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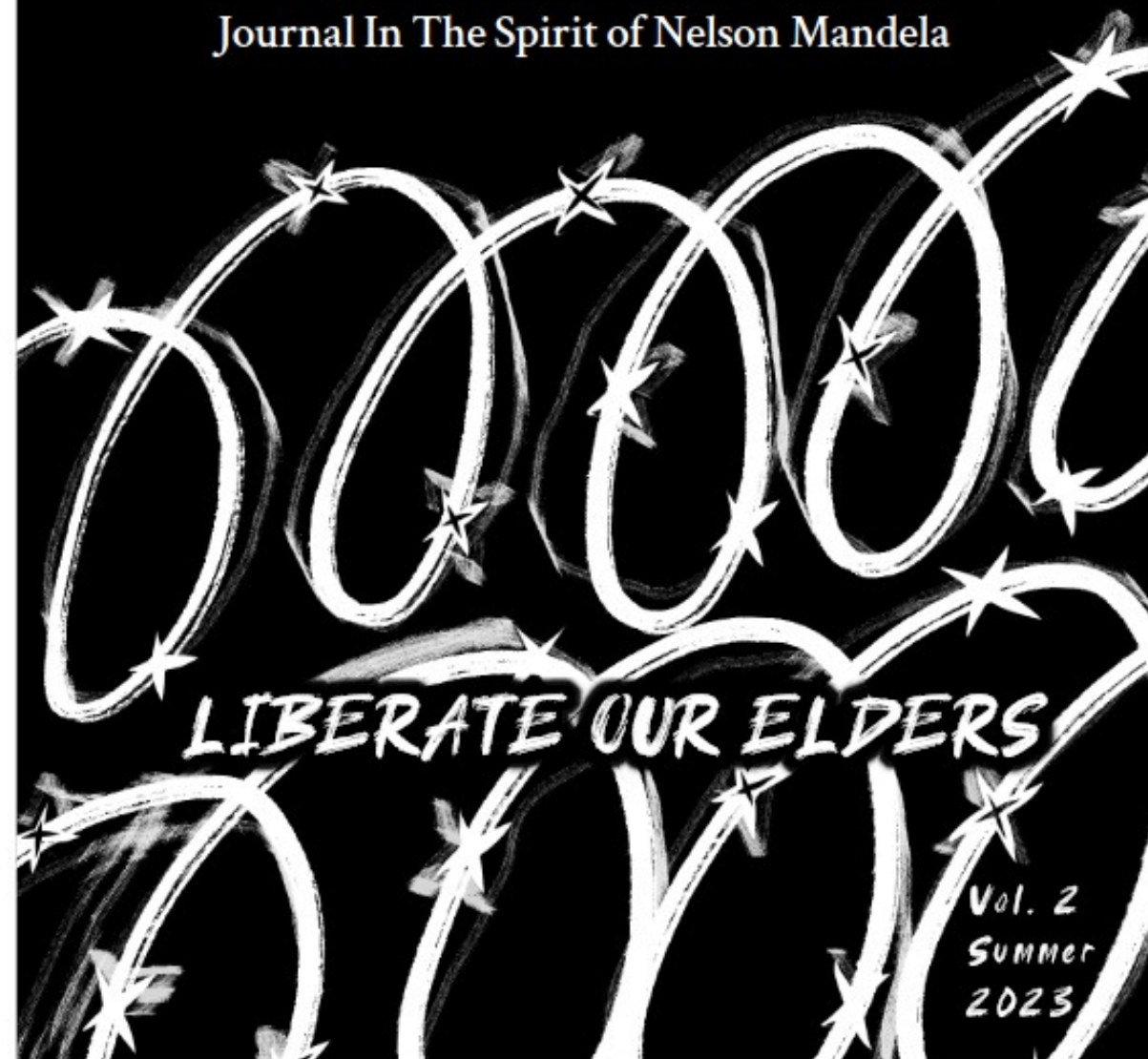
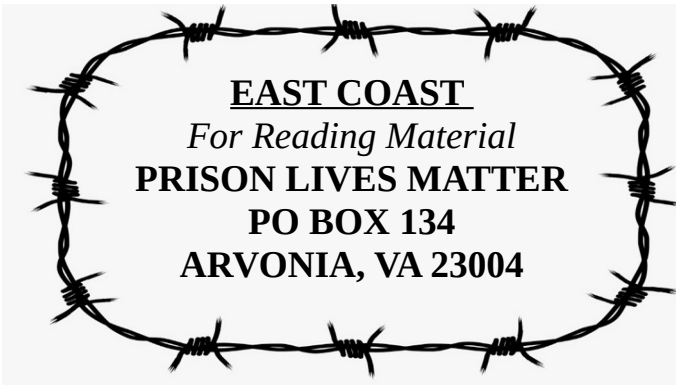


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VOLUME 2: Liberate Our Elders

Medical Neglect is a Strategic Form of Elder Abuse and Genocide!

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In the era of Comrade George Jackson, the Prison industrial slave complex was able to exercise overt forms of colonial violence and extreme counter revolutionary terrorist tactics to “neutralize” Our captive political prisoners, as they were operating at the direction of j. edgar hoover on behalf of the fbi’s COINTELPRO. In this day and age they are forced to somewhat engage in a more covert practice thru the implementation of the extremist, revolutionary, terrorist, and subversive activities in Penal Institutions Program. We know that COINTELPRO Is in full effect with it’s Black Identity Extremist Program. One of the many forms they exercise this Genocide is thru the blatant medical neglect of our Political Prisoner's and Prisoner’s of War, and the repeated denial of parole to these aging veterans. A majority of the Elders were not given the death penalty or sentences of life without parole, however, they are essentially being given death sentences from the kourts and parole board as they are being denied compassionate release or parole all together “based on the nature of their crime”. The fact of the matter is that they have served more than the mandatory minimum of their sentence for the eligibility of parole, and the nature of their “crime” is never going to change. An overwhelming number of our Comrades, including myself, are being neglected from a lack of medical treatment and the kourts “hands- off” policy that prevents them from intervening in such issues or sanctioning medical staff, gives Our captors immunity in the murders and preventable injuries caused at their hands. Our Comrades on the West Coast launched the campaign to “Liberate our Elders”, and thru the establishment of the PLM- NCC (national coordinating committee) Minister King X and myself developed a working relationship which led to Liberate Our Elders becoming one of the many formations under the PLM banner for national unification. It is thru this capacity that We will unite various Freedom Campaigns and Defense Committee’s around the country to BRING OUR ELDERS HOME NOW! This strategy will bring doctors, professors, and lawful counsel on board who are already working on the individual cases of Comrades and assist in the recruitment of others in their field. This issue of Our journal is an initiative to begin the calling for the Prison Lives Matter- Liberate Our Elders webinar panel discussion to take place in Houston, TX in the summer of 2023. We wholeheartedly believe in the concept of ‘We Are Our Own Liberators’, and with that overstanding We must continue to build and sustain a national strategy for Self-determination.

PRISON LIVES MATTER /// WHO WE ARE

Prison Lives Matter is a United Front for Political Prisoners, Prisoners of War, Politicized individuals behind enemy lines and their organizations, as well as any outside formations in unison to abolish legalized slavery. The objective of PLM is to establish a national infrastructure within the overall Prison Movement that will allow Us to implement a national strategy geared toward creating Regional Organizing Committee's on both sides of the wall. The R.O.C's will be put in place through the work of the current Prison Lives Matter - NCC (National Coordinating Committee) which is made up of some of the nation's leading Political Prisoners and their outside support networks including former PP's on the NCC like Jalil Muntaqim, and Sekou Odinga. It is the job of NCC members behind enemy lines to set forth Political Education classes and Cadre Development programs that will help transform their environment in captivity. These environments should serve as Revolutionary Universities, Liberation Schools and Cadre Training Centers so that upon re-entry into society We will have capable cadre leaders ready to step into the movement and continue the work needed to build and Rebuild our infrastructure.

Incarcerated members of the NCC will network with other captives throughout their state in order to appoint Field Marshall's capable of developing Political Education classes in each camp. This broadening of the PLM platform is what will essentially lay the foundation for the Regional Organizing Committees. Outside members of the NCC will utilize the national network of support groups, families of incarcerated individuals and other formations within the PLM Movement to establish the R.O.C's. We have witnessed the difficulties of assembling national demonstrations with limited resources and calling on Our leaders to travel around the kounrty, making these things possible only once a year. This organizing strategy of the PLM-NCC/ROC will prove most effective in terms of forming regional vanguards that are able to mobilize boots on the ground and respond to the call of action when necessary.

Rather than organizing and mobilizing, the most important work of PLM both inside & out is to EDUCATE. The Political Education of those held captive, as well as comrades and the masses is the tool needed to build resistance and sustain a movement for liberation. Prison Lives Matter is not about "reforming" the existing system. Through this United Front which operates on an anti-racist/capitalist/imperialist line.

We will strive to expose the prison industrial slave complex's hidden political & economical position of hierarchy within the united states empire. Therefore raising consciousness to the contradictions that exist on class, "race", and national oppression leading to the rise of mass incarceration/legalized slavery and the building of more state & privatized prisons. The higher calling for the *'In the Spirit of Nelson Mandela'* campaign is one calling for an International investigation into the human rights violations of prisoners that exist within the united states. However, in order to garner the recognition and support of the International community, We must establish this infrastructure and National Strategy on these shores.

WE ARE OUR OWN LIBERATORS!

Transforming these razor-wire plantations into "schools of liberation" is not a "Black thing". For whites enrolled in these "schools of liberation", synthesizing antiracist education and organizing by linking teaching with community mobilization is imperative. With these "schools of liberation" becoming an arm of the overall liberation movement, education becomes a vehicle for movement-building. The mode of education is to be used as an organizing strategy among whites, helping to recognize that white supremacy and its offspring, racism, not only fails to empower poor white people, it is a psychological trap that white people fall into that renders us politically impotent, and prevents us from mobilizing white communities in an effort to demand justice and equality for all.

The work of PLM, as I pointed out, is simply not a "Black thing", espousing such a belief prevents us from coalescing around the common goals of revolutionary justice, and an overthrow of white supremacist capitalism. We must become more progressive in our thinking. This work is a human duty, the duty of a human being who believes that all people have an equal right to be treated with respect and human dignity, that all people have a right to live free from oppression and exploitation. I, as a white person, cannot be free so long as New Afrikans and other people of color are subjected to the violence of racism and violation of their human rights. On what objective basis do I arrive at these beliefs? Is it some idealist or religious doctrine I was raised with? Do I, as Malcolm X once said about certain whites, seek to join the struggle for Black liberation to appease my conscience for all the horrible things that whites have done to the New Afrikan peoples and other non-whites in this country? If the answer to these questions were "yes", then I would have a subjective and unscientific reason for committing myself to the struggle, and thus my thinking would be clouded by idealism and subjectivity. But as I consider myself a revolutionary, I seek to be scientific in my thinking. The reason us white must be a part of this struggle is because any common liberation depends upon it. To overthrow the capitalist-imperialist system and all its functions, we must be our own and each other's liberators and stand tall in the fight against oppression.

Dare to struggle, dare to win,
Joseph "Shine White" Stewart

Tap in:

To receive zines authored by myself on the topics of anti-racist education, anti-racist organizing and other progressive works, write to: Black Bird Publishing, PO Box 11142, Durham, NC, 27703.

Shine White is a white politicized prisoner that's being held at North Carolina's only supermax facility, due to his relentless activism and political views. Send our brother some love and light: Joseph Stewart #0802041, Granville Correctional, PO Box 247, Phoenix, MD, 21311.

As the bourgeoisie will not complete the liberal democratic revolution, we must assume this task, use it to expose the increasingly fascistic character of the monopoly capitalist ruling class, we must mount an all-out campaign to amend the 13th Amendment and strike the clause that perpetuates slavery. This would force the defenders of the status quo to openly defend slavery and oppose liberal democracy.

We must demand the extension of universal suffrage to include prisoners and ex-felons, exposing that millions are denied the right to vote. We must demand that prisoners be paid the minimum wage and protected by occupational health and safety laws. We must demand an end to the racist death penalty and campaign in defense of the human rights of prisoners. In short, we must attack the main prop of class rule - the “criminal justice system”. This is the logical and necessary continuation of the Civil Rights Movement.

Amerika has some of the world’s longest-held political prisoners, including some that have been incarcerated for thirty years or more. We must expose the use of the “criminal justice system” as an instrument of political repression which commits many illegal acts. Many prisoners of war have suffered the cruelest treatment for standing up to the government’s campaign of terror. Defending imprisoned revolutionaries is an essential part of building revolution.

Under conditions of maximum repression, Komrade Kwame Shakur and other like-minded Komrades have built a united front to carry out the aforementioned tasks. Prison Lives Matter (PLM) is a united front for political prisoners, prisoners of war, politicized individuals behind enemy lines and their organizations, as well as any outside formation in unison to abolish legalized slavery.

PLM provides an infrastructure that enables prisoners to transform these razor-wire plantations into “schools of liberation” and our communities into base areas of cultural, social, and political revolution.

The work conducted by PLM is a protracted struggle, a struggle that will ultimately benefit us all. Thus, this is not a struggle that New Afrikans and other people of color can go at alone. White people, particularly the white prisoners, have a deep responsibility to enter this struggle at every level. The enemy has the capability of locking up millions of people, but we as the prisoners have the capability of transforming these razor-wire plantations into “schools of liberation”. Those who learn can teach, and when “each one teaches one”, and then another and another, the prisons are transformed from within and become the training camps of revolutionary warriors.

As Komrade Kwame has emphasized, “rather than organizing and mobilizing, the most important work of PLM both inside and out is to Educate. The political education of those held captive, as well as Komrades and the masses is the tool needed to build resistance and sustain a movement for liberation.”

For us whites, it is not enough to be simply “anti-racist” and to be “white allies”. There has to be deep societal changes amongst ourselves, despite the undeniable benefits we as whites gain from our “whiteness”.

Not only do we need to challenge the racist power structure but we must combat the racism within ourselves and our communities. Fleeing the racism of our communities, we’re simultaneously feeling the responsibility of transforming the consciousness and action in white communities which are the seed beds of racism.

To commence to taking active responsibility for white racism and to ending the white supremacist system, we must understand why both exist and who it benefits. We must educate ourselves in the suppressed history of white people’s opposition to racial oppression and genocide in Amerika, which will enable us to re-educate other whites who have been deluded by racist, white supremacist propaganda and ideology into opposing their own class interests.

Aims & Objectives

Step 1: Study & Find folks who wanna study with you

*Study material should focus on establishing structure/programs, understanding the political line that we are focused on & more importantly how to maintain that line and keep those politics in command. *See Reading List.*

Step 2: Focus on Cadre Development

Building individuals up to the point that they overstand the political line & programs, they are able to educate and train others, turning theory into practice. We can have all the theory and programs in writing but we need cadre in action or there is nothing. This includes enacting Decolonization Programs. Part of colonization is that we depend on the oppressor/establishment for education, food, clothing, housing, employment, and security. Decolonization means establishing self determination in all of these spheres. (Contact VAPAC/PLM for more details on roles etc...)

Step 3: Establish inside-out contact, coordination, & comradeship

Finding the committed individuals inside & out that are willing to correspond and network to help build the chapters/statewide structure/infrastructure through the roles of ROC (if it does not already exist in your region) Connect with National Coordinating Committee to learn more about creating this infrastructure. Once you’ve established a list of individuals inside-out set up conference calls to strategize what decolonization looks like and how to actualize it. Network with existing formations; share resources & collaborate on tactics, and form spokes councils to move ideas forward & maintain communication between formations.

Step 4: Political Steering Committee

Selecting cadre within the collective who are able to strategize and move things forward through sharing collective ideas and finding new ways to turn those ideas and theory into concrete plans of action, that’s most suitable for the collective. Doing these things with a focus on what the desires of the collective are and meeting their needs as they move forward.

Step 5: Extend your Network

*When you have social media; link up with our **FB**: “Prison Lives Matter NCC” and lets collectively share each others struggles.*

Suggested Reading List

Prison Lives Matter is a collective in which we come together as a like-minded politically oriented community to strategize on how to obtain collective liberation from an oppressive state. Currently we are focusing on cadre development, to educate ourselves on the current political climate and use our critical thinking to find ways to combat oppression. With a focus on POW Journal Book 9 cadre development section to get a better idea on how to move forward. If you would like a copy of this journal please write to us to request it.

- **New Afrikan POW Journals #1, 9 (Chapter on The Role of Revolutionary Cadre Organization) & 12 (contact us for copies of these journals)**
- **“Settlers: The Mythology of the White Proletariat” by J Sakai**
- **“Lumpen” Ed Mead**
- **“Cages of Steal” by Ward Churchill**
- **“We Are Our Own Liberators” by, Jalil Muntaqim**
- **“Meditations on Frantz Fanon's Wretched of the Earth” by, James Yaki Sayles**
- **Captive Genders: Trans Embodiment and the Prison Industrial Complex Edited by Eric A. Stanley and Nat Smith**

The Political Imprisonment of Imam Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin

Imam Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin, widely known as H. Rap Brown; one of the most articulate, outspoken critics against the evils of 'Jim Crow' americanism, oppression and tyranny ever since the late 1960's; has been unjustly held as a political prisoner by the u.s. government for the past 22 years. Ever since his early days as a 'voting-right' activist working with the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee [SNCC], an anti-war protestor and active member of the Lowndes County Freedom Organization that inspired the creation of the Black Panther Party; certain entities amongst the u.s. 'ruling-class' as well as the corporate and political elite have 'had-it-out-for-him'. His arrest on the charge of murder, subsequent conviction and imprisonment for the 'shooting-death' of a Fulton County GA. deputy sheriff, on March 16, 2000, are nothing more than punitive, vindictive measures applied as part of a long running vendetta certain key, influential members of the status-quo have held against him as a result of some perceived threat they think he poses.

In 1967 he was classified as a target in the illegal counter-intelligence program dubbed COINTELPRO initiated by J. Edgar Hoover. In July of the same year he attended a rally in Cambridge, Maryland organized by civil-rights icon Gloria Richardson. Not long after giving a fiery speech, shots rang out from which he was hit with buckshot. Later that night an elementary school was set on fire that resulted in 2 blocks and 20 buildings being burnt down. Fearing of being attacked, the whites-only local fire department refused to put out the flames. In spite of the fact that there was no looting carried-out, the event was still labeled a riot. Not surprising, the blame was put on Imam Jamil. Consequently, the u.s. congress passed the 'Civil Obedience Act of 1968' that was dubbed the 'H. Rap Brown Law'. The law made it a crime to travel from one state to another; write a letter; make a telephone call or speak on radio or television with the intent to encourage any person to participate in a riot. Later, in 1968 he was given an honorary post as Minister of Justice for the Black Panther Party. By 1970 he was placed on the FBI's '10 Most Wanted List' for failing to appear in court to face the charges of inciting to arson and riot in the Cambridge incident. In 1971 he was arrested at the scene of a New York City bar and drug-den where he was involved in a 'drug-eradication' operation to shut-it-down. After going to trial and being found guilty on attempted robbery charges, he was sentenced to five years. While in prison he embraced Islam.

Throughout the 1980's Imam Jamil worked to forge close ties with the leadership of various u.s. based Muslim organizations. In 1993, the process resulted in the formation of the 'Islamic Shura Council of North America'. This brought together, for the first time, the major Islamic organizations in the country. Not long after its inception, he was elected Amir [leader] of the council. Hence, after three decades of commitment, dedication and service to the cause of truth and justice; his selfless contribution and work towards the upliftment of the poor and oppressed culminated in his being placed in a position to spearhead the Islamic Movement in the u.s.a.

The enemies of GOD and man could not stand for such! Hence, the governments' relentless dragnet against him, that began in the late 60's, continued after decades.

In 1992, the Masjid and the West End Muslim community where he was Imam were labelled as a base for 'domestic terrorism' by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation as part of a curriculum of an 'intensive course' for law enforcement candidates taught by the Georgia State University 'Criminal Justice' department during that year's summer school semester. There was, absolutely, no merit to the claim. In 1994, the Bureau

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ShineWhite

All Power to the People,

There is not one square inch of the United States that was not stolen from the indigenous nations by force or fraud. Every treaty made by the European colonial powers or the government of the United States was broken. Every solemn promise was a lie. The most lethal genocide in history took place here, and it continues. Of all the ethnic groups in Amerika, the Native Americans are the most disproportionately represented in the imprisoned population. In every measure of the symptoms of oppression, they are scored the highest.

Rivalling the great crime committed against the indigenous people was the crime perpetrated upon the millions of Africans kidnapped from their homeland and forced into slavery in the "New World". Nearly half perished at sea during the crossing and many more worked to death or killed or maimed for resisting or attempting to flee to freedom. Stripped of their nationalities, their languages and and cultures, Black people were forged into a new nation under conditions of slavery and segregation in Amerika. The New Afrikan Nation bears the scars of centuries of oppression that is ongoing.

These two great crimes are the pillars upon which the United States was founded. The stolen lands and unpaid labor which was the source of Amerika's wealth also created the legacy of white racism and the myth of "white supremacy" which is an integral part of Amerikan culture and U.S. imperialism.

There are various levels of white racism, each with its own material base, psychological motives, and ideological and material manifestations. One of its most prominent manifestations is the U.S. prison system. The U.S. prison system remains a continuation of the slave plantation system, now intensified as the "prison-industrial complex". Lynching is legalized as "capital punishment" and torture is institutionalized as "behavior modification and control".

Nearly two and a half million people in this country are imprisoned. Many times this number are on probation, in juvenile correctional facilities, on bail awaiting trial on disposition, or are under surveillance by the police or other government agencies. Amerika is a fascist police state, and it has been so for a long time. Two thirds of the prisoners in Amerika are people of color; Blacks, Chicanos, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Asians, Native Americans etc. The other third are poor whites. A majority are imprisoned for drug-related offenses or property crimes. Even most of the "violent offenders" are in one way or another convicted of reacting to conditions imposed by class oppression and exploitation. Amerika is a nation of war, it is a war of the rich class upon the poor. The history of Black people in this country has been one of passionate resistance to this war. All too often, they have had to wage that fight alone. Black and Brown people inside these razor-wire plantations (prisons) are doing all they can - must they fight alone even now?

The liberal democratic revolution of 1776, with its promise of "liberty and justice for all" and respect for the "inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" has sputtered along and is still incomplete. The interests of the rich class keeps sidetracking it. The Civil War was a continuation of this rebellion, but the very amendment to the constitution that was supposed to end slavery (13th Amendment) contains a trick clause that continues slavery for those convicted of a crime.

In 2022, the Lawful Committee was added to the PLM National Coordinating Committee (NCC). We have attorneys and lawful counsel in Los Angeles, D.C., and Illinois who are spearheading this committee by litigating cases and recruiting other attorneys, law professors, and pre-law students around the country. The Lawful Committee will play a critical role in the PLM Liberate Our Elders webinar by working to bring in international lawyers, as well as organizing events to livestream the panel discussion on college universities around the U.S., including Harvard and Howard. We have to move in the Spirit of Mandela and put an international spotlight on the Mandela Rules, which has been passed in the U.S. general assembly and already adopted in states that have put an end to the inhuman use of long-term solitary confinement. How is that we have Political Prisoners, like Larry Hoover, who have been enslaved 49+ years and held captive in supermax facilities 23 and 1 for 27 consecutive years? This in itself is Genocide and psychological torture. We need solidarity and strategy, aided by international support in order to abolish this.

of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms unsuccessfully attempted to link him to a 'gun-running' operation in N.Y.C. In response, it was declared that the community was open and there was nothing to hide. An open invitation was even extended to the B.A.T.F. to visit the masjid.

The case of one William Miles is a classic example of counterintelligence activity directed towards the Imam. In this case he was arrested while with his 7-year old son for shooting a 22yr. old man in the West End community. In time, however, William Miles testified that he was coerced and threatened by the police in an attempt to force him to falsely implicate Imam Jamil in the incident. The charges were eventually dropped after an outpouring of massive community support charging a 'frame-up'. Ultimately, the Imam, nor anyone else, was ever identified as the shooter. Over a period of 40+ years he was never connected to illegal activity involving any of the bogus cases the government claimed he was an accomplice.

Over numerous past decades, the media has done extensive coverage on his 'militant background'. They never make mention of the fact, however, that he has been an adherent of the Islamic faith who, in the capacity of Imam [spiritual leader], led an initiative that transformed the crime-ridden section of West End Atlanta into a peaceful, progressive community wherein the widespread presence of criminal elements and out-of-control drug activity was significantly reduced.

In 1999 he began 'The Journey to Whitehall' initiative. It was a comprehensive 'community development' project envisioned to establish a concrete, viable Islamic settlement in Whitehall Alabama. It was to be complete with the sort of institutions and life-support mechanisms capable of sustaining and promoting an alternative to the western influenced way of life dominated by the pursuit of money, materialism and indulgences of the flesh. Furthermore, it would be a base for building a society founded on GOD consciousness and the ability to do good to one another; stemming from the premise that submission to The Creator becomes the source of strength that gives one the ability to be assertive in standing-up against evils that are fostered by the ignorance of disbelief and the rejection of truth. In this manner, Islam would prove to be an effective means of 'self-repair' over-riding the benefit of receiving reparations from those who hold us in contempt as a result of the fact that they held us subdued and subjugated and, therefore, see no need to apologize to or seek forgiveness from those over whom they have exercised complete control and domination.

The stamp of a true, bonafide leader is one's ability to help people make qualitative improvements in their personal lives; not so much in terms of the mundane, materialistic, superficial trappings that most place so much significance on. Rather, the quality of character that compels a person to lead a life of chastity, decency, dignity, honor, morality and respect. Those in positions of authority were well aware of his organizational and rhetorical skills to mobilize and motivate youth that could be effective all over the country. The 'Journey to Whitehall' initiative had the potential of uplifting people in an unprecedented manner. It was due to this possibility, coupled with his proven leadership ability, that the government conspired to manipulate a situation by which they were, finally, able to neutralize him through imprisonment and silence him once and for all.

Free Kamau Sadiki Now!

We are a coalition working to release seriously ill elder Kamau Sadiki from the cruel and inhumane conditions of confinement in Georgia's Department of Corrections. Kamau Sadiki (Freddie Hilton) is a man of faith, a doting father of two daughters and a loving grandfather of five. He is a veteran of the BPP, wrongfully convicted in a 30-year-old cold case murder of a Fulton County police officer. Mr. Sadiki has always maintained his innocence.

As a teenager, Kamau worked in the Free Breakfast Program, getting up every morning and cooking and feeding hungry children before they went to school. When the Free Breakfast Program was over for the day, he went into the community to sell the BPP newspaper.

While selling the paper, he continued to educate the people, organizing tenants, welfare mothers, whomever he came into contact with. He worked very hard to empower the community. Kamau Sadiki was one of the thousands of young Black men and women who made up the BPP. The rank and file members made the BPP the international political force it was.

Medical Neglect and Elder Abuse in Prison

Kamau has open infectious wounds, sarcoidosis of the liver, Hepatitis C, malnutrition, and no assigned physician. He is, therefore, being forced to do his own medical care, including dressing his own wounds, while being held captive inside one of the most notoriously COVID-19 infected and medically neglectful prison "hospitals" in the United States. It is time to bring him home.

In an interview with The Atlanta Journal-Constitution in January 2018, former Augusta State Medical Prison doctor Timothy Young said that he believes that Georgia's prison system has failed to hold doctors accountable when their negligence has caused inmate deaths. "In my 16 years, I don't have enough fingers and toes to count the bad outcomes I've seen," he said. "And I've never seen one physician disciplined (as a result).

Justice Denied

At nineteen, Kamau left New York City and lived in the Atlanta area. On November 3, 1971 Atlanta police officer James Green was murdered. Two witnesses observed three Black males run from a van where Officer Green sat at a gas station in downtown Atlanta. The witnesses failed to identify Kamau Sadiki from a photographic line-up.
Cold Case

THERE WAS NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE TO IMPLICATE MR. SADIKI. IN 1971, THE ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT CLOSED THE CASE AS UNSOLVED.

In 1999, the FBI, in their attempts to recapture Assata Shakur (the mother of one of Kamau's daughters), a political exile in Cuba, threatened Kamau Sadiki with life in prison if he did not assist them. When Sadiki refused to betray his principles and entrap her, the FBI convinced Atlanta police to re-open the cold case and charge him.

In 2001, with no eyewitness testimony and no physical evidence, the State based its case entirely upon the statements of police informants Ronald Anderson, Malik Abdur Razzaq, and Avon White, who were

fundamental transition stage of decolonization that altered Us into a "new" people on ALL levels for Our new society.

In order for Us to obtain what Frantz Fanon called a "collective mastery," and what he described as the "restoration of nationhood" for Our people, We must establish and adopt a National Strategy. We cannot achieve liberation by obsessing over the works of Marx/Lenin/Mao or Fidel/Che in struggles that took place in other countries more than 50, 60, or 100 years ago. This is why a scientific study of Our own dialectical/historical connection to capitalism is critical because it will show that We are fighting a more unique and advanced form: Neocolonialism. We are so integrated into the colonial-oppressor system that We depend on them and cannot independently survive on Our own as We stand today without the umbilical cord for schooling, jobs (economic structure), housing (land), food (agriculture), clothing, and medical care.

FROLINAN (Front for the Liberation of the New Afrikan Nation)

It was through this knowledge and overstanding that the FROLINAN handbook and FROLINAN National Strategy was established by veteran comrade Jalil Muntaqim. It is the blueprint for Us to ultimately achieve Self-Government for National Independence. The National Strategy includes our 10 Programs for Decolonization. When properly applied on an individual, organizational, and community level, this National Strategy and any of the chosen Programs for Decolonization allow us to eradicate the codependency to Our oppressor as We set forth a new path toward self-determination to control Our own destiny. When We can begin winning over Our NARN formations to collectively acknowledge, dissect, and adopt this strategy, then these Programs for Decolonization will ultimately serve as the infrastructure of Our communities around the nation.

Although the FROLINAN Handbook/National Strategy was officially put forward in the 90s, We are just now seeing the first tangible signs of its calling. A new generation of cadre having studied the setbacks and shortcomings of the past, working in unison and spirit with those very same veterans/Elders who so graciously gave Us the science in the New Afrikan POW Journals: Books 1-12, We are able to again start (re)building for Our restoration of nationhood. Following the teachings of Baba Jalil, his younger cousin Abbas Muntaqim and comrades in Oakland, California established the People's Programs five years ago based on the concept of *We Are Our Own Liberators* and FROLINAN's National Strategy, including a physical location to house these programs and a mobile health clinic to administer the work.

Jalil himself was finally freed from captivity in October 2020 after serving 49 years and immediately got to work implementing the People's Liberation Programs of Rochester, New York. Following these examples, New Afrikan Liberation Collective (NALC) has purchased a building in my own community that will serve as People's Programs for Decolonization in Terre Haute, Indiana. Jalil, Abbas, and I hope that by creating these infrastructures on the East, West, and Midwest, the programs and participation of the people will set an example for the entire Movement both inside and out to come together in Class Struggle for National Unity.

The "PLM: Liberate Our Elders Webinar and Panel Discussion" is a proposal for national unification and a continuation in Our cry of Genocide to the international community. We are proposing that this event be held at the Prince Compound in Houston, Texas, during the summer of 2023.

amendment. This is not the way the world works. One power doesn't force another sovereign group of peoples into involuntary citizenship through birth certificates/social security numbers to strip them of a national identity and preventing them from Independence. That is Genocide and colonialism. Following its own patterns 100 years later, they again feared New Afrikan peoples achieving National Independence for Self-Government and the u.s. government sent its colonial forces into Our community to murder, frame, and enslave Our Freedom Fighters. The International Laws that we were supposed to be protected under also state that during the course of Our national liberation struggles, We have the right to defend Ourselves "by any means," including armed struggle, if the government that We are fighting against engage in armed colonial violence against the people.

The International Laws that We were supposed to be protected under also state that in any case where Our Freedom Fighters are captured, they shall be tried and treated as Political Prisoners (PPs). Instead, these brothers/sisters were captured and charged as criminals. In some cases, they were hunted and assassinated or enslaved and held in solitary confinement for years, and even physically tortured as in the case of Sekou Odinga.

There is no hiding or denying the dialectical/historical link between the colonization and national oppression of New Afrika to the creation of the 13th amendment and mass incarceration. Dialectical/historical materialism means to overstand the science of Our socioeconomic reality, the cause and effect of capitalism. Therefore, once We know how and why these prisons exist, then and only then can We have a serious conversation about prison abolition. That is why i say that this movement We are (re)building isn't to complain about poor prison conditions. We have to tie this work into the united front and the programs for decolonization that stem from it.

We are presenting a case to the international community of Genocide and domestic neocolonialism inside the u.s., where We have been denied the right to control Our own educational, economic, political, cultural, or social development which has historically led to the destruction of Our community, creating a rise in economic "crimes" or what I call acts of survival that have formed a pipeline from the ghetto to the PISC.

There are organizations/formations and individuals in every state who identify as revolutionaries or pro abolitionist. We have ones in each region who identify as New Afrikan Revolutionary Nationalist (NARN). However, it does very little in regard to the overall objective for decolonization on a national level when We are operating in a state of fragmented sectarianism. When I say "decolonization," i'm not simply speaking about New Afrikan/"Black" people separating from euro-americans or the u.s. government. That narrow definition and concept comes from a basic/narrow understanding of colonialism, thinking of it only the PHYSICAL sense or the kidnapping of Afrikan peoples and our colonization on this land. Slave masters, the colonial government, and the PISC would not still be successful in Our captivity as a nation had they remained content with only holding Us in physical bondage on plantations.

Through our studies, We are educated to overstand colonialism as it operates on an educational, economic, political, cultural, social, spiritual, psychological/mental level. Once We were colonized on the latter two, it made it easier for Our people to be integrated and assimilated into the neocolonial period on all other levels. Therefore, if We were to win Our struggle for national independence, prisons were abolished, and We were to simply decolonize on paper or by geographical location, We would still suffer from capitalism/colonialism on a mental and cultural level because We didn't go through the

present in Atlanta at the time. Kamau Sadiki was arrested in 2002 in Brooklyn, New York some thirty one years after the murder.

Important Testimony Excluded at Trial

In addition to the lack of any physical evidence, John Thomas' former wife's testimony was excluded from the trial. Her testimony would have included two conversations where others admitted their participation in the murder of the officer. Mr. Thomas, now deceased, who knew Kamau, made statements exonerating him, stating that Kamau Sadiki had nothing to do with the shooting. Judge Manis ruled such testimony by Ms. Ignae Thomas inadmissible and excluded the testimony from the jury's consideration. Judge Manis also included a conspiracy charge to the jury when there was no evidence of such and she also admitted into evidence inflammatory statements regarding Mr. Sadiki's participation in the BPP and allegations of misdeeds by the BPP, all of which were unrelated to the murder. Defense attorney Akil Secret told jurors the case didn't get any better after three decades. "This is a case based on rumors, hearsay, suspicion, and, yes, some lies. We think the evidence will show that justice delayed is justice denied."

On November 10, 2003, Judge Stephanie Manis sentenced Kamau Sadiki to life imprisonment for murder and ten years to run consecutively for armed robbery after the jury found him guilty.

Judge Manis was also the presiding judge in Kamau's motion for a new trial, filed by Appellate Attorney Stephen Scarborough, which was heard on April 23, 2009, in Fulton County Superior Court. Judge Manis, who also presided over the trial frame up and unjust conviction of yet another BP veteran, Imam Jamil Al-Amin, of course upheld all of her own biased decisions in the initial trial, and Kamau's appeal was denied.

The Only Solution is Release

While Kamau has been unjustly imprisoned, his two daughters graduated from college and now have families of their own. In order to address the ongoing medical neglect and wrongful conviction, the only solution is for Kamau to be released. His family has been waiting for a long time to welcome him home.

Please write to Kamau, send a card, join the campaign, donate and show Kamau and his family your support.

Freddie Hilton (Kamau Sadiki) #0001150688
Augusta State Medical Prison, Bldg 23A-23001
Gordon Highway, Grovetown, GA 30813

Although he legally changed his name to Kamau Sadiki when he became a Muslim, Georgia refuses to recognize this, so all correspondence must be addressed to Freddie Hilton.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

For more on what you can do and for future actions, please

VISIT US AT:

<https://linktr.ee/FreeKamauSadiki>

OR CONTACT US AT:

kamausadikicampaign@gmail.com

Elders in Prison: Geriatric Release

Geriatric Release (allowing elderly people to leave prison) continues to be a major topic in what is called criminal justice. The Bureau of Prisons acknowledges that the number of older prisoners is growing at an alarming rate. Both federal and state institutions are ill-equipped to meet the specific needs of this demographic, and it is costing taxpayers an outrageous amount of money to keep them incarcerated. This has caused experts to bring their professional opinion of geriatric release to the forefront.

The number of older prisoners in the United States has seen a sharp increase. America has the largest number of prisoners aged 50 or older; this population has grown 282% between 1981 to 2011 (HRW2012). That increase is more than any other industrialized society including the United Kingdom, Japan, and America's neighbor to the north, Canada, who has the lowest increase. Current estimates show that by 2030 people over 55 will make up one-third of America's prison population (Incarcerated Older Adults; Tina Maschi PHD, Adriana Kaye BA).

The increase of the United State's older prisoners has been spearheaded by the 1980's introduction of "tough-on-crime" policies. What followed was stricter sentencing laws along with other approaches that lead to growing old or even dying while incarcerated. More than 3,000 (5%) United State's prisoners, mostly aged 50 or older, die in prison each year (HRW, 2012; Phillips et al., 2011). The large and accelerating number of older inmates highlights the fact that prisons are not designed to be long term care facilities. Institutions lack programs that promote physical, cognitive, emotional, social, and the overall wellbeing of older adults. In the United States, only 4% of State Correctional Institutions promote any type of geriatric-specific service (Thivierge-Rikard & Thompson 2007).

Even with little to no specific services, keeping elders incarcerated continues to cost taxpayers a ridiculous amount of money. It is at least twice the cost to imprison an elderly person than a younger one. Experts estimate that it costs between \$60,000 to \$70,000 per year to keep older people imprisoned (National Institute of Corrections). Of course, much of this cost stems from greater healthcare needs.

The Bureau of Prisons limits its sentence reductions to extraordinary circumstances and/or compelling reasons. These grounds are divided into three categories: medical, non-medical, and elderly. Though geriatric release is available, it is rarely used, mainly due to political considerations and public opinion (vera.org).

But, geriatric release does not reduce public safety. Prisoners over the age of 55 have a recidivism rate of only 15%. Moreover, prisoners granted geriatric release recidivate at a barely noticeable rate of 3.5%(DOJ Office of Inspector General). As a prisoner ages, their risk of committing crime decreases dramatically.

The number of older prisoners is alarming and it continues to grow. As inmates age, their health declines in institutions that are ill-equipped to meet their unique needs. In turn, taxpayers are forced to pay astronomical amounts of money to keep elders imprisoned. Evidence shows that the risk of committing crime decreases exponentially as prisoners age. Experts consider all factors as they acknowledge geriatric release as a viable option for the United States.

If elders recidivate at such a low rate while the cost to house them is extremely high, why do we still insist on keeping them imprisoned for long periods of time? Geriatric release does not decrease public safety, but it does decrease the sky-high cost to house them. "This is something that everyone should support from a common sense, if not humanitarian, position" (Compassionate Release).

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Continuing Our Cry of Genocide

By Kwame Beans Shakur,

Co-founder and Chairman of New Afrikan Liberation Collective

National Director of Prison Lives Matter

As We begin calling on Our many formations/campaigns under the Prison Lives Matter (PLM) banner to unite for the organizing and promotion of the "Prison Lives Matter: Liberate Our Elders Webinar and Panel Discussion", We must be clear on Our aims and objectives within the overall prison movement. This is a continuation of the Spirit of Mandela (SOM) International Tribunal in Oct. 2021 and the monumental conclusions that found the u.s. guilty of Genocide on all five counts.

Being held within the belly of the beast, We are in a constant state of war and suffering from colonial violence on all levels. This sometimes leads to Us engaging in "on the go politics," meaning We are constantly reacting to those individual attacks and organizing around issues with no long-term strategy in place.

The objective of PLM is to break down the dialectical/historical connection between the colonization and national oppression of the New Afrikan/Indigenous/Chicano nations within the u.s. empire through the 13th and 14th amendments, which give rise to the Prison Industrial Slave Complex (PISC). There cannot be a disconnect between the New Afrikan/"Black" movement for National Independence/Self-Government and the movement to abolish legalized prison slavery because they are one and the same. PLM and SOM are not about complaining how bad prison food and conditions are. We are building infrastructure and calling on the international community to aid Us in Our struggle for self-determination. In the course of doing so, We must educate the world to the true politics of imprisonment in the u.s. and the role these prisons helped play in the repression of anti-colonial movements during the high tide of Our struggles in the 1960s and 70s.

Following the teachings and direction of Brother Malcolm X, a number of Our leaders, including his widow, Sister Betty Shabazz, assembled in Detroit, Michigan for the Black Government Convention in 1968 to declare Ourselves free and independent from u.s. colonial shackles. International law gives us the right to proclaim our nationality and affirms that no one should be arbitrarily denied their right to a nationality. During the conference in Detroit we established our New Afrikan creed, New Afrikan Declaration of Independence, New Afrikan constitution, and a governing body, known as the provisional government of the Republic of New Afrika. The colonial government and the United nations then and now refuse to acknowledge this as a legitimate struggle for national liberation. The u.s. only honors International Law and General Assembly protocol when it applies to them or an allied nation that supports its capitalist conquest of the world. After the emancipation/"freeing" of the slaves in 1865, We began building a "new" Afrikan nation in the Black Belt territory. The same individuals who had just "given Us Our freedom" noticed that We were developing Our own political infrastructure, becoming economically self-sufficient, and feared that we would soon be ready to defend Ourselves on a military level over the land for Self-Government.

Knowing that we wouldn't peacefully go back onto plantations in handcuffs and shackles, they sent the u.s. army into Our territory and disarmed Our people, murdered some of Our leaders and announced that we were now paper citizens of the u.s. and that "all men were equal" under the 14th

and undermine the anti-prison movement by preventing the prisoner-class from coalescing as one United Front.

No matter who you are, what reputation you have, or what organization you belong to, none of us are immune to being targeted this way.

Geronimo Ji Jaga, formerly Geronimo Pratt, a well-known and respected leader of the Los Angeles chapter of the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense was expelled from the Party after the FBI planted a false story in a newspaper claiming he was one of their paid informants.

Comrade Shaka Shakur, co-founder of the New Afrikan Liberation Collective, in an article published in the San Francisco Bay View newspaper entitled, "They say the police said I was a snitch, but what does that make you?," detailed how pigs in the Indiana Department of Corrections sought to have him neutralized by leaking a false rumor among general population inmates that he was a snitch.

These are just two examples among countless others but how can we overcome it.

"If you know your enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of hundred battles. If you know yourself but not enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle."

These wise words from Sun Tzu is relevant today because as the political pendulum begins the swing back towards fascist "law and order," the prison industrial slave complex will become more oppressive and more entrenched. Thus, necessitating the need for us to unite and marshal our forces under the banner of Prison Lives Matter.

But if we are to succeed and suffer the least amount of setbacks and defeats, we have to be conscious of the methods the enemy class employs to disrupt our Movement.

My Cancer Diagnosis and the Disease of Denied Prison Medical Care

by Kevin 'Rashid' Johnson

On July 1, 2022, I was informed by a prison doctor here at Virginia's Nottoway Correctional (sic!) Center (NCC) that I had tested positive for prostate cancer.

This diagnosis came after I had been left for months by NCC medical staff with known blood test results showing that my PSA (prostate specific analysis) levels were extremely high, evidencing likely prostate-related illness. This delay in followup testing and treatment left the cancer to develop or advance beyond stages at which it might have been less serious.

First signs

My PSA levels were first tested on Oct. 8, 2021, at which time the reading was 14.3, way above a 4, which is considered the normal level. My PSA level was tested as part of routine blood tests that I receive biannually as part of my ongoing treatment for chronic hypertension. The prison doctor recognized the reading to be abnormal and told me as much when he saw me a few days after the blood tests for my routine hypertension checkup. He ordered a followup PSA test to determine if the results were correct or a "fluke," because, according to him, the PSA tests sometimes come back with erroneous elevated readings. He told me he would see me again after this second test to discuss the results.

A followup blood test was administered on Nov. 10, 2021. I would later discover that this reading came back even higher, at 14.6. The doctor never saw me again.

Second signs

My next regularly scheduled hypertension-related blood tests were taken six months later. My PSA levels came back again at 14.6. A few days later I was seen by the chronic care nurse named Bendyl for my routine hypertension checkup. At that time she told me that my PSA levels were extremely high and had been when I was seen on chronic care six months before. She expressed concern that I had not been sent immediately out to a urology clinic for examination and testing after the abnormal PSA test results six months before. I mentioned that this was clear malpractice. In response she assured me that she would have me promptly seen by a urologist.

Testing and diagnosis

On March 22, 2022, I was taken out of the prison to a urologist for initial consultation and scheduled for an MRI and biopsy. The MRI was performed on May 26, 2022. I was told nothing about the results by NCC medical staff, so I filed a complaint within the prison. In response I was told I would be seen on sick call that week. I was not seen.

I was then taken out to the Medical College of Virginia on June 23, 2022, to receive a biopsy. At that time hospital staff told me the results of the May 26 MRI. I was told that it showed a "spot" in my prostate that might be cancer. This area, they explained, would be targeted in the biopsy along with other random areas. Thirteen specimens were taken from my prostate during the biopsy.

I was able to speak to an NCC doctor named York, not the doctor who saw me in 2021, while I was in the medical department a few days after my biopsy. This was a chance meeting, where he happened to walk past me going on his lunch break and I stopped him to raise concerns about my possible condition and lack of prompt care.

He immediately acknowledged that from my description, my situation had not been properly addressed and committed to look into it. He also assured me that he would have me brought to the medical department a week later by which time the biopsy results should be available which he would share with me.

On July 1, 2022, Dr. York called me to the medical department and read the biopsy results to me. It was found that 11 of the 13 specimens taken from my prostate showed positive for cancer. Also that I suffered prostatitis. But for my chance encounter with him the week before no one would have told me of my diagnosis. And had I not pressed the issue with nurse Bendyl during my April 2022 hypertension chronic care visit, I may never have been sent to a urologist for testing and diagnosis.

A cancerous prison system

This is typical of prison medical departments. On a routine basis, prisoners are left to suffer, deteriorate and die from lack of care or from substandard care. I've written about this condition in relation to other prisoners many times over the years, in the many prisons and prison systems I have been confined to. My acute awareness of this disregard for our health needs is one reason I am extremely vocal and vigilant in pressing officials to address and follow up on my and others' medical care needs.

This is but another layer of the inhumanity that inheres in the U.S. mass imprisonment system, which demands that this system be razed to the ground and that one oriented to healing people be erected by the people in its place.

Dare to Struggle Dare to Win!

All Power to the People!

Sowing Seeds of Distrust Among the Prisoner-Class and the Necessity of Prison Lives Matter

By Uhuru B. Rowe

October 26, 2022

How many of you have ever heard of COINTELPRO? COINTELPRO is short for Counterintelligence Program which was an illegal and secret program created by staunch racist and former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. The origins of COINTELPRO extends all the way back to the 1950s when Hoover and his goons were working overtime to surveil and disrupt the activities of the Communist Party USA amid the so-called Red Scare. In the 1960s it was expanded to target other progressive and revolutionary organizations like the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, Students for a Democratic Society, American Indian Movement, Young Lords Organization, Republic of New Afrika and the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense which, by 1968, had become the primary target of COINTELPRO.

Hoover, through COINTELPRO, employed a host of counterrevolutionary tactics to disrupt the influence and organizing activities of the Movement, including spying, frame-ups, infiltration, illegal wiretaps, etc. It is well-known that the informants and uncover agents (UA) who infiltrated said organizations played a major role in providing the FBI with critical and sensitive information about their leadership, politics, programs, finances, supporters, and general organizing activities. What is not well-known is the degree to which informants and UA were used to spread false rumors that respected leaders were UA for the FBI. Hoover knew these false rumors, if successful, would discredit respectable leaders, foster disunity, sow seeds of decent, fractionalize the ranks, and disrupt the various liberation struggles.

Though COINTELPRO was exposed and dismantled in 1971, the residual effects of it continues with disinformation campaigns against Black Lives Matter and recent attacks against Comrades with the African Peoples Socialist Party, African Peoples Socialist Committee, and the International Peoples Democratic Uhuru Movement. The residual effects of it also remains behind the walls.

What is one the ways it exist behind the walls? The outright assassination of our imprisoned political leaders like Comrades W. L. Nolan, Alvin Miller, Cleveland Edward, and George Lester Jackson is no longer the acceptable practice. Like Comrade Kwame Shakur said in his essay Medical Neglect is a Strategic Form of Elder Abuse and Genocide, "In this day and age they are forced to somewhat engage in a more covert practice ..." Discrediting incarcerated freedom fighters via rumors and snitch-jacketing is one of those covert practices but can be just as effective.

Prison officials, including their institutional investigators, routinely direct inmate informants to spread false rumors among the prisoner-class that imprisoned freedom fighters are snitches and informants for the prison administration. This is done to accomplish three goals: 1) to discredit and tarnish the reputation of imprisoned freedom fighters and other natural leaders so they will no longer be able to organize and influence their peers in a revolutionary manner; 2) to isolate imprisoned freedom fighters to such a degree that they are no longer respected, but are shunned, viewed as an enemy collaborator, treated with hostility, assaulted or even killed; and most importantly 3) severely weaken

investigation, five days after the fact; signed the report for his supervisor, then determined that my verbal altercation was a violation of the conditions of my placement.

According to the DOM, PO M. Kiss could have used the “activity report” to document the unsubstantiated allegations of Miss Jane Esparza and the conclusions of his cursory review of the matter and left me in place, as there was minimal risk to persons involved.

In fact, the application of “less progressive sanctions” to resolve this matter should have been taken. But because of who I was as a high-profile parolee, my prison history and involvement in the Hunger Strikes of 2011- 2013 (which Parole Officer M. Kiss found in the CDC Form 112, “Chronological Inmate History”) and my constant challenge to his authority and misuse of power, I was violated.

In my humble opinion, it was this last thing that he most took issue with. His unlawful influence over administrative staff at Asbury Park Nursing and Rehab Center and their capitulation without question is wrong. There’s absolutely no other reason why Parole Officer M. Kiss would falsify the report, do an emergency action request and exacerbate the situation as if there was a threat to public safety.

Violence between races in prison has always been a way for staff to control inmates, play politics and keep repressive policies in place. So, any man or group of men who creates an anti-hostility program is a threat to the status quo.

Nube: How do you consider yourself in relation to the historic California Hunger Strikes and the Agreement to End Hostilities?

Sitawa: I’m the spearhead of both the Hunger Strikes and the Agreement to End Hostilities, and a key class member in the Ashker litigation. Sounds like probable cause to me – I’m a revolutionary humanist and prisoner rights activist.

In conclusion, the keystone of the strategy required to win the war against injustice is unity; a consolidated effort by groups of honest and truly humanist folk like y’all. The primary weapon is simply love.

In struggle,

Brother Sitawa Jamaa

Send our brother some love and light:

Sitawa Nantambu Jamaa (Ronnie Dewberry),

C35671, CHCF D2A-102,

P.O. Box 213040, Stockton CA 95213.

Rashid Johnson, a prisoner in Virginia who was transferred to Oregon in 2012 and subsequently to Texas, Florida, Indiana, Ohio and currently back to Virginia, has been held in segregation since 1993. While in prison, he founded the New Afrikan BPP and its successor, the RIBPP. As a writer, Rashid has been compared to George Jackson, and he is also the renowned artist who drew the image that became the icon of the California hunger strikes. See his writing and art at rashidmod.com. Send our brother some love and light: Kevin Johnson, 1007485, Nottoway CC, 2892 Schutt Rd, Burkeville VA 23922.

What we can do to save Rashid’s life

Message from Mary Ratcliff: Rashid is calling on all his supporters to call the Virginia authorities and urge that his cancer treatment begin immediately. Because I have cancer and am in touch with many friends who do as well, Rashid asked me to write a message for us to relay to the authorities; the contact info is below. Here’s the message:

“My name is _____. My friend Kevin Johnson, #1007485, housed at Nottoway, just learned from the prison doctor that he has prostate cancer. Tests he took last October and November indicated that diagnosis almost certainly, but no biopsy was performed until April and the results reported to him on July 1. Eleven of 13 biopsies are positive for prostate cancer. “Cancer kills, and it can kill fast. A friend with prostate cancer says his treatment started immediately upon diagnosis in an effort to stop the cancer from spreading to his lymph nodes and on to his bones, where it would be fatal. The Virginia Department of Corrections has already failed in its responsibility to provide even minimal care. Mr. Johnson’s thousands of supporters are shocked to hear of these inexcusably long delays in diagnosis. The best possible treatment must begin now. No obstacle must be allowed to cause further delay.”

Personalize the message if you can, and send it to the following Virginia Department of Corrections authorities:

- Virginia Interstate Compact Administrator Kyle Rosch, 804-887-8404, Kyle.rosch@vadoc.virginia.gov
- VADOC Director Harold W. Clarke, 804-674-3000; harold.clarke@vadoc.virginia.gov. For snail mail to the director’s office, use P.O. Box 26963, Richmond, VA 23261.
- VADOC Deputy Director of Corrections Joseph Walters, 804-887-7982, Joseph.walters@vadoc.virginia.gov — serving as acting director until July 13
- VADOC Director of Health Services Steve Herrick, 804-887-8118, steve.herrick@vadoc.virginia.gov or healthservicesinquiries@vadoc.virginia.gov
- Nottoway Correctional Center Warden Clint Davis, 434-767-5543, clint.davis@vadoc.virginia.gov, 2892 Schutt Rd., Burkeville, VA 23922
- Nottoway Correctional Center Health Service Administrator Ruth Smith, ruth.smith@vadoc.virginia.gov; she was listed as the Nottoway Health Service Administrator in a 2020 document found by supporter Sam Rosen.

I’m afraid the Virginia authorities, who have wanted to get rid of Rashid for years, shipping him to states reputed to be most cruel, have seized on cancer as the cure for their problem. WE THE PEOPLE MUST RETURN RASHID TO GOOD HEALTH! DEMAND COMPASSIONATE RELEASE! BRING RASHID HOME NOW! Don’t let cancer and medical delays take him from us. He’s the captain of the ship to abolish slavery and improve prison conditions and must be able to guide it into port.

BRING OUR ELDERS HOME! AN INITIATIVE TO FREE AMERIKAN POLITICAL PRISONERS AND PRISONERS OF WAR (2023)

By Kevin "Rashid" Johnson

The National Coordinating Committee of Prison Lives Matter (PLM) has taken on the work of organizing to bring home our elder political prisoners and prisoners of war, who, as Comrade Kwame Shakur has pointed out, have been in many cases condemned to de facto death sentences within Amerika's razor wire plantations. Many have been subjected to the hardships and torture of denied treatment for life threatening medical conditions like cancer and hepatitis C. Some have died as a result.

Amerika's is the most sinister and deceitful of political systems. Built on genocide and forced enslavement of people of color, capitalist robbery of workers and robbery of the ENTIRE underdeveloped world through colonialism and now neocolonialism, public lynchings of those who struggled to gain a foothold against its racist terror, and mass imprisonment to dispose of those who cannot be put to profitable use by the corporate forces that own and control the wealth and political power in society, noone should doubt the depths to which this system will descend to repress those who dare expose and challenge it. Counterintelligence has ALWAYS been a part of its notions of self-preservation. Hence the forced exiles, and imprisonment and attempted eradication of political opponents.

It's imperative that we bring these designs and the roles and plights of the victims of U.S. repression to public light. And not just to inform the masses but to mobilize them to defend those who are being abused, neglected and targeted with death because they struggled to expose and challenge this system in service to the people.

In addition to other initiatives, PLM is organizing a webinar for the summer of 2023 aimed at mobilizing awareness and support for freeing our elder PP/POWs.

We need maximum attention and support given to these events.

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Retaliatory officer snatches medical parole from Elder Sitawa

After decades behind bars and tortured by solitary confinement, the struggle continues for Sitawa Nantambu Jamaa fighting for his freedom and prisoner human rights.

Introduction: In 2021, Sitawa Nantambu Jamaa was on his way home on medical parole – after 31 years of solitary confinement and 42 years in prison – when prison corruption reared its ugly head again. Our beloved New Afrikan Revolutionary Humanist was forced back into custody at the California Health Care Facility due to the lies and denial of due process by his parole officer, outlined in the story below, and where he now is on a hunger strike protesting medical abuse.

An interview with Sitawa Nantambu Jamaa by Editor Nube Brown

Nube: Brother Sitawa, how are you and what's been going on?

Sitawa: I'm OK, dealing with the ins and outs of this medical stuff and the corruption that is such an integral part of the system. It's as if they are in another world, judging the people in affairs of this world – some parallel universe-type stuff.

On Nov. 16, 2021, I went to a hearing for the false allegations made by this woman Jane Esparza. The senior hearing officer not only looked at my physical condition and then actually found that I was able bodied enough to attack Miss Esparza but also to pull her hair, grab her left arm and punch her in the back of her head and cheek area – from behind her!

The senior hearing officer saw that I not only need help getting into my wheelchair, but also someone to push me in my wheelchair to the yard. Doctors and other specialists could have told the senior hearing officer that it is physically impossible for me to accomplish any of the stuff that I am accused of.

Nube: You're accused of assault on a non-guard. Will you tell us why this is a lie?

Sitawa: My stroke left me with a condition medically known as Erosive Osteoarthritis secondary to the Palmar Fibromatosis. So, making a fist, grabbing and normal hand functions are utterly impossible. Since being housed at this institution, I've been forced to learn how to do things like turn over to one side with a nurse's help while being changed or moving my wheelchair around a little bit while in the room or cell. I still need 98% of things done for me (shave, brush my teeth, cook my food, shower, transfer and navigate the room or yard in my chair), but it's all because of my frustration with the Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) and nursing staff who are not on point to help me all day. At great cost, I gave the senior hearing officer a written statement to be included in the final report as my official statement. But he totally disregarded it, thereby denying me due process of law.

Nube: What is/was the aim and purpose for requesting to postpone your Jan. 7, 2022, hearing for six months?

Sitawa: I've already drafted a 602 on Parole Officer M. Kiss and sent it to Northern Regional Parole Administrator Julie Kaplan, and began the process of 602ing the hearing process and finding of guilt based on he-said-she-said bullcrap, by Parole Officer M. Kiss.

Listen, my People, according to the DOM (Department Operations Manual), in order for there to be a violation of parole, there must be a set of conditions or special conditions of parole as specified on a CDCr Form 1515. If there was an assault or battery on a non-officer there would have been: 1) a police or sheriff report and 2) a "charge code" based on that police report in the CDCr Form 1521-a. But there is not! This supports the violation.

Nube: How does this support the violation?

Sitawa: Because Parole Officer II M. Kiss, acting in collusion with Parole Officer II T. Davis from the Sacramento-Natomas Parole Unit, wrote a fake violation report, did a partial review, not an

Each State-based Strategic Release Committee (SRC) will develop a list of Prisoners in their state who meet this criteria, develop a petition demanding they be granted Strategic Release, and mobilize a state and national campaign in support of their release. This petition will specifically deal with New Afrikan California Prisoners.

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PETITION FOR STRATEGIC RELEASE

We humbly demand that the following Politically Conscious Prisoners be granted Parole, Pardon or Clemency under conditions of Strategic Release. For the past 25 to 50 years, these imprisoned activists have consistently served the Afrikan-Amerikan (i.e., New Afrikan) community, and they have been on the front-line combatting Black-on-Black gang violence, transforming the Black Criminal Mentality, Drug Abuse, Teenage Pregnancy/Promiscuity, and have been consistent leaders, innovators and contributors in the Movement to stabilize the Afrikan-Amerikan Community. Their release would have a major positive impact, not only in the New Afrikan Community (i.e., Afrikan Amerikan), but in society as a whole. We will provide the necessary proof of their service to our communities, and thousands of signatures in support of their Strategic Release.

The People request the Strategic Release of the following eligible activists:

- 1) Sitawa Nantambu Jamaa (s/n Ronald Dewberry), C-35671 Salinas Valley State Prison, Yard 1, C-1-118 P.O.Box 1050, Soledad, CA 93960
 - 2) Abdul Olugbala Shakur (s/n James Harvey), C-48884KVSP, B-2-117P.O. Box 5102, Delano, CA 93216
 - 3) James X. Baridi Williamson, D-34288 Salinas Valley State Prison, Yard 1, C-1-118 P.O. Box 1350, Soledad, CA 93960
 - 4) Ifoma Modibo Kanbon (s/n Darell Burnett), B-60892CSATF, C-3-218P.O. Box 5246 Corcoran, CA 93212
 - 5) Joka Heshima Jinsai (s/n Shannon Denham), J-38283KVSP, B-2-117P.O. Box 5102, Delano, CA 93216
- a) Sitawa Nantanbu Jamaa, 30 1/2 years in solitary confinement, 37 years in prison. b) Abdul Olugbala Shakur, 32 years in solitary confinement, 35 1/2 years in prison. c) Baridi X. Askari, 28 years in solitary confinement, 32 1/2 years in prison. d) Ifoma Modibo Kambon, 38 years in solitary confinement, 42 1/4 years in prison. e) Joka Heshima Jinsai, 20 years in solitary confinement, 27 years in prison.

NOTE: This is the initial list of eligible candidates; once the campaign for Strategic Release expands in support and resources, we will add the names of additional California imprisoned activists who meet the criteria for Strategic Release.

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Amend The 13th: On the vital importance of ‘Strategic Release’ to Community Development

Greetings Sistas and Brothas.

As the National Agenda of ‘Amend the 13th’ continues to find resonance with the People, we see great enthusiasm for its major components such as support for the Millions for Prisoners March, the Autonomous Infrastructure Mission (A.I.M.) and the Abolition Petition, but of equal importance is public support for the concept of ‘Strategic Release.’

What has fueled the legacy of legal slavery in Amerika from the Jim Crow era to the present day is unstable and intentionally underdeveloped communities. One of the chief contributors to this instability is systematic recidivism and lack of effective leadership in the process of community development, reclamation and stability. U.S. policies of mass incarceration have fractured family units, have exacerbated generational poverty, have facilitated the school to prison pipeline and have solidified social containment policies for New Afrikans, Latinos and the poor into concrete barriers to social progress no less real than the prison walls which hold so many.

A New Progressive Mentality

But this process of systematic dehumanization also produces its opposite: New Men and Women who have been transformed by their experiences with the productive system into genuine social progressives, the very antithesis to this structural hate. Such New Men and Women have given their very lives to transforming the criminal mentality into a progressive mentality, and transforming their communities into bastions of social progress and stability.

The unfortunate reality is that the U.S. is an attrition-based society, one that prizes retribution and punishment over restorative justice; one that values the conquest of resistance, while viewing mercy as weakness. Though there is overwhelming evidence that these draconian measures do not diminish, but instead actually fuel criminalization, Amerikan policymakers continue to capitulate to the ‘growth’-model of the Prison Industrial Slave Complex (PISC). It was this social reality which led New Afrikan Political Activists to develop the concept of STRATEGIC RELEASE.

The Highest Threshold of Rehabilitation

Under Strategic Release, a Prisoner’s grant of parole, pardon or clemency is based on the positive impact he or she has had on their community and society during his or her imprisonment, and the even greater positive impact they will have on society as a whole if released.

Consideration for Strategic Release is based on a subject’s work product and proven record of service to the community and society, and a formal commitment to continue to work in the service of the community and the People into perpetuity once released.

As such it is the height of social restitution, providing direct restorative justice to the People and our communities, requiring a lifetime commitment to society’s progress and welfare. Strategic Release also requires a minimum of 25 years of confinement as, according to the state’s own Bureau of

Strategic Release v.6-2018 Justice Statistics, recidivism rates for those 50 and over, or who have served 25 years or more, are virtually non-existent.

This means Strategic Release is the highest threshold of rehabilitation, public safety and social justice any Prisoner can achieve, warranting the highest reward: A second chance to serve society, physically present in their communities.

Reducing Crime

It is this physical presence of Strategic Release subjects in our communities which lies at the heart of its vital import[ance] to the process of community development. The formal adoption of Strategic Release will have a direct impact on reducing crime and violence in our communities where it has been generational, while diminishing the social inequities at the root of criminalization through the contributions and activities of those granted release.

The prospective Prisoners considered for Strategic Release are committed to solving the ills of society without working with the state or law enforcement, but instead through directly working with the People and community; thus they remain perpetually accountable to those who have granted them release.

Strategic Release is therefore vital to any community development scheme, as those released to the community, [as] much as fire transforms lifeless ice into life-sustaining water, [they] will breathe healing and life-altering development into our struggling communities.

Viable Alternative to the Carcel State

Strategic Release will provide us all with competent and dedicated leadership at a time when we are facing a crisis in leadership in so many of our communities. Strategic Release will serve as a blueprint for the expansion of restorative justice initiatives and act as a viable alternative to the maintenance of the traditional carcel state. This means Strategic Release will serve to undermine the Prison Industrial Slave Complex (PISC) at the point of criminalization: our communities. The programs and mentorship provided by Strategic Release subjects in our communities will shut down the school-/poverty-to-prison pipeline at the source. Because the subjects for Strategic Release have literally spent decades analyzing and developing solutions to the ills of society from the perspective of the most disenfranchised and oppressed, the programs, initiatives and institutions they have developed represent a degree of innovation unknown in mainstream Amerika. Rehabilitation through Serving the People Directly

Strategic release provides a new impetus for our imprisoned Sistas and Brothas to take self-development beyond mere rehabilitation, forward to the realm of social activism and a genuine commitment to serving the People (and society as a whole). These new interconnected social, economic and political relationships produced by the impact of Strategic Release subjects and their work product will serve to move society as a whole away from the greed, hate and naked self-interest which has exacerbated its core contradictions, on to more cooperative and harmonious modes of social life beneficial to us all.

Support the Concept of Strategic Release

I encourage you in the strongest terms to advocate for the formal adoption of Strategic Release by your community and state legislatures; support local petitions for Strategic Release and contact your local community organizers and encourage them to support the concept of Strategic Release.

Please visit the sites of the affinity organizations listed below for additional information and links to others currently pursuing formal adoption of Strategic Release in states across the nation.

Amend the 13th stands in solidarity with them and all those actively pursuing the implementation of Strategic Release.

Until we win or don't lose.

Joka Heshima Jinsai

Founder & Executive Director

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The concept of Compassionate Release is fairly well known in the U.S.; under 'Compassionate Release' a Prisoner with a severe, often terminal ailment is released as they pose NO threat to society and their continued incarceration would prove inhumane. In recent years New Afrikan (i.e., Afrikan Amerikan) activists developed the concept of "Strategic Release."

Under "Strategic Release" a Prisoner is granted Parole, Pardon or Clemency based on the positive impact she/he has had on the community while imprisoned, and the greater impact they will have on society as a whole if released.

Direct Impact on Reducing Crime and Gang Violence

Strategic Release, unlike 'Compassionate' or other forms of release, has a direct impact on reducing crime and gang violence, as well as the social inequities at the root of criminality, through the contributions and activities of those granted release. The prospective Prisoner considered for Strategic Release is committed to solving the ills of society without working with the Government or law enforcement, as it is our experience that success best flows from working directly with the People and Community.

Proven Record of Service to the Community

Consideration for Strategic Release is based on a Prisoner's work product and proven record of service to the community and society as a whole. This includes a formal commitment by the prospect to continue their service to the community and society into perpetuity upon release. As such, it is the height of social-restitution, providing direct restorative justice to the People/Community and society. This means Strategic Release is the highest threshold of rehabilitation and social justice any Prisoner can achieve warranting the highest reward: A second chance to serve society, present in their communities.

Criteria

Consideration for Strategic Release will also require a minimum of 25 years of confinement, as according to the state's own Bureau of Justice Statistics, recidivism for those over age 50, or who have served 25 years or more, is virtually nonexistent. This means, both federal and state prison systems have no legitimate or legal argument to deny Parole, Pardon or Clemency to subjects under Strategic Release. The criteria required under Strategic Release guarantee those freed will contribute to the restoration of humanity's potential.