

# **MURDERED!**

**BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT**

**ANGEL RODRIGUEZ CRISTOBAL,**

**Puerto Rican Independentista & Socialist**

US imperialism has taken the life of Angel Rodriguez Cristobal, a Puerto Rican independence fighter and socialist who was being held as a prisoner of war in Federal prison in Tallahassee, Florida because he had, with many other Puerto Ricans, opposed the presence of the US Navy in Vieques, Puerto Rico. After being arrested he had denounced the illegitimacy of the US courts in his homeland. Exiled to prison in the US for a six-month sentence, he was found hanged in his cell on Nov. 11.

The New Movement in Solidarity with Puerto Rican Independence condemns this brutal and cold-blooded assassination. We urge everyone to demand the immediate release of all the other Vieques defendants now being held in US prisons, and to fight for an independent investigation of the circumstances of Angel's death. We believe it is more crucial than ever to take up the struggle to free Nydia Cuevas and Pablo Marcano (serving long terms in US prisons for taking over the Chilean consulate in San Juan on July 4, 1978) and all Puerto Rican prisoners of war. There is an urgent responsibility to oppose and to answer such naked acts of repression against the Puerto Rican independence movement as the killing of Comrade Rodriguez Cristobal.

The New Movement firmly believes that Angel's death was neither an accident nor suicide, but premeditated and cowardly murder by the US state, because of who Angel was and what he represented in the Puerto Rican struggle. As a member of the Central Committee of the Liga Socialista Puertorriquena, Angel was imprisoned for his participation in a protest at Camp Garcia, a US Navy base implanted on the soil of the Puerto Rican island of Vieques. He opposed the US Navy bombings and landings, resisted the US Navy MP's, and defied the jurisdiction of the US courts which sought to try him, because of his love for his nation, its people and its land, and because of his commitment to the struggle to create a just and sovereign Puerto Rican society, free of the chains of colonialism and exploitation. The bitter truth of Angel's stance as a prisoner of war is made clear by his murder in enemy captivity.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF ANGEL RODRIGUEZ CRISTOBAL, PATRIOT, REVOLUTIONARY, DEFENDER OF VIEQUES AND LEADER OF THE PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST LEAGUE.

--- CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST LEAGUE  
JUAN ANTONIO CORRETJER, SECRETARY-GENERAL  
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Show your solidarity. Come to a forum on the revolutionary Puerto Rican independence struggle on December 8, at the Mission Neighborhood Center, 362 Capp St. 7:30 PM.

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