for **Russell “Maroon” Shoatz**
Monday, August 16th at 7:00 PM EST

Share prayers, spiritual expressions, and reflective vibrations
 Join a committee to **FREE MAROON!**

linktr.ee/FreeMaroonNow

We are in total disagreement with the obviously politically influenced decision by Judge Scott of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas to currently deny our Elder's petition for transfer to hospice care, due to an unfounded believe that Maroon is still a "threat to escape & a threat to society." Too, we are vehemently opposed to the needless days of waiting that the family was forced to endure between the two court hearings and to then have to come to grips with this falsely hopeful "selling of a dream" decision that was both totally unreasonable and emotionally cruel. The armed domestic war during the late 60s, 70s and early 80s in the United States between the Police & Black Radicals has long since passed with extreme casualties on both sides and the call for peace &

reconciliation is the only way for society to justly move forward from those turbulent years of struggle in America. Russell Maroon Shoatz can no more be considered "a threat to escape & a threat to society" than the elderly bedridden ICU patients on ventilators from COVID that he too, by the grace of God & community support, somehow survived from the medical neglect that so many other prisoners have died from.

We call upon all clergy, community activists, educators, elected officials, and freedom loving people to join in our struggle to support and call on Judge Scott have the courage to reverse her decision at the next appeals hearing and grant Maroon's petition to hospice care. linktr.ee/FreeMaroonNow

Statement from the Shoatz Family

On behalf of the children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and the ancestors of Russell "Harun-Maroon" Shoatz, we would like to first thank all of those who have stood with us over the years in action & prayer to help bring our beloved Elder Patriarchal Father back home to us. That said, we are saddened but not disheartened about the recent decision by Judge Scott of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas to deny our Elder's petition for transfer to hospice care and pledge to continue our struggle to have Russell Harun-Maroon Shoatz peacefully spend his last days amongst both his loving family and the duly respected members of our community. We unequivocally disagree with Judge Scott's opinion that a 78-year-old deeply religious, COVID-surviving, partially blind, wheelchair bound, urinary catheter bag dependent, and waiting to die from stage 4 pancreatic cancer person could in any way possibly "still present a risk of escape and threat to public safety".

We therefore would respectfully appeal to her stated belief in mercy to ultimately reverse her decision to grant the hospice care petition and insure that Russell Harun-Maroon Shoatz not die in prison.

Statement from Russell Maroon Shoatz's Legal Team

Maroon's petition for transfer to hospice care was denied by Judge Scott of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas after two hearings. That law that allows people in Maroon's position to request transfer to hospice care is very limited, and requires people to meet a strict set of criteria to be eligible for transfer to hospice care. Even then, judges have the discretion to deny these petitions if they choose. In Maroon's case, Judge Scott acknowledged that he met every eligibility requirement except for one — that we must prove he does not present a risk of "escape" or a threat to public safety. Judge Scott acknowledged many factors weighing in favor of Maroon — his medical and physical condition, letters of support describing how he has mentored countless people over the years, decades without being charged with any crimes or misconducts in the DOC, and the extensive support he would have from the community around him. Judge Scott also expressed that she believes in mercy and that everyone should be able to transition to the next life with their loved ones around them. Ultimately, however, Judge Scott said that she would not be doing her job as a judge if she granted Maroon that mercy. She decided that, based on his past criminal convictions from the 1970s and 80s, Maroon still presented a risk of escape and threat to public safety. We obviously disagree with this decision, and we're committed to continuing to work with Maroon to carry out his wishes.

Join the Coalition to FREE MAROON NOW! linktr.ee/FreeMaroonNow #FreeMaroonNow. **Facebook Event Page for the Noon Action at the Philadelphia In-Justice Center:** <https://fb.me/e/1X9AsxwMC> **Direct YouTube link to the livestream** provided by Sunny of Hate5Six_of tomorrow's rally in Philly at noon. Please watch and share widely!!!! <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Nv80Sw4iuSc>

PETITION: Jessica Reznicek self surrenders for an unjust sentence: appeal and petition move forward Aug 16
 "Today water protector Jessica Reznicek self-reported to the Waseca Federal Correctional Facility to begin serving her 8 year prison sentence for the actions she took to stop the Dakota Access Pipeline. Jessica spent the week leading up to her imprisonment emotionally preparing with her spiritual community. When asked how she felt she said: "Today I feel sad to be saying my final goodbyes to loved ones. I am strengthened, however, knowing that I'm still standing with integrity during this very important moment in history, as there truly is no other place to be standing at a time like this." Jessica's harsh sentence was the result of a domestic terrorism enhancement that federal prosecutors are increasingly using against water protectors and climate justice activists who endanger the fossil fuel industries profits. Jessica is still actively pursuing an appeal. Her lead attorney Bill Quigley gave an update: "The legal team is working hard on this appeal to challenge the length of the sentence and to reverse the terrorism enhancement. A number of environmental organizations have agreed to consider signing onto amicus or friend of the court briefs supporting Jessica. The deadline for filing briefs is currently August 19 but we expect that will be pushed back at least a month." Jessica and her support team are asking the public to sign this petition to take a stand against the criminalization of water protectors. So far over 5,600 have signed along over 50 organizations including Veterans for Peace, MN350, National

Lawyers Guild, CODEPINK, Chesapeake Climate Action Network, About Face: Veterans Against the War, and Center for Protest Law and Litigation. A statement from the support team read "It is important to highlight this moment. Only days ago the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released their most dire report yet, calling it a code red for humanity. We're in a moment when scientists, indigenous people, and global ecosystems sound the alarm, and over a dozen state governments in the US introduce critical infrastructure bills targeting pipeline protestors under the guise of "national security". A moment when the sheriffs and police in Minnesota arrest over 600 people fighting to stop the Line 3 pipeline and charge 100 with the new critical infrastructure laws and dozens more with felonies. A moment when a federal judge orders Jessica Reznicek to pay 3.2 million in restitution to a fossil fuel corporation responsible for building a world that humans cannot survive in, a moment when, today, Jessica reports to prison to start an 8 year sentence labeled a terrorist by Joe Biden's Department of Justice. What happens to Jessica, happens to all of us! In this moment we must unequivocally tell Joe Biden protecting water is never terrorism. Acting on clear directives from climate science with direct action is never terrorism." When life on this planet is under attack, as Jessica says "there truly is no other place to be standing at a time like this."

Add your name to the Petition: <https://actionnetwork.org/.../protecting-water-is-never...>

For more information on Jessica's case and to continue to support Jessica visit our website: supportjessicareznicek.com. If you are on organization that would like to add your name to the petition or support team fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/EVP17qvNmgp5AYRRA>"

National Shut'Em Down Demonstrations. Lets talk About...Political Prisoners Aug 21

Washington DC. See shutemdown.com



(Ongoing Calls for Action)

Maroon: Urgent action needed!!! (Ongoing)



"Our beloved elder Russell Maroon Shoatz... suffering stage 4 cancer for the last year and a half." "Maroon is asking that all supporters call the office of Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf and demand his immediate, unconditional release, as well as that of ALL elderly prisoners infected with COVID-19. Please call (717) 787-2500 and keep the pressure on! All PA based organizations, please sign a community letter demanding the immediate release of Russell Maroon Shoatz:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScx2SeLR->

[Z1f3XLp0F9BopPRDZyVKbldUwh7wker97yr7D-Mw/viewform](https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-the-shoatz-family-fighting-injustice) New Go-Fund Me to support the Shoatz Family <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-the-shoatz-family-fighting-injustice> For sample tweets and graphics, check out the #FreeMaroon Social media kit

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MaFFfcapISjN2MdoL0eYSQomEaKoW30PezJHNIVkSf8/edit>

Continue to Call Governor Tom Wolf: Contact: (717) 787-2500. Russell Shoatz's health is rapidly deteriorating. His DOC is #AF3855. Demand Immediate Release of Russell Maroon Shoatz.

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CHl85IFhiAm/>

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



"Please phone the Nebraska Pardons Board as many times as you and your friends, comrades, associates, and family can. 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. Please share this campaign, write a letter to the Pardons Board and **sign the online petition:** <http://chnng.it/vctskKv49k> Ed would be very grateful. We would also appreciate if you could send us a copy of your letter to:

freedomfored@gmail.com **EMAIL:** ne.pardonsboard@nebraska.gov **WRITE:** Nebraska Board of Pardons, P.O. Box 95007, Lincoln, NE 68509. See <https://www.jerichony.org/edpoindexter.html> for further info and a script." See www.freepoindexter.com

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



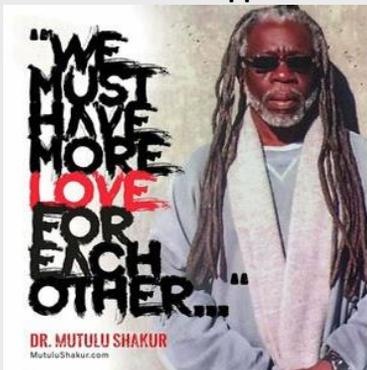
"As-Salaamu Alaikum, For 20+ years we've been fighting not just for the freedom of my father, H. Rap Brown/Imam Jamil, but also to prove his innocence. My Name is Kairi Al-Amin, son of Imam Jamil Al-Amin and before we go any further, on behalf of myself, my father and my family I would just like "As-Salaamu 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. 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 full 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: Support Parole and Compassionate Release for Dr. Mutulu Shakur (ongoing)



" Dr. Mutulu Shakur is a political prisoner, sentenced to 60 years in prison because of actions motivated by his political beliefs. He was targeted and victimized by the FBI's now-infamous Counter-Intelligence Program (COINTELPRO) as early as 1968. Dr. Shakur has served over 30 years in prison, and is currently suffering from multiple myeloma (advanced bone marrow cancer). He has been denied parole 9 times and was recently denied a compassionate release. Friends and Family of Dr. Mutulu Shakur has started a new campaign seeking Mutulu's release by President Biden. We will be submitting a legal clemency petition to the President on Mutulu's behalf, and this public petition is an important part of the campaign. We want to show the President that Mutulu has community — friends, family, and supporters —

who will welcome him home. Please sign the new petition for Mutulu's release via Presidential clemency." See <https://campaigns.organizefor.org/petitions/grant-clemency-for-dr-mutulu-shakur-a-father-grandfather-healer-human-rights-activist> "Mutulu's Birthday is August 8th! We need your ongoing support for his freedom." "The legal team has renewed Dr. Shakur's application for executive clemency with the Biden administration and we need your support! If you have a working relationship with your congressional representative that could help this campaign please contact us at mutulushakur@hotmail.com. Sign the petition online today and check out the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement events where you can also sign the petition and commemorate his birthday."

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/>. 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 (Ongoing)



“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)



“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>

We are calling on allied organizations and institutions to support Sundiata by signing and sharing this petition. We welcome collaborations and partnerships to help secure

Sundiata’s release. Sundiata’s life depends on us. We must #BringSundiataHome now!” Please sign here:

<https://campaigns.organizefor.org/petitions/bring-sundiata-home>

Free Leonard Peltier! (Ongoing)



“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

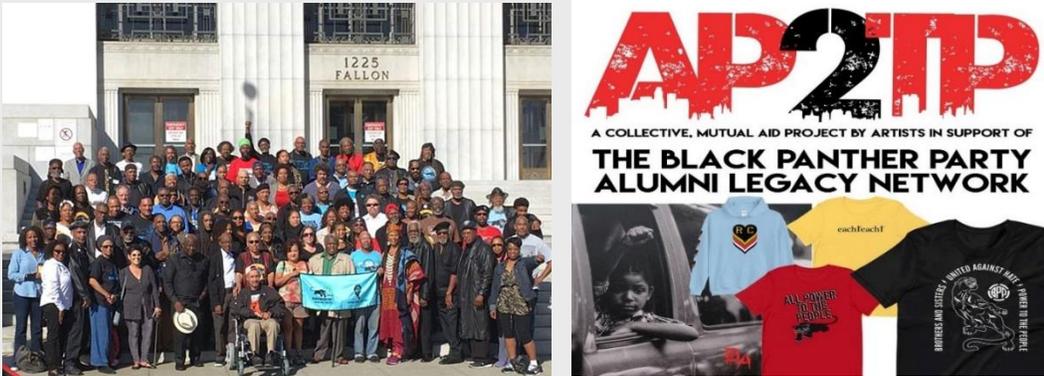
decades of incarceration. To make a donation to Peltier’s legal effort and to support his campaign for freedom, please go to the ILPDC FB Page (facebook.com/PeltierHQ/) and to the fundraiser ([tinyurl.com/yxtkb77a](https://fundrazr.com/e1lwxe?ref=ab_39woXa_ab_0RczzOepD4I0RczzOepD4I)) This is the year to free Leonard Peltier!” See

https://fundrazr.com/e1lwxe?ref=ab_39woXa_ab_0RczzOepD4I0RczzOepD4I

Support SF Bay View -PLEASE DONATE NOW (ongoing)

“The San Francisco Bay View National Black Newspaper is doing a fundraiser to keep Black media alive and keep our voices loud! Read and learn: www.sfbayview.com. Without Black media, there is no learning the depth and breadth of Black history to lead the charge forward to dismantling systems of oppression and envisioning what can take its place. Without funding, there is no Black media. We want to make sure you can get those tax deductions, so mark your donation as for our nonprofit organization HRIN and we will send you a donation acknowledgment letter. We need your help to make sure the voices of the people are heard and media stays independent! **DONATE TODAY!** Learn about us and the work we do at www.sfbayview.com.” See <https://www.gofundme.com/f/fundraiser-for-the-bay-view-newspaper>

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



“The BPP Alumni Legacy Network is composed of original Black Panther Party members passionate individuals, elected official’s 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 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!!” **“Donate to Black Panther Legacy Network.** B.P.P. Legacy Network is seeking to build a network of “legacy keepers” who are already doing community work as well as educate anyone who wants to bridge the gap of knowledge from the time of the BPP to the present. Donations are tax-deductible under as a non-profit through the Pledge Group Foundation 501(c)3, B.P.P. Legacy Keepers.” See <https://bppalumnilegacynetwork.org/>

“In a historic rare collaboration, **Destroy Art Inc.** is granted access to sell Black Panther merchandise by artist John Yates aka Stealworks. 50% of all sales is donated back to the Black Panther Alumni Legacy Network. To purchase the All Power to the People collection and support the Black Panther Alumni Legacy Network go to: <https://ap2tp.bigcartel.com/>. (Photo’s retrieved from <https://bppalumnilegacynetwork.org/>)

Community Events & Resources (July 15-August 15, 2021)

Live Program: lesbian grand jury resister July 20

“Jill Raymond in 1975, just before incarceration. 1970s Lesbian Grand Jury Resister Jill Raymond, the Lexington 6 & their support network. On July 20, Out-FM co-producers Naomi Brussel and Bob Lederer bring you another installment of our Queerly Defiant series, commemorating key moments of LGBTQ courage in the face of U.S. government repression. We will present Part 2 of a two-part series about two related legal cases in 1975-76 that set the standard for lesbian and gay resistance to U.S. government abuse of the grand jury system. It was part of the FBI’s effort to track down and punish two lesbian fighters who militantly opposed the U.S. war on the people of Vietnam and Indochina. Those cases became known as the Lexington Six - five lesbians and a gay

man in Lexington, Kentucky - and the New Haven Two - two lesbians in New Haven, Connecticut, who were subpoenaed – in other words, ordered to testify before – federal grand juries in those cities. All 8 were young white progressives who refused to testify and served various amounts of jail time. In Part 1 of our series, aired on July 6, we interviewed Josephine Donovan, professor emerita of English at the University of Maine at Orono and author of the definitive history of these cases, a book titled *The Lexington Six*. Tune into Out-FM on Tues., July 20, 2021 from 8:00-9:00 PM EST, on WBAI/NY (99.5 FM) or listen at <https://www.wbai.org/listen-live> If you miss the live program, you can listen to the archived version at <https://outfm.org>.”

TV interview on boarding school genocide July 21

“This past weekend, in what is likely to be the first of many similar rituals observed in the months to come, nine Lakota children finally returned home. Tragically, they came home only to be buried on the Rosebud Nation, after years of internment at the Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania — where the motto was “Kill the Indian, save the man.” Carlisle was one of many boarding schools where, for a century, our young ones were sent to unlearn our traditional ways. Far too often, they did not survive. On Friday, I spoke with the Global China TV Network and appeared on their show, “The Heat,” to discuss this living history and provide a state of the union for Indigenous People in America today.” See <https://youtu.be/UILTy2yyrjw>

Destroyer Art Merch: We cannot be silent in this neo-fascist global political climate. Frontal Assault #10: Destroy to Create, Evolve to Expand July 21



“OUT NOW! DESTROY EVERYTHING FANZINE #1. Our first fanzine dedicated to punk art, culture and activism is out now! 104 pages of never-before-seen art, photography, interviews + content by our beloved roster of 35 artists with special featured art by Jesse Michaels (Operation Ivy, Big Rig, Common Rider) & Alexander Heir (L.O.T.I.O.N, Death:Traitors). Zine includes rare inserts & limited edition stickers. Limited availability for national & international distribution - contact us if you wanna distro!” See <https://destroyartinc.bigcartel.com/product/destroy-everything-fanzine-1>, <https://destroyartinc.bigcartel.com/category/stealworks> and BLACK PANTHER LEGACY SUPPORT @ AP2TP <https://ap2tp.bigcartel.com/> (Photo retrieved from Destroyer Art Email)

THE REVOLUTIONARY ESEIBIO THE AUTOMATIC - BURN July 21

“Watch “The Revolutionary Eseibio the Automatic - Topic” on YouTube.” See https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AMTa_8STLsY

ESEIBIO - CHANGE THE WORLD July 23

“THE REVOLUTIONARY ESEIBIO THE AUTOMATIC - CHANGE THE WORLD” See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gycFdcXeeo4>

Breaking the Bubble - In the Spirit of Mandela: Advancing Human Rights in the United States July 26

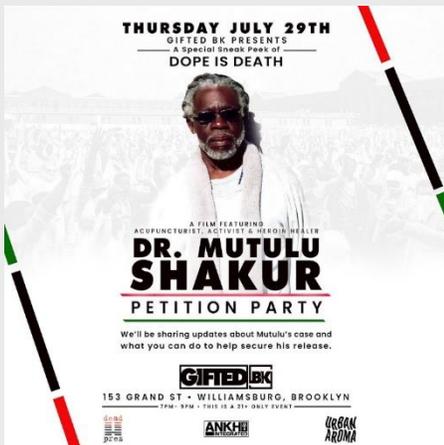
“Center for Community Engagement-Created in 2018, In the Spirit of Mandela Coalition is a growing grouping of organizers, academics, clergy, attorneys, and organizations committed to working together against the systemic, historic, and ongoing human rights violations and abuses committed by the United States against Black, Brown,

and Indigenous people. **Local activist and former Black Panther, Jalil Muntaqim, will discuss building international solidarity with progressives across the country and why that is important.**" See You tube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5ga0af9P4&t=38s>

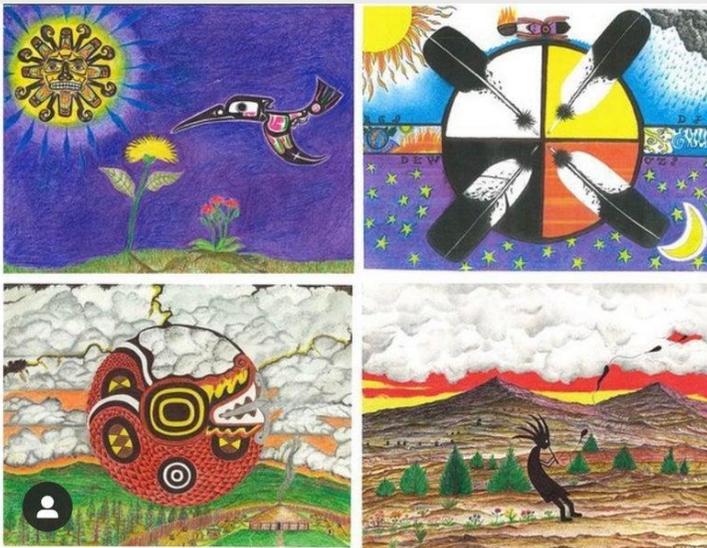
Letter-writing to Gage Halupowski July 27

"WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing WHEN: 7pm, Tuesday, July 27th, 2021 WHERE: YOUR HOME COST: Free--July 25 is the International Day of Solidarity with Anti-Fascist Prisoners. In honor of this, NYC ABC and Page One are asking folks to write a letter to anti-fascist political prisoner Gage Halupowski. Gage Halupowski was arrested along with two other protesters in the wake of clashes in Portland's Pioneer Courthouse Square, later indicted on four criminal charges, including second-degree assault, unlawful use of a weapon, attempted assault of a public safety officer, and interfering with a peace officer. In November 2019, Gage was convicted and sentenced to six years in state prison. Please take the time to write a letter to Gage (and share a photo of your completed envelopes with us online): Gage Halupowski #21894460, Snake River Correctional Institution, 777 Stanton Boulevard, Ontario, Oregon 97914-8335"

Dr. Mutulu Shakur Petition Party July 29



OSO Blanco 4 pack greeting cards 100% native art C.A.P (children's art project) proceeds go to the children of Chiapas in the Zapatista zone-ETSY Aug 1



"Oso Blanco CAP project featuring 100% native art by enrolled native tribal members to benefit children of Chiapas in the Zapatista zone. Oso Blanco is a citizen of the Cherokee nation. 4-pack of greeting cards made by political prisoner, activist and artist Oso Blanco includes the following 4 designs in 5"x7" with white envelopes:

Hummingbird

Hummingbird and sun pacific northwest style Washington state area... this is to honor my friend Moses from Tullulip nation, in Washington state. They carve totum poles. they are fishermen.

Four directions

Earth fire wind water with water spider mother was done to honor mother earth's defenders, Earth Firstlers and tree-sit warriors worldwide.

Coiled serpent

It looks like a Serpent in a round symbol over the top of an ancient Cherokee town in the southeast woods with pine trees.. its red... round... he came down in ancient times to teach Cherokees the sacred knowledge, and how not to lose it.

KOKOPELLI, Spirit of fertility

Kokopelli, ancient spirit, playing flute notes of his song go into the clouds everywhere he travels he leaves flowers behind, in his steps in my view of him he is petroglyphic all over the southwest on rocks out in the desert.

THANKS TO TEAM GADUGI FOR THE ART AT THE MONUMENT TO THE DRAGGING CANOE WARRIORS IN CHATTANOOGA TN, Cherokee art ... Byron Shane Chubbuck OB/Oso Blanco, Cherokee Nation Citizen. See Etsy page to purchase https://www.etsy.com/shop/OSOBLANCOCAPROJECT?ref=simple-shop-header-name&listing_id=991583048

VIDEO: Spirit of Mandela Tribunal 2021 Video Prequel and Webinar #4: Youth Against Genocide Aug 1
 "Peace & Black August Determination,

Ideally this finds you in relative health & well-being. We are grateful to be able to enter into Black August by offering up this video---the 1st in a series of audio-visual treatments of In the Spirit of Mandela's 6 Basic Charges against u.s.' human rights violations, to be elaborated in depth at this October's International Human Rights Tribunal. You can watch the video here: <https://vimeo.com/581690920> We hope that the collective effort, focus & sincerity out of which the Campaign emerges will be evidenced in some way through this video series. Kindly take a few moments to peep it through & share with your circles, networks & platforms. In the Spirit of Mandela, ISM Social/Media Committee. 2021 INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL - N.Y.C. YOUTH ORGANIZING COMMITTEE PRESENTS: WEBINAR #4. **Save The Date:** Wednesday, Black August 18, 2021 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM (ET)-Panelists & Online Links TBA"

2021 BLACK AUGUST "OFFICIAL" DATES OF PROJECTS, PROGRAMS, EVENTS & ACTIONS FOR ALL BLACK LIBERATION, NEW AFRIKAN INDEPENDENCE & REVOLUTIONARY PAN-AFRICAN: WARRIORS, ACTIVISTS, ORGANIZERS & ALLIES Aug 1

GEORGE JACKSON LIVES!
 OPENING NIGHT FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION WITH JILIL MUNTAQIM
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WHAT IS BLACK AUGUST?
6PM SUNDAY AUGUST 1ST 2021
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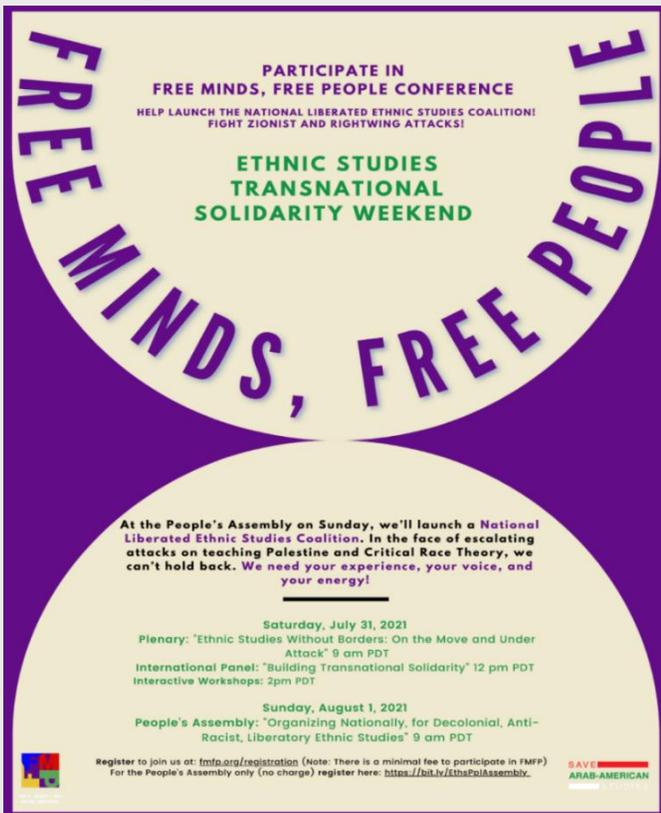
Black August Power Hour + Teach In
 IN COMMEMORATION OF **GEORGE JACKSON, THE MARTYRS OF THE BLACK LIBERATION MOVEMENT, AND OUR POLITICAL PRISONERS**
Daily Power Hour of Study & Discipline
 Noon August 1 - 20
 Collective Read of Blood in My Eye
 Opened Daily with 15 minutes of exercising together
Teach In:
 4-7pm August 21
 In person & Virtual
 Location TBA
 Register & watch the fb event page for updates
 8-21-2021: 50th Anniversary of George Jackson's Assassination by The State
 tinyurl.com/baph82l
BLOOD IN MY EYE
GEORGE L JACKSON
 Get Blood In My Eye Today

A full day of block party activities, that include music, food, games, and so much more, will culminate with an exciting movie presentation.
Takeover
 A film by Emma Francis-Snyder
 A newly released documentary about the Young Lords historic July 14, 1970 daring takeover of Lincoln Hospital in the South Bronx, New York City. The deplorable conditions earned this facility the reputation of butcher shop. The Young Lords fought to have adequate healthcare services and the construction of a new hospital.
6:30 PM Saturday, August 14
DONATIONS \$\$\$ WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR
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 FORMER NBA PLAYER & ACTIVIST **MAHMOUD ABDUL-RAUF**
 RAPPER & INFLUENCER **ONE TRUMP**
 ACTOR & ACTIVIST **OMAR REGAN**
 IMAM & ACTIVIST **KHALID GRIGGS**
 ...AND MORE



Organize to Defend Ethnic Studies & Critical Race Theory! Join the national conference and people's assembly!
July 31-Aug 1



“The current attacks on Critical Race Theory (CRT) are a terrifying indication of the rabid racism of the right wing. CRT isn’t an abstract idea for graduate students. Authentic Ethnic Studies, all anti-racist education, is based in CRT. When elementary school teachers have their students write counter-narratives about the strengths of their communities, they’re teaching CRT. When middle school teachers compare “Manifest Destiny” in the US to the “Promised Land” in Israel as ideologies of settler colonialism, they’re teaching CRT. So we have to fight for ethnic studies, including Palestine, and CRT in the same breath. And we need a united strategy and organizing to do that! In coalition with Save Arab American Studies and the Free Minds, Free People conference, we’re launching a National Liberated Ethnic Studies Coalition, and we hope you will join us on the weekend of July 31st to learn more, and get plugged into the national fight against rightwing, Zionist attacks on education! Feel free to contact us at info@araborganizing.org if you need support with registration. Free Minds, Free People Ethnic Studies/Transnational Solidarity Weekend Saturday, July 31, August 1, 2021, July 31st Ethnic

Studies Plenary & Panel, August 1st People's Assembly. For more info see:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/296653602145408/>

and register for the August 1st People's Assembly here <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-QsJA84Tt0vj0-BoczHgxngiaLYSVJvzP1B9sQgsIQx-VTA/viewform?emci=1e145c0c-93e9-eb11-a7ad-501ac57b8fa7&emdi=a0bd2358-34ea-eb11-a7ad-501ac57b8fa7&ceid=2446132>”

M4BL: Welcome to Black August 2021 Aug 1

“Join us this Black August as we acknowledge and commemorate the countless freedom fighters who sacrificed their freedom and lives in the struggle for Black liberation. Black August was started in California prisons in the 1970s by Black freedom fighters to honor the lives and deaths of Black political prisoners killed by the state, bring awareness to harsh prison conditions, and to highlight the radical tradition of Black resistance against anti-Black state violence and systemic oppression. You can read more about the history of Black August here. Building Black power in the United States is a long-term project—245 years to date. From enslaved Africans to today’s organizers in defense of Black lives, Black people have faithfully organized and challenged white supremacists’ conditions of domination and assimilation. In doing so, we advance our efforts toward liberation and self-determination for Black communities. And, we lose folks along the way. Countless named and unnamed freedom fighters have been murdered, exiled, or unjustly persecuted by the state for their beliefs and disappeared into cages, never to be seen again. We honor their sacrifices and express appreciation for their contributions. Today, organizers and activists face increasing surveillance, harassment, and prosecution. Just last year more than 300 activists across the country were targeted by the Trump administration and unjustly prosecuted with federal charges. Local policy makers have introduced more than 80 pieces of legislation that limits our ability to organize and build power for ourselves, putting the lives of organizers and activists in jeopardy. Additionally, many cities collude with the FBI’s Joint Terrorism Task Force to surveil and trap organizers and impose harsh, life-altering sentences. Every Black August we honor freedom fighters and political prisoners who put their lives on the line to defend the self-determination and political power of Black

communities. We remain in service to the legacy of Black resistance and extend a deep bow of gratitude to all who have sacrificed for us so we may be more free.

Help us commemorate Black August by:

Signing petitions urging all charges be dropped against protestors and political prisoners such as this one for Sundiata Acoli; <https://campaigns.organizefor.org/petitions/bring-sundiata-home>

Demanding the freedom of all political prisoners currently incarcerated

Write or visit political prisoners and fundraise on their behalf

Demanding a full investigation into all allegations of police and federal agent violence;

Demanding an end to Operation Legend and militarization of police; <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndil/pr/departement-justice-announces-expansion-operation-legend-chicago>

Demanding all law enforcement agencies including ICE and CBP stop arresting protestors

Organizing for passage of the People's Response Act to invest in community safety and the BREATHE Act to divest from and end militarized policing. Abolish the Joint Terrorism Task Force

<https://www.brennancenter.org/events/bad-partners-why-local-law-enforcement-should-leave-fbi-joint-terrorism-task-forces> In Love and Power, Movement for Black Lives”

August's pick for NYC Books Through Bars Aug 2

“\$30 for 3 books and NYC Books through Bars receives the books and sends them to people in prison all across the country. Following July's drive featuring titles from AK Press--550 books collected!--we revisit our friends at Grove Press, who a year ago collaborated on what still stands as our most successful monthly campaign to date. Generating an astounding 1,600 books in just two weeks, it brought special attention to Albert Woodfox's memoir of incarceration, Solitary, who we had the good fortune of interviewing about his experiences. This time we selected another three titles that also spotlight the diversity of Grove's catalog, representative of a storied publisher long committed to fighting censorship and social injustice. Alif the Unseen is a debut work of fantasy that pulls upon Arabic folklore to spin a cyperpunk tale worthy of Neil Gaiman. Lakota Woman is a classic of indigenous literature, the story of Mary Brave Bird and her activism within the Native American movements of the 1970s and '80s. And Wilmington's Lie is the recent Pulitzer Prize-winner that documents the long forgotten but brazen coup of white North Carolinians against an integrated city in the late 19th century. Order at <http://www.freebirdbooks.com/shop.html>”

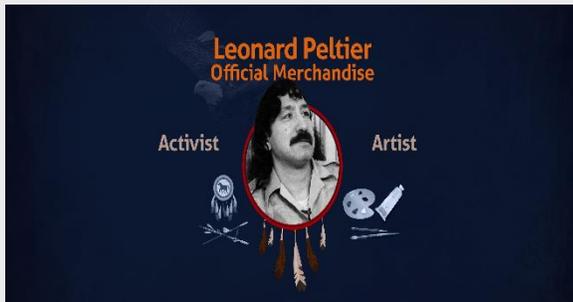
Oakland Rejects Slavery Celebrates Black August with Community BBQ! Aug 2



“Join us on Saturday, August 21 – the 50th anniversary of the assassination of George Jackson – to celebrate Black August & our campaign to end modern slavery & involuntary servitude at Lil' Bobby Hutton Park in West Oakland! Join LSPC, All of Us or None, and many other local organizations at Lil' Bobby Hutton Park in West Oakland for a Community BBQ in support of our Oakland Rejects Slavery / Abolish Bondage Collectively campaign! (see <https://prisonerswithchildren.org/abc/>). This is an event aimed to remind our community that we are still one family! It's an opportunity to remember that our diverse community fights to free ourselves of the vestiges of slavery. Some of the most reprehensible acts in modern history were conducted during the month of August. We want to commemorate those who have lost their lives in the process of fighting for the full restoration of human and civil rights of all oppressed people. We commemorate the 50th anniversary of the death of George Jackson and the Attica Uprising that followed. We will address current events

impacting our community such as stripping away the vestiges of slavery in our state and federal constitutions, the vaccine hesitancy in our communities, and for Oakland to reject the narrative and practice of the violence we have perpetrated against ourselves. TO SIGN UP FOR UPDATES AND/OR TO TABLE AT THE EVENT CLICK THIS LINK!! <https://prisonerswithchildren.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/event/info>”

Resource: Welcome friends, colleagues, supporters to The Official Leonard Peltier Merchandise Store Aug 4
 “After 45 years of time spent without freedom, we believe we are getting close to welcoming Leonard back to us. Some of the world’s great ambassadors have rallied to make this happen including Pope Francis and the Dalai Lama among many more, and we are grateful to each and every one for their support. As we hopefully approach this momentous occasion Leonard’s supporters have initiated The Official Leonard Peltier Merchandise Store. The line of goods gives you the opportunity to get Leonard’s messages out to the world, while simultaneously supporting his freedom. Leonard’s initiatives of empowering people, protecting Mother



Earth, and teaching world peace are what we’ve designed into. Native colors and traditional designs, as well as fragments of Leonard’s artwork appear throughout the line. This campaign for Leonard Peltier will result in monies going into two funds. The majority of the money will be put into a trust for the use of Leonard Peltier to help him to reconstruct his life after prison if he is ever allowed to go home. The remainder will be used to cover legal expenses and the cost of running the International Leonard Peltier

Defense Committee.” Purchase here: <https://www.leonardpeltierstore.com/>

(“I am honored and pleased that Green Light has chosen to present some of my art work and will protect my images. They are the only company authorized by me to sell these items.” -Leonard Peltier).

This is Black August! Aug 4

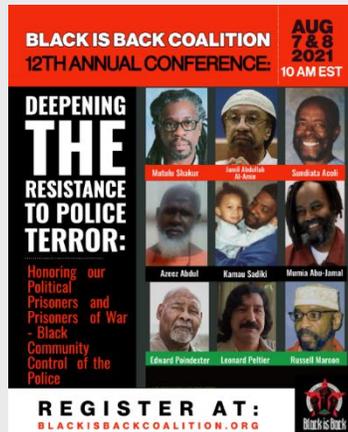


“Every year during Black August we celebrate the life of our revolutionary comrades like Brother George Jackson along with movements for Black liberation everywhere that coincided in August – the Haitian Revolution, Nat Turner’s rebellion, the Watts Uprising and many others. We also wish to honor KPOO founder Terry Collins and Glen Ford of Black Agenda Report, two giants who have joined the ancestors.” See <https://sfbayview.com/>

First Friday: Community Organizing & The Black Panther Party Friday, August 6, 2021 11 A.M. - 12 P.M. Aug 6

“This First Friday, we are going to engage in political education! We’ll be learning about community organizing and the Black Panther Party. In the age of the Marvel Universe, who were the legendary “Black Panthers?” What impact did the Black Panther’s have in the community? How did they function? FIRST FRIDAYS is a monthly educational series geared towards expanding political knowledge, advancing advocacy skills, and enhancing professional development of the LSPC Elder Freeman Policy Fellows. Friends, allies, and fellow activists are welcomed! The Ronald “Elder” Freeman Policy Fellowship is a project of Legal Services for Prisoners with Children. It is a 12-month fellowship program to designed for fellows to learn grassroots organizing, legislative and administrative advocacy, and other strategies to run local and state campaigns with the goal of elevating the leadership of formerly incarcerated people in criminal justice reform. For more information, contact LSPC Policy Manager Joanna Billingsy at: policy@prisonerswithchildren.org. RSVP: bit.ly/FirstFridaysReg.”

Black is Back Coalition Conference August 7 & 8



“On August 7th and 8th, 2021, the Black is Back Coalition for Social Justice, Peace and Reparations (BiBC) will be hosting our 12th Annual Conference. It will be a virtual conference, designed to take our struggle forward during the ever-deepening crisis enveloping the U.S. and the colonial-capitalist world. The theme of this conference, “Deepening the Resistance to Police Terror: Honoring our Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War. Black Community Control of the Police,” is designed to establish a coherent mission for the Coalition and define the tasks of the U.S.-based Black Liberation Movement at this time. This is a Call to Africans and others who support the ongoing, irrepressible movement of our people for self-determination against U.S. domestic colonialism. **What:** 12th Annual Conference. **Title:** “Deepening the Resistance to Police Terror: Honoring our Political Prisoners And Prisoners of War! Black Community Control of the Police!” **When:** August 7 & 8, 2021. Virtual Zoom Conference. Contact Secretary

Elikeya Ngoma 786 505 9859, Vice Chair, Lisa Davis 973 517 1405 or info@blackisbackcoalition.org” See <https://blackisbackcoalition.org/chairman-omali-yeshitelas-call-to-the-bibc-12th-annual-conference-aug-7-8/>

The 50th Anniversary of the August 7th Marin County Courthouse Rebellion Aug 7

“On August 7, 1970 – 50 years ago – Jonathan Peter Jackson the 17-year old brother of George Jackson, brought 3 guns into the Marin County Hall of Justice, where Judge Haley was presiding over the trial of San Quentin prisoner James McClain. He drew weapons from his satchel, and with the assistance of McClain and 2 prisoners who were witnesses for McClain, Ruchell Magee and William A. Christmas, took Judge Haley, Deputy District Attorney Gary Thomas and 3 female jurors hostage. Upon exiting the courthouse, Jackson and the other kidnapers attempted to flee with the hostages in tow. Police and prison guards opened fire on the van Jackson was driving. At the end of the shootout, Jackson, Haley, McClain and Christmas were dead and McGee and Thomas were seriously injured. The kidnapping was meant as a tool to negotiate the freedom of the Soledad Brothers, 3 Black prisoners (George Jackson, Fleeta Drumgo, and John Clutchette) who were charged with the murder of a prison guard at Soledad Prison in California.” For more info, video’s, and pictures see <https://freedomarchives.org/projects/the-50th-anniversary-of-the-august-7th-marin-county-courthouse-rebellion/>

FREEDOM ARCHIVES: 99 Books: 50 Year Anniversary Tribute to George Jackson - Launched Today! Aug 9

George Jackson was assassinated in San Quentin prison on August 21, 1971. The following week, the prison released an inventory of the items in his cell – including his library of 99 books. To mark the 50th anniversary of his murder, we have created a resource to elevate the breadth of his intellectual curiosity and the way in which he understood and engaged the world – a main reason he was seen as dangerous to the government and prison system. Our goal is not only to reflect on his development as a revolutionary, but how he inspired others to engage, (un)learn and struggle too.” See <https://99books.freedomarchives.org/>

Black August Letter Writing Aug 10

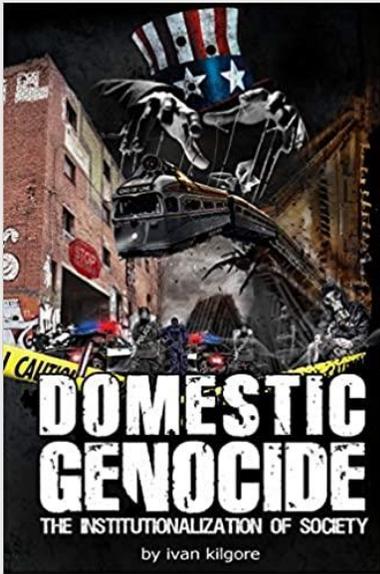
“WHAT: Political Prisoner Letter-Writing WHEN: 7pm, Tuesday, August 10th, 2021 WHERE: YOUR HOME COST: Free

In an effort to maintain some semblance of normalcy we continue to encourage folks at home to write political prisoners every other week. As the pandemic surges yet again, we worry not only for our vulnerable communities on the outside but especially for those inside, forced to live at the mercy of their captors who have proven their disinterest in taking COVID seriously. Writing letters is a simple and effective way to connect our communities and remind those inside they are not forgotten. In the spirit of Black August, NYC ABC and Page One Collective will be sending letters to Black revolutionary political prisoners, many of whom are elders and have survived COVID. There’s an easy way for you to help, just by writing from home. Black August honors fallen Black Freedom Fighters, calls for the release of all political prisoners, and condemns the oppressive and life-stealing prison system in this country. Black August was first observed in the 1970s to

commemorate George and Jonathan Jackson's assassinations and honor the centuries of Black resistance that preceded those events. Please post a photo of your addressed envelope on social media and tag us (with your return address blurred out) and we will share it. Use Page One's recent zine, "Current Political Prisoners of Black Liberation Movements," for up-to-date addresses." See

<https://nycabc.wordpress.com/2021/08/08/blackaugust2021/>

BOOK: Domestic Genocide: The Institutionalization of Society by Ivan Kilgore Aug 11



"In what has become a highly controversial topic, American institutions have come under fire as a growing number of committed scholars and advocates for social justice have caught the vapors and awoken to the fact that these institutions have been designed with the sole intent of organizing American social and economic life to the advantage of its predominantly white ruling class. In the case of many Black Americans and other people of color, this often means that their communities and lives will be exploited to the fullest. In his highly critical analysis of these institutions, Ivan Kilgore explains unlike any scholar the various cultural and institutional forces that have operated to preserve this agenda. Here, the backdrop of this thesis centers around his 39 years of a short life and experiences in the streets of American ghettos, college hallways, and prison dwellings where the day-to-day struggle to rise above the mire of poverty, injustice, racism, miseducation, and violence in American society have taken him on a journey that, prior to his 26th birthday, had placed him before two separate juries for capital murder; sent him across the continental United States and into the bowels of Mexico to traffic illicit drugs and other forms of destruction prior to a life commitment to the

California Department of Corrections." "Ivan was born to the proud parents of Reietta Kilgore and Frank Williams Jr. He was raised for the most part in Seminole County, Oklahoma. At the heart of this racially intolerant stretch of land sat the county seat—Wewoka, his birthright. By 1995, at age 20, he was trafficking drugs from California. Soon, thereafter, the streets would come calling. In November he shot and killed an acquaintance in a dispute over stolen guns. After a drawn out capital murder trial ended with a hung jury, Ivan plead to first-degree manslaughter and was sentenced to four years in prison. After his release in 1998, he moved to Pittsburg, California and enrolled at Los Medanos Community College. Awarded an academic scholarship, Ivan received praises from instructors, deans and family. Life was good for a change. After returning to Oakland from a summer trip in Oklahoma to visit family, Ivan was assaulted and robbed on several occasions. His assailants, William Anderson and several friends, brutality pistol-whipped him and made off with \$100. Again, they would return the following day and attempted to rob him. Two days later, on July 16, 2000, Ivan shot and killed Anderson near a pay phone on San Pablo Avenue after one of the assailants (standing next to Anderson) shot at Ivan's car.

March 2003: Ivan was found guilty of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. Today Ivan spends much of his time confined to a prison cell 23 hours a day. His motivation to write is driven by a need to survive; a need to understand and navigate the political, historical, and cultural forces that operate to hold him captive—both physically and mentally. Through much tenacity and opposition from within the ranks of an institutional structure that has often been cited for fostering social regression within incarcerated persons, Ivan is truly an exception to the norm having founded and established the United Black Family Scholarship Foundation from within prison walls. The objectives of this organization, he has briefly discussed in his book *Domestic Genocide: The Institutionalization of Society*. In the book he explains unlike any scholar of the time the various cultural and institutional forces which have operated in American society to create circumstances detrimental to mankind and the natural right of all human beings to be free of oppressive institutional structures designed to exploit and destroy them." See https://www.amazon.com/Domestic-Genocide-Institutionalization-Ivan-Kilgore/dp/1494485729/ref=sr_1_2

Rochester NY BAOC Demanding Justice Webinar Aug 13

**DEMANDING JUSTICE:
INTERNATIONAL RESISTANCE**

Cuba | Haiti | Puerto Rico

Webinar teach-in discussing liberation movements in Puerto Rico, Cuba, and Haiti, & how the struggle for freedom is connected.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2021
6:30 PM - 8 PM

Register at:
bit.ly/BAinternationalresistance

Dr. Rosemary Mealy is a former radio journalist, educator and notably recognized longtime activist for peace, social and economic justice. Her work has involved years of solidarity with the Cuban Revolution, including living and working in Cuba. In 2011, Dr. Mealy was awarded the Friendship Medal by the Council of State of the Republic of Cuba. She is the author of numerous publications including "Fidel and Malcolm X: Memories of A Meeting" (Black Classic Press 2019).

Joan P. Gibbs is a longtime activist, writer and attorney. Joan received her Doctor of Jurisprudence from Rutgers Law School and is a member of the bars of the states of New York, New Jersey, the United States District for the Southern District of New York, the Eastern District of New York, the United State Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the Supreme Court of the United States. Joan has been involved in Cuban solidarity for several decades. She was a member of both of the committees that Welcomed Fidel Castro to NY during his last two visits to the speak at the UN.

Pierre Labossiere is Co-Founder of the Haiti Action Committee (HAC) and the Haiti Emergency Relief Fund (HERF) established in the Bay Area in 1991 and 2004 respectively. Working with Haiti's grassroots movement that is engaged in the struggle for justice and democracy, HAC and HERF provide information regarding conditions on the ground, assist refugees and support community-based initiatives and institutions working for the liberation and the rebuilding of Haiti.

Henry I Padrón-Morales is a lifelong advocate of Independence for Puerto Rico. He is a retired Dual Language Bilingual Kindergarten educator and current co-owner of Hipocampo Children's Bookstore in Rochester, NY.

Jessie Fuentes is a life-long resident and activist in the Humboldt Park Community in Chicago, IL. Jessie is a graduate of Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos Puerto Rican High School, which was founded in 1973 to combat the high dropout/pushout rate among Puerto Rican youth. Jessie has played a leading role in empowering young people in the community, the international campaign to free Oscar López Rivera, community stabilization and anti-gentrification work, educational reform, and struggle to decolonize of Puerto Rico. She is presently the Director of Policy and Youth Advocacy for the Puerto Rican Cultural Center.

PRESENTED BY BAOC

"During this month of Black August, Citizen Action of New York has forwarded the motto to "Demand Justice" - and we seek to demand justice from the issue of homelessness to joblessness and mass incarceration. But also included in this call to action is to Demand Justice against U.S. imperialism and colonial ventures. It is in our failure to respond to such and align ourselves with oppressed peoples in the world, that we become complicit by our silence to what the U.S. is doing around the world. This webinar will address some of these issues, particularly those of U.S. imperialism throughout the Caribbean. We ask that you share this information on your social media platforms and join us in an evening of education and truth telling toward "Building a Bigger We" in this fight opposing white supremacy in all of its manifestations. **Jalil Muntaqim**, Community Organizer, Education Committee, Citizen Action of New York"

Report Back: The National Black Accord (NBA) held a rally/political education event Aug 14



"On Saturday, Aug. 14, 2021, the National Black Accord (NBA), based in Cleveland, Ohio, held a rally/political education event in support of the liberation of all people oppressed by imperialism, colonialism, and capitalism. The organization was established in May 2021 around self-determination, not simply in ideology, but rather through an effective implementation of plans that build a self-sufficient community.

In addition to having speakers talk about their important work, the NBA provided a packet of revolutionary resources that included information on the work of key organizations, featuring the upcoming International Tribunal 2021 work being done by Spirit of Mandela. Recommended

readings and podcasts were also included to enhance the political education necessary to bring about revolutionary goals and ideals with former Black Panther and Black Liberation Army member, and Spirit of Mandela leader, Jalil Muntaqim's We Are Our Own Liberators at the top of the list.

KESHAWN WALKER AND REVOLUTION IN CLEVELAND AND BEYOND

NBA co-founder and spokesperson Keshawn Walker is currently being mentored by Wabash (Indiana) Correctional Facility political prisoner Kwame Shakur, a disciple of Muntaqim, who spent nearly 50 years in prison before being released in Oct. 2020. Of course, Muntaqim has played a significant role since the outset of the Spirit of Mandela's charges against the U.S. being brought before the United Nations in October 2021.

Walker led the rally and was joined by speakers Robin Brown, who founded Concerned Citizens Organized Against Lead (CCOAL), and Mariah Crenshaw, Chief Executive Officer and founder of Chasing Justice, LLC. He opened by acknowledging Shakur and his influence as well as the NBA's working in concert with Spirit of Mandela/National Jericho Movement, Prison Lives Matter (PLM), and the New Afrikan Liberation Collective (NALC). Shakur is the founder of PLM and the co-founder (with Shaka Shakur) of the NALC.

"Thank you to everybody for being here. It is a prime example of a revolution. Everybody here, in their own right, is taking part in a revolution whether they know it or not. That's what we need. Cleveland is a revolutionary city, and we are going to show that it is," Walker stated. He acknowledged the importance of Black August and holding one of the organization's first events in the middle of the historically important month in the history of Black resistance. Cleveland has had a long-standing tradition of racial uprisings against white supremacy and police corruption. In November 2018, the U.S. Marshals determined that incarcerated people's constitutional rights were routinely violated, and that their basic necessities to live were often withheld. "We know the problems. We have been talking about these problems forever. It is time to bring together comrades with a solution-oriented strategy," explained Walker before turning over the microphone to his guest speakers.

WALKER: THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING

"We need to formulate and follow-up. We need the people to follow up with what we are learning. The education is a full clip, and the people are the gun," Walker described. "We will kill every part of this imperialist system. Any part that is already dead, we will dig up because it didn't die hard enough." Walker heeds Shakur's advice that in the beginning stages of the revolution, it is more important to have a small number of totally committed members and build that cadre than to appeal to the masses who aren't ready or prepared for action. "We are surrounding ourselves with comrades who have been doing this work and those who will do the work that is necessary," he articulated. "The system is just using us as stats to please a certain quota up their chain of command, so we need to have a chain of command in this revolution. We are going to a problem for the establishment. We have solutions. We may even have some cases thrown on us because of this work, but it's all a part of the revolution. We are down for it all." (Article & Photo Credits: Timothy Farrell).

Registration opens for NYC ABC's "Running Down the Walls" Aug 14

"WHAT: Running Down the Walls – 5k Run/Walk/Jog/Bike/Hang WHEN: 2:00-7:00pm, Sunday, September 12th, 2021 WHERE: Prospect Park– Lincoln Road/East Lake Drive, east of the Terrace Bridge COST: \$10 registration COST: \$10 registration (if COVID permits, will include food/drink afterwards-TBA)

We're excited to announce Running Down the Walls 2021, COVID permitting. After making the difficult decision to not hold last year's event in person, we are very much looking forward to gathering as a community for the first time in a long time. Please stay tuned to our website, sign up for our newsletter, and follow us on twitter (@nycabc) for updates. Every year, prisoners and supporters of political prisoners organize solidarity events with Running Down the Walls. In previous years, we've had runs in Albuquerque (NM), Arcata (CA), Ashland (OR), Bellefonte (PA), Boston (MA), Buffalo (NY), Chico (CA), Denver (CO), Elmore (AL), Inez (KY), Los Angeles (CA), Marion (IL), Minneapolis (MN) New York (NY), USP Navosta (TX), Pelican Bay (CA), Phoenix (AZ), Tucson (AZ), Seattle (WA), and Toronto, Ontario." "Each year, we split proceeds between the Anarchist Black Cross Federation's Warchest Program and a local organization. This year, local funds are going to New York state political prisoners released within the last year." "This year we hope to expand the amount of runs in prisons and other cities, as well as increase the amount of funds raised for community projects. NYC ABC's goal with this year's run is \$4,000. You can donate online by going to [paypal.me/nycabc](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https://www.abcfnyc.org/)" See <https://www.abcfnyc.org/warchest-program/>

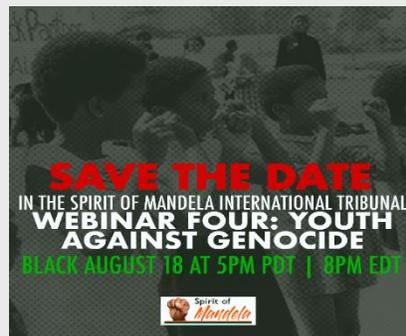
Youtube Video for Maroon Action in Philly After Denial of Release to Hospice Aug 16

"On Thursday, August 12, 2021 Russell 'Maroon' Shoatz was denied medical transfer to hospice by a judge. The judge found that deferring Maroon's sentence so he could live out his last days in hospice care created an undue risk of escape and a danger to the community, citing his 1970 and 1980 escapes from prison as reasons, despite his age, use of a wheelchair for mobility, recent decades of exemplary behavior in prison, and strong community support. Community members gathered outside Philadelphia's Juanita Kidd Stout courthouse on

Monday, August 16th at noon to bring attention to the judge's recent decision to deny Maroon's release. Attendees were encouraged to wear masks and all white attire for the rally. MORE ABOUT MAROON & STATEMENTS FROM FAMILY, COALITION & LEGAL: Maroon is a 77-year-old religiously devoted grandfather, beloved community member, mentor, and concerned citizen for human rights and the liberation of all oppressed people. Here is the video to Catch all the amazing speeches via Youtube:

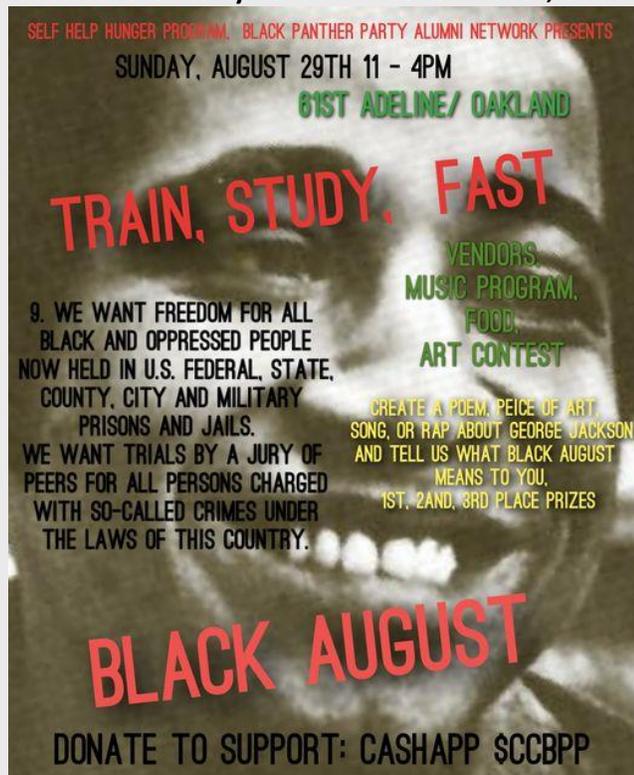
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BLACK AUGUST SAVE THE DATE..... THE SPIRIT OF MANDELA 2021 INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL IN N.Y.C. PRESENTS WEBINAR #4: "FULFILLING OUR MISSION: YOUTH AGAINST GENOCIDE" Aug 18



"2021 INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL - N.Y.C. YOUTH ORGANIZING COMMITTEE PRESENTS: WEBINAR #4. Fulfilling Our Mission: Youth Against Genocide. **Save The Date: Wednesday, Black August 18, 2021. 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM (eastern time).** "Each generation must, out of relative obscurity, discover its mission, fulfil it or betray it." - Frantz Fanon. Register for our 4th Webinar of the Spirit of Mandela webinar series leading up to the International Tribunal! We have a panel full of young revolutionaries and performances by amazing young artists. The webinar will cover the importance of youth carrying on the fight for the Freedom of Political Prisoners and the Self-determination of Black, Brown, Indigenous People and all oppressed People." Register at tinyurl.com/ismwebinar4

Black Panther Party Political Prisoner Month, Oakland CA. Aug 29



"Talent showcase, community raffle, free food , music, open mic, vendors. August 29th 11am- 4pm At 61st Stanford, Oakland ca. We will be educating the community about George and Jonathan Jackson, Fleta Drumgo, Jon Cluchette, Assata Shakur, Jalil Muntaqim, Mutulu Shakur, Mumia Abu Jamal, H. Rap Brown, Chip Fitzgerald, Hugo Pinell, and other Black Panther Party Political Prisoners, and giving the community a platform to talk about their family members inside of prison...and to others to talk about making a change in conditions.. open mic. Open stage for rappers, artist, poets , dancers, etc. ...Ashe!"

COMING IN SEPT! Sept 2021**Keep Coming Back**

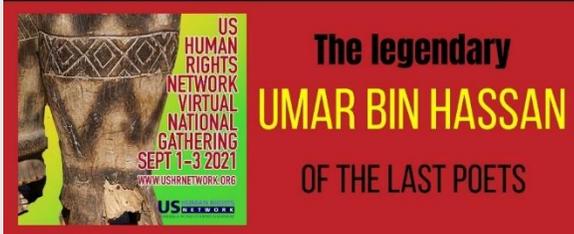
by Cheb i Sabbah and Peter Murphy feat.
Azam Ali
Keep Coming Back

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Pre-order of Keep Coming Back. The moment the album is released you'll get unlimited streaming via the free Bandcamp app, plus a high-quality download in MP3, FLAC and more.

Oakland Jericho member
Elijah's "Opium Sabbah" new release!
See <https://ffm.to/keepcomingback>

Umar of the Last Poets featured at Drum Beat Sept 1-3**Announcing Drum Beat 21 Featured Artist!**

"The USHRN Coordinating Center is pleased to announce a special cultural leader to be featured at "Drum Beat 21: the US Human Rights Network's National Gathering" (Virtual). The legendary Umar Bin Hassan of the Last Poets is sure to elevate our power, resilience, and aspirations for the Network's unified 2-year plan coming out of Drum Beat 21. Umar is a renowned and Grammy-nominated artist. The Last Poets' debut album made top-10 music charts, and Umar is featured on Time Magazine's album-of-the-year. Don't miss it! "With their politically charged raps, taut rhythms, and

dedication to raising African-American consciousness, the Last Poets almost single-handedly laid the groundwork for the emergence of hip-hop." - critic Jason Ankeny. Do you have a visual, musical or performance art piece that can be included in the 3-day, Virtual gathering? **From Sept 1-3, 2021** the USHRN National Gathering will consist of events such as key notes, panels, planning meetings, and teach-ins scheduled for each day. Creative presentations will be interspersed with conference programming. If we can include a piece of your art, poetry, or music, etc., please share a recording or high quality image version with member@ushrnetwork.org." Register here: <https://secure.everyaction.com/-dalW6nlqUqVLZJN11uduQ2>

"Attica is every prison; and every prison is Attica." Sept 9**Attica Is Every Prison**

50 YEARS LATER
REFORMS, REPERCUSSIONS, AND REMEMBERING

SEPTEMBER 9, 2021
THURSDAY, 5:30-7:30PM

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CANY PRESENTS
A SHORT DOCUMENTARY FILM PROJECT
By producer David Kuhn
A PANEL EXHIBITION
by the New York State Museum
CONVERSATION AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

"From The Official Report of the New York State. Special Commission on Attica. 2021 marks the 50th anniversary of the uprising at Attica.

Join CANY Thursday, September 9th at Neuehouse for the premiere of "Every Prison Is Attica," a short documentary film by David Kuhn, and the NYS Museum exhibition "Open Wounds."

Sep 9th 2021 at 5:30 PM EDT to Thu, Sep 9th 2021 at 7:30 PM EDT.

RSVP here <https://secure.givelively.org/event/cany/175-years-of-progress/every-prison-is-attica>

NYC ABC Running Down the Walls Sept 12

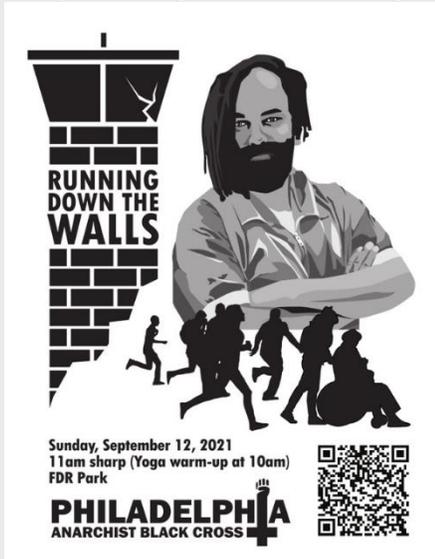


“NYC ABC is excited to announce that we will be hosting an in-person Running Down the Walls On September 12, 2021 in Prospect Park, Brooklyn! (pandemic permitting). We are excited to announce that former political prisoner and United Freedom Front member **Kazi Toure**, has confirmed he will be joining us for this year's Running Down The Walls! We are also waiting on confirmation from Robert King of the Angola 3. We'll keep you updated as more former and current political prisoners announce their participation. We hope you'll join us again as we run/walk/roll to free Mumia Abu-Jamal, and raise funds for 17 other political prisoners. The **new registration deadline is August 27th**, but we humbly ask for folks to register sooner than later. Register here to secure your spot at the event!

Also check out the amazing RDTW 2021 announcement video by hate5six – a

local Filmographer and live streamer of many recent Mumia demonstrations, who also documented last year's RDTW. Running Down The Walls 5K raises funds for political prisoners! We hope you had an awesome time in previous years, and that you will join us again this year on Sunday, September 12th at FDR Park. Proceeds will be split between Mumia Abu-Jamal and the ABCF Warchest that sends monthly stipends to political prisoners and prisoners of war who have insufficient, little, or no financial support. Details on this year's event and the registration form can be found at: <https://phillyabc.org/rdtw/>”

Philly ABC: Angola 3 and Running Down The Walls! Sept 12



“We are excited to announce that Robert King and Albert Woodfox of the Angola 3 have registered for Running Down The Walls! They are coming to Philadelphia to be part of the #RunForMumia. If you are can attend, remote or in person, please register as soon as you can before the deadline (August 27th). Remote participants will be sent the event shirt and have access to a livestream. We also need help with promotion and getting other folks signed up in order to maximize the impact of this event for Mumia (and the other political prisoners the Warchest supports)--I've updated the social media toolkit here:

<https://phillyabc.org/rdtw/2021-pre-event-social/>. Those are Twitter and Instagram posts that Philly ABC has been posting (and some scheduled to post later this week). Feel free to pick and choose and post in whatever order you want. These can be reposted as-is, or serve as examples/templates for your own posts. Images and videos can be right-clicked and saved, so that you can upload them to your posts. If anyone on IG or Twitter would prefer that we just DM you posts to quickly repost

let me know, or you can go to @philly_abc (IG) @phillyabc (twitter) and repost anything from there. Free them all! Illy Voxi”

Political Prisoner Letter Writing Event Sponsored by NYC Jericho & Certain Days Sept 18

“Saturday September 18th, 2-4pm The People's Forum, 320 West 37th Street (between 8th & 9th Avenues) New York, NY. (Any train to Penn Station)-Free

Join NYC Jericho and the Certain Days collective in writing political prisoners at this free event. We will be giving short presentations and writing political prisoners: Leonard Peltier, Sundiata Acoli, Jessica Reznicek and Xinachtli. Materials will be provided. Contact: nycjericho@gmail.com info@certaindays.org

Please note that we will be wearing masks and practicing social distancing for this indoor event.”

NLG: Announcing Keynote Presenter: Talila A. Lewis! Oct 11-17



“We're thrilled to announce that abolitionist community lawyer, educator, and organizer Talila A. Lewis will be the Keynote Presenter at our virtual 2021 #Law4ThePeople Convention! More info about the Convention coming soon! Talila A. Lewis (no gender pronouns; use Talila or “TL” instead of using pronouns) is an abolitionist community lawyer, educator, and organizer whose work reveals and addresses the inextricable links between ableism,

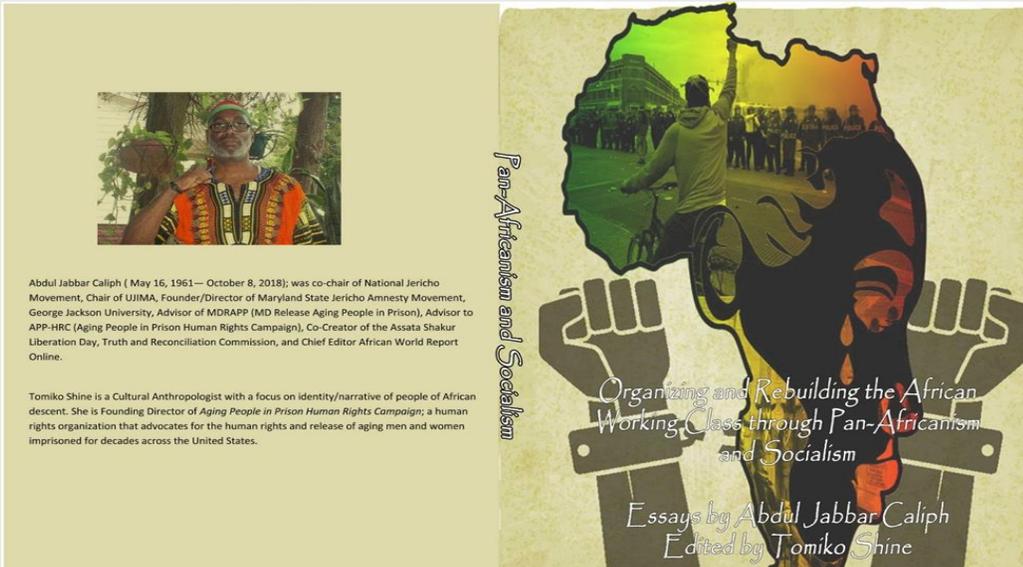
racism, classism, and all forms of systemic oppression and structural inequity. Recognized as a 2015 White House Champion of Change and one of Pacific Standard Magazine’s Top 30 Thinkers Under 30, Lewis engineers innovative and intersectional social justice efforts that address grave interconnected injustices within education, medical, and legal systems that have gone unaddressed for generations. Lewis’s advocacy primarily focuses on harm and violence reduction and interruption, advocacy with people affected by incarceration/institutionalization, and abolition of all forms of incarceration/institutionalization. As one of the only people in the nation working to correct and prevent wrongful convictions of deaf/disabled people, Lewis regularly presents and trains on this and related topics. As the creator of the only national database of deaf/blind/disabled people, Lewis advocates with and for hundreds of disabled defendants, incarcerated, and returned people and their loved ones. Lewis is a 2018 Roddenberry Fellow & a 2018 Atlantic Fellow for Racial Equity.” Register here: <https://www.nlg.org/convention-registration/>

NOW BOOKING! BLACK PANTHER ALUMNI LEGACY CITY WALKING TOUR (Ongoing)



“BLACK PANTHER ALUMNI LEGACY CITY WALKING TOUR. Meet original members of the Black Panther Party & walk with them through the historical sites in the birthplace of the Party, Oakland CA. Listen to their stories and learn the truths behind the world's most famous revolutionary organization for the liberation of Black and oppressed communities. Book a Tour Now <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-panther-party-legacy-city-tour-tickets-160249200673>”

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



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News, Articles, and Updates

(Political Prisoner Specific)

MUMIA: Elder Abuse: Incarceration Remains the Greatest Medical Threat to Mumia’s Health --The Only Treatment is Freedom July 19

“Mumia has survived a two vessel open heart surgery bypass graft. He is grateful for a new lease on life but his health remains fragile. There is clear evidence that his chronic diseases of congestive heart failure, coronary artery disease, hypertension, diabetes, and liver cirrhosis from Hepatitis C are the diseases of incarceration. Incarceration is the primary social determinant of health. We know that there is documented evidence that incarcerated persons age earlier due to the physical and psychological stresses of survival. His only treatment will always be freedom. Mumia’s health remains fragile. He will need multiple medications for the rest of his life and we are working to ensure a better diet and more access to exercise as would be required for rehabilitation from recent cardiac surgery.” See <https://nycabc.files.wordpress.com/2021/07/updates-27-jul-2021.pdf>

Fighting to Free Kevin Cooper July 21



“Kevin Cooper awaits death in his San Quentin prison cell, as he has during the 36 years since he heard the ultimate punishment pronounced in a San Diego County courtroom. He has always protested his innocence since being arrested for the horrific murders of four people in 1983. His appeal for clemency was answered by Governor Gavin Newsom a month ago, spurred in part by the footwork of Tom Parker, the former assistant agent in charge of the FBI’s Los Angeles office who retired to Santa Barbara and is convinced of Cooper’s innocence. Parker is somewhat of a G-man turned local criminal justice warrior. Prior to his retirement in 1994, Parker was second in command at the FBI’s Los Angeles bureau. He led the FBI’s investigation of the Rodney King beating in 1991. Parker also served on the Santa Barbara Fire and Police Commission for two years. He joined Cooper’s defense team in 2011 and now works free of charge in the quest to prove Cooper’s innocence. Using his investigative expertise, Parker has traveled across the country,

gathering evidence that debunks the prosecution’s side of the story. Parker’s trust in Cooper’s proclaimed

innocence is out of the ordinary for him. "I'm always skeptical on cases where somebody has gotten the death penalty, but I've seen some that were wrongful convictions," said Parker. This skepticism changed after Parker reviewed Cooper's case files and saw "a very good likelihood" Cooper is innocent." **Photo Credits:** "Free Me!!" by Kevin Cooper". (Photo Retrieved From Email). See <https://www.independent.com/2021/07/21/fighting-to-free-kevin-cooper/>

The RIBPP & PSO's Statement on Comrade Kevin 'Rashid' Johnson Aug 7

"This retaliatory transfer has made it impossible for Rashid to access legal property and materials needed to meet court deadlines, answer motions and respond to the court. Prior to this transfer, Rashid warned IDOC that he would be seeking citations of contempt in regard to IDOC's attempt at entering false evidence and concealing other evidentiary material in one of Rashid's pending cases. (IDOC has been sanctioned previously for submitting false evidence and concealing evidence in Indiana's Southern District U.S. Federal Court and settled for over \$100,000; see *Littler v. Martinez.*). An example of the depravity and cruelty of the U.S. prison system and of many of those who work within it, prisons frequently move incarcerated people out of public view, torturing, disappearing and killing them without any visibility or accountability for their actions. Rashid is being denied access to the phone, legal property and to commissary, where he would be able to purchase stationery to continue his litigation against the IDOC. It is clear and apparent at this point that the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections (ODRC) is colluding with IDOC in their attempt to deny Rashid his right to pursue these cases. Rashid is currently being held at the notorious Southern Ohio Correctional Facility (SOCF) in Lucasville, where, in April of 1993, nine prisoners were killed in an 11-day standoff with prison staff. The legacy of racist, fascist brutality continues to thrive at SOCF. Mr. Johnson has been moved to the area of the prison where various white supremacist gangs are most concentrated." See <https://sfbayview.com/2021/08/the-ribpp-psos-statement-on-comrade-kevin-rashid-johnson/>

(General)

Latinos still coping with the fallout of 1st nuclear explosion July 15

"Hispanics and Mescalero Apache tribal members in New Mexico this month are marking the anniversary of the 1945 Trinity Test — an experiment resulting in health problems for generations living near the site of the world's first atomic bomb explosion. Why it matters: Descendants of those families use the July 16 anniversary to pressure lawmakers to compensate those who have suffered rare forms of cancer ever since the explosion. The big picture: Tina Cordova, co-founder of the Tularosa Basin Downwinders, tells Axios that the overlooked residents of southern New Mexico finally are closer to being included in the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act." See <https://www.axios.com/trinity-test-first-atomic-bomb-latinos-new-mexico-f70e6f52-1ca4-4609-8aea-a4d54b897b87.html>

Welcome to Jim Crow 2.0 July 15

"In the wake of the Civil War, liberals in the North went about establishing Reconstruction, passing the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments, greatly expanding the rights of Black people in America, and putting severe restrictions on Southern states before they could be readmitted to the Union. But of course, the Northern liberals soon grew impatient with and tired of dealing with Reconstruction and the racial issues in the South. At the same time, racial terror was regaining strength in the region. After Reconstruction was allowed to fail, the last remaining federal troops — who had helped protect Black people from the terrorists — were withdrawn from the South. Even though there was a large percentage of Black voters in many of these states — and Black voters were the majority in some — the terrorists were able to significantly reduce that voter participation through intimidation and violence." See <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/14/opinion/jim-crow-voter-suppression.html>

How megacorporations exploit US prison labor (Original April 5, 2021) “by Eddie Conway, Artwork by Kevin Rashid Johnson July 15

“The 13th Amendment has created an inhumane (but perfectly legal) system in which multinational corporations are able to regularly exploit prison slave labor in the U.S. for profit. In this special, extended episode of “Rattling the Bars,” TRNN Executive Producer Eddie Conway is joined by Dr. Joy James and Dr. Asatar Bair to discuss the persistent use of prison labor in the U.S. and how people can organize to abolish it.” See <https://therealnews.com/how-megacorporations-exploit-us-prison-labor>

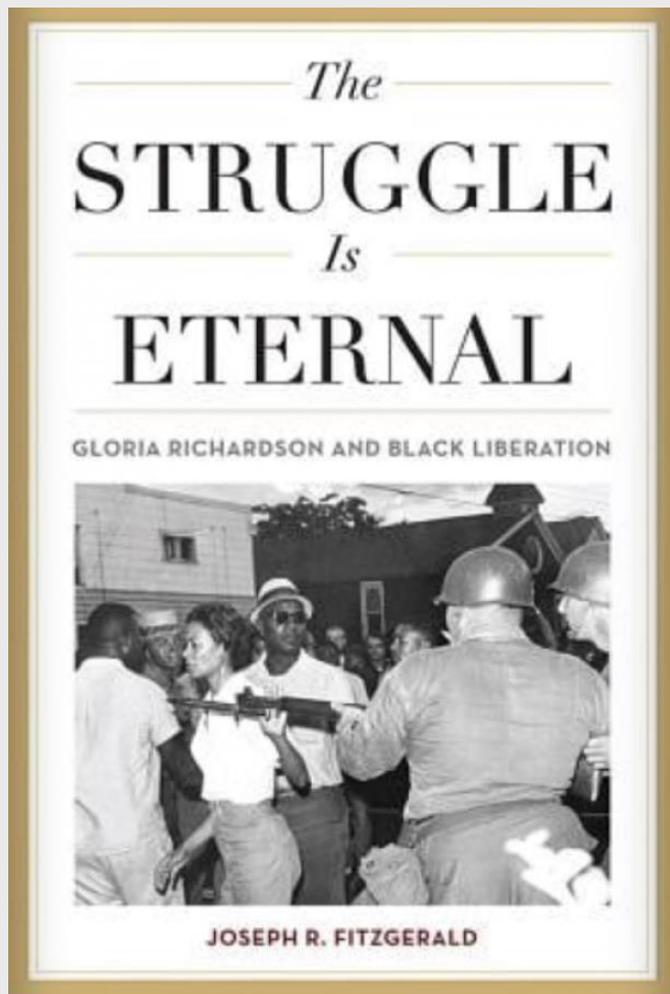
Taron Hill spent nearly half his life in prison for two murders he didn’t commit. July 16

“In a rare move, the New Jersey attorney general’s office asked a judge to overturn Hill’s conviction because new evidence proved he was innocent. After prosecutors fought for years to deny his appeals and keep him behind bars, Hill was finally freed from prison last Friday.” See

<https://www.app.com/story/news/local/courts/2021/07/16/nj-man-who-spent-half-his-life-jailed-freed-conviction-review-unit/7980471002/>

Gloria Richardson, an influential yet largely unsung civil rights pioneer, has died. She was 99. July 17

“Gloria Richardson, an influential yet largely unsung civil rights pioneer whose determination not to back down



while protesting racial inequality was captured in a photograph as she pushed away the bayonet of a National Guardsman, has died. She was 99. Tya Young, her granddaughter, said Richardson died in her sleep Thursday in New York City and had not been ill. Young said while her grandmother was at the forefront of the civil rights movement, she didn’t seek praise or recognition. “She did it because it needed to be done, and she was born a leader,” Young said. Richardson was the first woman to lead a prolonged grassroots civil rights movement outside the Deep South. In 1962, she helped organized and led the Cambridge Movement on Maryland’s Eastern Shore with sit-ins to desegregate restaurants, bowling alleys and movie theaters in protests that marked an early part of the Black Power movement. “I say that the Cambridge Movement was the soil in which Richardson planted a seed of Black power and nurtured its growth,” said Joseph R. Fitzgerald, who wrote a 2018 biography on Richardson titled “The Struggle is Eternal: Gloria Richardson and Black Liberation.” Richardson became the leader of demonstrations over bread and butter economic issues like jobs, health care access and sufficient housing. “Everything that the Black Lives Matter movement is working at right now is a continuation of what the Cambridge Movement was doing,” Fitzgerald said. In pursuit of these goals, Richardson advocated for the right of Black people to

defend themselves when attacked. “Richardson always supported the use of nonviolent direct action during protests, but once the protests were over and if Black people were attacked by whites she fully supported their right to defend themselves,” Fitzgerald said.” See <https://portside.org/2021-07-17/gloria-richardson-civil-rights-pioneer-dies-99>

15 Quotes From Nelson Mandela on the Freedom of Palestine July 18

“Nelson Mandela remains one of the most iconic figures in modern history when it comes to human rights and the fight for freedom and equality for all. While we recognize his lifelong fight in South Africa against the horrific apartheid regime of the time, let us not forget his support and fight for the liberation of all oppressed peoples around the world – including those in Palestine.” See <https://themuslimvibe.com/muslim-current-affairs-news/15-quotes-from-nelson-mandela-on-the-freedom-of-palestine>

Biden to send thousands back to prison July 19

“Trump released them. Biden wants to send them back. The Biden administration reportedly will endorse a Trump-era legal memo that would require approximately 4,000 men and women to return to federal prison from home confinement once the coronavirus state of emergency passes. The prisoners, all of whom were serving time for non-violent crimes, were released early to try to halt the spread of the virus behind bars. Biden can commute the remaining sentences to home confinement but the White House reportedly is worried about the political fallout from a blanket grant of clemency.” See <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/19/us/politics/biden-prisoners-covid.html>

Survivors of California’s forced sterilizations: ‘It’s like my life wasn’t worth anything’ July 19

“A new reparations program will compensate survivors of prison system sterilizations and the 20th century eugenics campaign. It wasn’t until years after Kelli Dillon went into surgery while incarcerated in the California state prison system that she realized her reproductive capacity had been stripped away without her knowledge. In 2001, at the age of 24, she became one of the most recent victims in a history of forced sterilizations in California that stretches back to 1909 and served as an inspiration for Nazi Germany’s eugenics program. But now, under new provisions signed into California’s budget this week, the state will offer reparations for the thousands of people who were sterilized in California institutions, without adequate consent, often because they were deemed “criminal”, “feeble-minded” or “deviant”. See <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2021/jul/19/california-forced-sterilization-prison-survivors-reparations>

Left and Right Wing Coalition Urges President Biden to Grant Clemency to 4,000 on COVID Home Confinement July 20

“The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) reported that a coalition of 20 right-wing and left-wing organizations sent a letter to the Biden administration Monday, pleading with him to lessen the severity of the sentences of inmates who are currently serving the rest of their time at home under the CARES Act. Because the coronavirus threatened the safety of those who are confined under cramped spaces, the ACLU reported that in an effort to mitigate this issue, the CARES Act was passed by Congress during the Trump administration to transfer inmates from federal prison to their homes. As reported by the ACLU, approximately 4,000 people were eligible to serve the rest of their time at home. Public data also indicated that less than one percent of the inmates violated the terms of their release.” See <https://www.davisvanguard.org/2021/07/left-and-right-wing-coalition-urges-president-biden-to-grant-clemency-to-4000-on-covid-home-confinement/>

Daniel Hale Sentenced to 45 Months in Prison for Drone Leak July 21

“Daniel Hale, a former U.S. Air Force intelligence analyst, was sentenced to 45 months in prison Tuesday after pleading guilty to leaking a trove of government documents exposing the inner workings and severe civilian costs of the U.S. military’s drone program. Appearing in an Alexandria, Virginia, courtroom, the 33-year-old Hale told U.S. District Judge Liam O’Grady that he believed it “was necessary to dispel the lie that drone warfare keeps us safe, that our lives are worth more than theirs.” “I am here because I stole something that was never mine to take — precious human life,” Hale said. “I couldn’t keep living in a world in which people pretend that things weren’t happening that were. Please, your honor, forgive me for taking papers instead of human lives.” See <https://theintercept.com/2021/07/27/daniel-hale-drone-leak-sentencing/>

Landscaping was hardly his lifelong dream. July 21

“As a teenager, Alton Lucas believed basketball or music would pluck him out of North Carolina and take him around the world. In the late 1980s, he was the right-hand man to his musical best friend, Youtha Anthony Fowler, who many hip hop and R&B heads know as DJ Nabs. But rather than jet-setting with Fowler, Lucas discovered drugs and the drug trade at the height of the so-called war on drugs. Addicted to crack cocaine and involved in trafficking the drug, he faced decades-long imprisonment at a time when the drug abuse and violence plaguing major cities and working class Black communities were not seen as the public health issue that opioids are today.” See <https://apnews.com/article/war-on-drugs-75e61c224de3a394235df80de7d70b70>

Palestinian Dies In Al-Maskobiyya Israeli Interrogation Facility July 22

“A young Palestinian man died, on Wednesday evening, while being held at the al-Maskobiyya detention center and interrogation facility, in Jerusalem. His family said he was tortured while under interrogation. Hasan Abed-Rabbo, the media advisor of the Palestinian Detainees’ Committee, stated that Abdo Yousef Khatib Tamimi, 43, from Shu’fat refugee camp, died while being held at the interrogation center, and added that the young man was taken prisoner, Sunday, due to a traffic citation and because he was driving his car without a driver’s license.” See imemc.org

“I cannot eat because I have no teeth.” July 22

Incarcerated people, especially those who haven’t been in prison very long, are routinely denied basic dental care — including fillings for cavities, crowns, dentures and treatment of toothaches. The state of Michigan is especially stingy with care, and is the subject of a current lawsuit. In court filings and interviews, dozens of prisoners complained that their decaying teeth were left to rot and ache.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2021/07/22/i-have-no-teeth-michigan-prisoners-say-long-wait-to-see-dentist-is-inhumane>

Freedom Rider: Standing with the Cuban People July 23

“The current Black-centered Cuban protest operation is very well orchestrated and if Black people in this country are not careful, they will end up amplifying the dictates of U.S. imperialism. “The same people who claim concern for the Cuban people are also in favor of continuing their suffering.” The Movement for Black Lives has an interesting and sometimes contradictory political history. Popularly known as Black Lives Matter (BLM), they gave birth to a now international rallying cry against anti-Black racism. They are identified with the issue of police violence so much that any protest involving Black people is dubbed Black Lives Matter whether there is any connection with that group or not.” See <https://www.blackagendareport.com/freedom-rider-standing-cuban-people>

America's history wars get serious: Texas GOP wants to dump MLK, whitewash KKK July 23

“In the infamous 1857 Dred Scott decision, Supreme Court Chief Justice Roger Taney proclaimed that Black people have “no rights that the white man is bound to respect.” Today’s Jim Crow Republican Party, and the white right more broadly, have taken the spirit of those words and updated them for the 21st century, effectively by arguing that “white people are not bound to respect historical truth or established facts — at least not as they pertain to Black and brown people in America”. As the next step in their war against multiracial democracy, the Republican Party and its allies have launched a moral panic about “critical race theory.” Of course, their version of “critical race theory” is a type of racial bogeyman or psychological projection, a function of white racial paranoia about the “browning of America” and the threat of “white genocide.” Facts do not matter in the right-wing echo chamber. It is of no importance that the white right’s version of “critical race theory” has nothing to do with the scholarly paradigm of the same name.” See <https://www.salon.com/2021/07/23/americas-history-wars-get-serious-texas-gop-wants-to-dump-mlk-whitewash-kkk/>

Millions of casualties and no winners, 50 years after President Richard Nixon first declared war on drugs. July 23

“Millions of casualties and no winners, 50 years after President Richard Nixon first declared war on drugs. The U.S. prison population jumped from 240,593 to 1.43 million people between 1975 and 2019. About 20% were imprisoned with a drug offense listed as their most serious crime. The passage of stiffer sentencing laws for crack cocaine and other drugs caused the Black incarceration rate to rise from about 600 per 100,000 people in 1970 to 1,808 in 2000. The incarceration rate for the Latino population during that same time grew from 208 per 100,000 people to 615.” See <https://apnews.com/article/war-on-drugs-75e61c224de3a394235df80de7d70b70>

M4BL: In Memory of the Beloved Bob Moses July 25

“Robert Moses, Civil Rights Leader, grassroots organizer, MacArthur Genius recipient, and crusader for voting and education rights died on Sunday, July 25th. The Movement for Black Lives commemorates his life, works, and legacy of Black resistance and self-determination and offers condolences to his family. He led a remarkable life, starting his career as a New York City teacher and eventually co-founding the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and spearheading Freedom Summer 1964 to organize and defend the Black vote. Up until his death, he worked tirelessly as an advocate for access to education as a tool for freedom. Mr. Moses believed in the power of self-determination and in the significance of Black people to determine our own fates and be the deciders of our lives. He believed that both voting and education are tools we can use to build Black political power, with which we gain more sovereignty. He also believed in the power of organizing to transform people—and he understood the importance of centering poor Black people living at the margins in order to determine solutions for social justice and achieve a true grassroots democracy.

In addition to being a tireless advocate for civil rights Robert Moses was also a champion of accessible education. He used the money from his MacArthur Fellowship grant to create the Algebra Project, an organization that uses mathematics literacy as an organizing tool. He was also a proponent of an amendment to the constitution that would guarantee every person in America a quality education—a fight he was vigorously engaged in up until his death. Mr. Moses was a deliberate and strategic freedom fighter who showed deference to Black women organizers from whom he learned, such as Ella Baker and Fannie Lou Hamer and to everyday Black people who sought control over their destinies. 57 years after Freedom Summer, Black activists, and organizers—everyday Black people—follow in Bob Moses’ prominent footsteps in fighting for and defending the Black vote, Black political power, and Black self determination. We offer a deep bow of gratitude, reverence, and respect to Mr. Moses and all he has done to secure liberation for Black people. Links and Resources: https://www.crmvet.org/lets/63_moses_highlander.pdf <https://snccdigital.org/people/bob-moses/>”

Inside a KKK murder plot: Grab him up, take him to the river July 26

“PALATKA, Fla. (AP) — Joseph Moore breathed heavily, his face slick with nervous sweat. He held a cellphone with a photo of a man splayed on the floor; the man appeared dead, his shirt torn apart and his pants wet. Puffy dark clouds blocked the sun as Moore greeted another man, who’d pulled up in a metallic blue sedan. They met behind an old fried chicken shack in rural north Florida. “KIGY, my brother,” Moore said. It was shorthand for “Klansman, I greet you.” Birds chirped in a tree overhead and traffic whooshed by on a nearby road, muddling the sound of their voices, which were being recorded secretly. Moore brought the phone to David “Sarge” Moran, who wore a camouflage-print baseball hat emblazoned with a Confederate flag patch and a metal cross. His arms and hands were covered in tattoos. A nervous, giddy chuckle escaped Moran’s mouth. “Oh, shit. I love it,” he said. “Motherf----- pissed on himself. Good job.” “Is that what y’all wanted?” “Yes, hell yeah,” Moran said, his voice pitched high. It was 11:30 a.m. on March 19, 2015, and the klansmen were celebrating what they thought was a successful murder in Florida. But the FBI had gotten wind of the murder plot. A confidential informant had infiltrated the group, and his recordings provide a rare, detailed look at the inner workings of a modern klan cell and a domestic terrorism probe. That investigation would unearth another secret: **An unknown number of klansmen were working inside the Florida Department of Corrections, with significant power over inmates, Black and white..**” See <https://apnews.com/article/government-and-politics-business-race-and-ethnicity-racial-injustice-only-on-ap-2b4106de3ebcbfae85948439a7056031>

The Ku Klux Klan Was Also a Bosses' Association July 27

“The KKK should be understood not just as a white supremacist organization, but as an employers’ organization: it violently resisted the revolutionary gains of the Civil War and Reconstruction and sought to keep the black masses toiling in submission.” “For decades, historians have debated how best to characterize the KKK, a white supremacist terrorist organization launched by Confederate veterans that first emerged in Pulaski, Tennessee in 1866 before spreading across the South. Hundreds of thousands joined, though obtaining a detailed count of actual members is practically impossible because of the organization’s hyper-secrecy.” “Yet much is not in dispute: Klansmen were closely tied to the Democratic Party and used violence — whippings, hangings, drownings, sexual violence, drive-out campaigns — against “insubordinate” African Americans and Republicans of all races. Klansmen also used “softer” forms of repression, including school and book burnings and blacklisting of northern teachers. Sometimes they mobilized to prevent African Americans from becoming educated. According to Z. B. Hargrove of Georgia, Klansmen occasionally whipped freed people “for being almost too smart.” See <https://portside.org/2021-07-30/ku-klux-klan-was-also-bosses-association>

The 1960s Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC): Gloria Richardson Dandridge and Bob Moses' Monumental Contributions to Civil Rights July 29

“During the month of July, two heroic figures in the struggle against Jim Crow and race terror, **Gloria Richardson Dandridge and Bob Moses passed away.** Their lives intersected with the upsurge in the African American led struggle for full equality and self-determination centered in the southern United States while having a profound impact nationally and internationally. **Gloria St. Clair Hayes** was born on May 6, 1922 in Cambridge, Maryland to a family of hard working independent African Americans. Several members of her family were known as fighters for racial justice. Richardson’s (her first married name) earliest involvement in the antiracist movement took place in 1938 when she became active in protesting segregation in Washington, D.C. as a student at Howard University. She also protested conditions at the premier Historic Black College and University (HBCU) during her tenure as a student. She would later return to Cambridge where prospects for employment were limited despite her graduation from Howard. Dandridge worked in a pharmacy owned by a member of her family. She strongly opposed the inferior segregated educational and public facilities made available to African Americans in Maryland. Years after returning to Cambridge she became involved in the Civil Rights Movement in the early 1960s. A series of demonstrations in December 1961 in the eastern shore city resulted in the arrests of several high school students including the daughter of Richardson.

Bob Moses and the Role of Local Leadership in the Civil Rights Movement.

Robert Parris Moses was a leading figure in SNCC joining its staff in the early 1960s. He, like Richardson, was older than the majority of people in the student organization. Born to a working-class family in New York City on January 23, 1935, Moses witnessed first-hand the impact of segregation and exploitation in an urban setting. He was committed to education and earned a B.A. from Hamilton College in 1956 and later a M.A. in Philosophy from Harvard in 1957. Moses was teaching at the Horace Mann School in New York when Ella Baker sent him into Mississippi to organize a chapter of SNCC in 1960. He made contact with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) official Amzie Moore. Later Moses joined the staff of SNCC and became a full-time organizer in Mississippi. He witnessed the violence which was pervasive in Mississippi and other southern states in response to Civil Rights organizers. One leader in the voting rights struggle in Amite County, Mississippi was Herbert Lee, a successful African American cotton and dairy farmer. Lee was a charter member of the Amite County NAACP and was a proponent of defying the segregation laws prohibiting the majority of African Americans from voting in the state. Moses worked with Lee in building up a campaign to encourage disenfranchised Black people to register and vote. On September 25, 1961, Lee was shot to death in broad daylight outside a cotton gin in Liberty, Mississippi by a white State Representative E.H. Hurst. After a grand jury indictment, Hurst was acquitted after a verdict of justifiable homicide was declared.” See <https://www.globalresearch.ca/sncc-veterans-gloria-richardson-dandridge-bob-moses-made-monumental-contributions-civil-rights/5751367>

A Filthy New Orleans Jail Made My Son Sick. The ‘Cruel and Unusual’ Medical Treatment at Angola Prison Killed Him July 29

“I spent 40 years working in healthcare, mostly as a certified nursing assistant, taking care of elderly and infirmed patients. I watched many people that I had spent years caring for as their health deteriorated, who ultimately passed away. None of that prepared me to watch my own son grow ill and die in prison, on the receiving end of what a federal court recently ruled was a cruel and unusual lack of care. My son Farrell Sampier was 45 when he was sentenced to 20 years in the Louisiana State prison system. He died at 51, shackled to a hospital bed. Before his arrest, Farrell worked two jobs at popular New Orleans restaurants. He was an energetic father and young grandfather to a newborn. He lived for his kids. In a sense, he died for them, too. Farrell wasn’t a violent man, but like any father I know, he wasn’t going to stand around while someone threatened and abused his daughter and his grandbaby. That was how Farrell wound up in a shooting with Antonio Miller, the father of his grandchild.” See <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2021/07/29/a-filthy-new-orleans-jail-made-my-son-sick-the-cruel-and-unusual-medical-treatment-at-angola-prison-killed-him>

Vaccinated prisoners, unvaccinated guards illustrate Biden's tricky road July 29

“The prisoners are vaccinated. Their guards aren’t. That’s a growing problem for the Biden administration. The federal prison in Oakdale, Louisiana, had one of the worst carceral coronavirus outbreaks in March 2020. At least eight prisoners died; more than 100 became ill. Today, roughly 70% of the people held there have received a vaccine, more than double the rate for prison staff.” See <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/vaccinated-prisoners-unvaccinated-guards-illustrate-bidens-tricky-road-2021-07-29/>

17 Palestinian detainees in Israeli jails start hunger strike against unfair detention Aug 1

“Occupied Palestine (QNN)- Number of hunger-striking Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails has raised to 17, Palestinian Prisoners Society said on Sunday. PPS said in a statement that the number of Palestinian detainees who have started a hunger strike in protest of their unfair administrative detention without a charge or trial in Israeli jails has raised to 17. Recently, there have been 14 detainees who started the hunger strike, and now they have become 17. The hunger-striking detainees’ health condition is deteriorating, the PPS said. One detainee has entered his fourth day of hunger strike, another one has entered his 21th day, two others have entered their 19th days, and others have entered their 13, 12 or 18 days of hunger strike.” See <https://qudsnen.co/?p=27761>

Birzeit University Student Layan Nasir Targeted Amid Israel’s Broader Silencing Campaign Against Palestinian Students August 3

“On 3 August 2021, following extended detention and interrogation, Ofer Israeli military court heard charges submitted by the military prosecutor against 21-year-old Palestinian student Layan Nasir. The charges brought against Layan target her alleged role and activities in the Democratic Progressive Student Pole, a left-bloc student organization deemed unlawful under an Israeli military order issued by the Israeli military commander in August 2020. After denying all accusations presented against Layan, Ofer military court scheduled a witness hearing session on 24 August 2021. Layan’s recent arrest is one of the latest in an intensifying crackdown by the Israeli occupation regime against all facets of Palestinian society, particularly student expression and activism.” See addameer.org

Lakota People's Law Project: My story of Line 3 resistance Aug 5

“Two hundred years ago, the region my people now occupy was also populated by the Dakota, who are part of the modern-day Great Sioux Nation. With our shared history and homelands, it is only natural that Madonna Thunder Hawk, Chase Iron Eyes, and other members of the Lakota People’s Law Project have come to join us in this fight. We are working together — alongside several other resistance camps here at Line 3 — to make a difference while we still have time. We hope to soon bring out a busload of Standing Rock members to join the frontlines. Anyone who can come will be welcomed with open arms. Just two days ago, 16 allies were arrested near the Red Lake Treaty Camp here in Minnesota. Tragically, construction of a massive portion of pipe near that camp will be complete within the next 12 hours. Meanwhile, we’re supporting the potential creation of a

second Red Lake Treaty encampment — on a large open field, on tribal land — where movement leaders hope to amass a legion of supporters in the coming weeks.” See <https://atmos.earth/line-3-sexual-violence-mmiw-climate-justice/>

How a Black Lives Matter Leader Started a ‘Freedom School’ Summer Program for Kids Aug 13

“Middle- and upper-income parents know that summers are an opportunity to give one’s children the sort of well-rounded education that can enhance future college applications. Summer camp rosters fill up months in advance, and price tags for enrichment programs can run upwards of \$500 a week. This is especially true in high-priced Southern California, where I live and where Jasmine Abdullah Richards started the Black Lives Matter Pasadena Freedom School, a free, three-days-a-week summer camp for children who live in her neighborhood.” See <https://www.pressenza.com/2021/08/how-a-black-lives-matter-leader-started-a-freedom-school-summer-program-for-kids/>

In the Spirit of Mandela Campaign

2021 IS THE YEAR TO FREE ALL U.S. HELD POLITICAL PRISONERS & POWS
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In the Spirit of Mandela: International Tribunal On Human Rights Violations & U.S. Held Political Prisoners



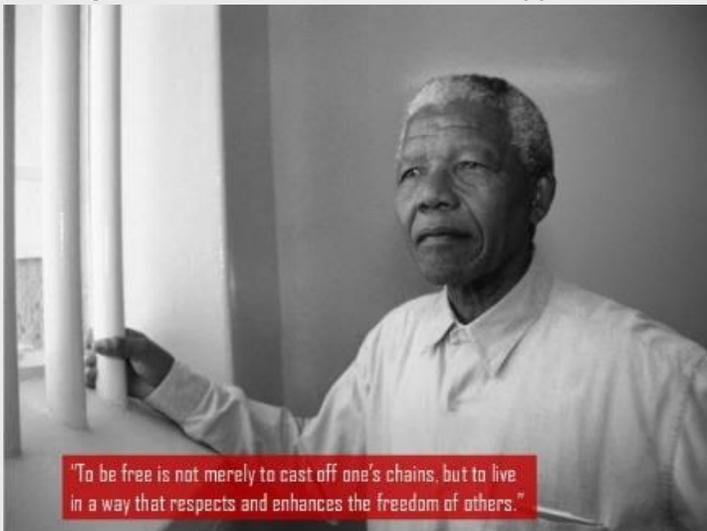
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To: All Prisoner Advocacy Organizations, Campaigns & Individuals

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 Jilil 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 – Monday, October 25, 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 spiritofmandela1@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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