

Solidarity, Support, Justice!



Standing with the SF8

Jalil Muntaqim's Statement for the SF 8 Events



The SF8 case is about more than the continued persecution and destruction of the Legacy of the Black Panther Party. It is also an effort to legitimize and validate torture as a method to extract confessions from suspects to be used in a court of law. This case seeks to incorporate Cointelpro tactics as a means to further law enforcement techniques under the auspices of the Patriotic Act. Furthermore, this case indicates how multi-police agencies operate (Phoenix Taskforce), extending and blurring state and Federal jurisdictions to solve alleged crimes.

The consequence of these developments is how the post-911 criminal un-justice system has grown more militaristic in controlling the civilian population. For example, if it is believed that torture, coercion and secret extreme interrogations as employed by the CIA, FBI & U.S. special forces, etc, as in Abu Ghraib and Guantánamo Bay are legitimate; then similar practices will become common as a rule of law. It is incumbent on activists who oppose such domestic militarism to begin to organize a viable opposition, and one way to do so is to support the SF8, get involved with the Committee in Defense of Human Rights and the Jericho Amnesty Movement.

In particular, as a result of the unconstitutional practices of the FBI's Cointelpro campaign, many political prisoners languish in prison after 30 to 40 years. A national determination and movement must be organized to reopen Cointelpro hearings. Therefore, I call for every progressive organization and group to develop programs demanding the reopening of Cointelpro hearings across the country.

We Educate to Liberate and
We Are Our Own Liberators.

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Herman Bell Statement

For the San Francisco 8 Events



We gather at these venues to listen and learn, to show support and solidarity, and hopefully depart with a clear sense of purpose, a nourished mind and an invigorated spirit. In recent times, we've had so little to celebrate and lift our spirits until Lynn Stewart, the Jena-6, and now, when 6 out of 8 from the SF8 were released on bail. None of this could have happened without strong

community support.

Bail for the 6 meant that folks had to put up their homes and property, and that's exactly what they did. A finer example of solidarity, support, and sacrifice inspired by love and oneness of purpose could not be found. Because prosecution of the SF8 bears grave implications for all of us, even for the f.b.i. who—under the auspices of a “joint-terrorism-task-force,” homeland security, Newkill, or whatever they want to call themselves today—is manipulating this whole thing.

For years, we've been telling people about the government's “cointelpro” scheme that has been crushing dissent and social activism in the U.S. by spying, jailing, torturing, disappearing, and even murdering those not intimidated by it or cowed into submission. Need there be wonder why prosecution of the SF8 is going forward!

We do not study history to be afraid; we study it to learn. And what history teaches us is that people really don't ask for much; that they are not really interested in having a mansion in the sky or in the blinging glitz and glitter that they are told they must display to be somebody. All people really want or care about is to improve their lives and to have some kind of future that offers hope of better times to come for themselves and their children—these basic desires just don't go away.

As social activists and community leaders, the SF8, as well as countless others, are gravely concerned about the bigger social issues: concerned about our water, land, air, forest, about our very survival on this planet. Our civil liberties are threatened, our privacy continually violated, and the various branches of our government are accountable to only corporate interests and the rich. We went to war based on a lie, which has devastated the national treasury, leaving a burdensome debt for generations to come and a national health care system a dream deferred. Our social security system needs fixing, and we need to bring an end to locking so many of our citizens in prison; more U.S. citizens are locked up by their government than are citizens of any other country in the world.

These times, these issues—the case of the SF8 is about many things, including having a vision and the resolve to find a way forward that serves the needs and concerns of the people.

In failing to oppose the corporate quest to privatize and commodify Mother Nature herself, our society—

I dare say the Western world—has lost its way because of its misguided notion that the so-called sanctity of private property and unrestrained capital give license to own and control everything on this earth. Now that the period of consequences is upon us, blind faith is

a painful and terrible thing to behold. Malcolm X was correct in his analysis: we have been hoodwinked and bamboozled.

Those we entrusted to lead and protect us have betrayed that trust. Now the whole country is in dire straits and picking cotton for corporate america. Yet, despite these dark and difficult times, things will get better when we make them so—*when we commit to work for the freedom of our leaders who have been repressed, when we become that vibrant leadership ourselves.*



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In view of the mass movement around the Jena 6, a collaboration between the youth movement and Hip-Hop, I'm so very proud of the movement pulling together to draw attention to the San Francisco 8. Not only drawing attention, but winning a victory of bail for the majority.

This victory speaks to the respect that these comrades have gained as human beings outside of the banner of a particular organization, their characters based on decades of struggle.

We've been taught never to take easy victory. Nothing worthwhile comes easy. The many young folk in Hip-Hop in the Bay Area deserve a lot of our respect. I don't know from here in ADX Florence if this means a mass level of concern for all political prisoners or not, but clearly it is an indicator that there are possibilities.

Again, the mass process of putting the collective status of the Freedom Fighters of the Black Liberation Movement into context is the same instrument as others around the world have used—some form of a Truth and Reconciliation Commission, evolved from our specific history with our unique objective.

I give honor to the struggle for justice for the San Francisco 8. I applaud their sageness and unity.

Aim high and go all out! Relentless struggle to free all Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War!

Stiff Resistance,
Dr. Mutulu Shakur

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Justice for the SF8!



As 2007 ends, U.S. troops are bogged down in occupations and wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The government is holding hundreds of people in Guantánamo and even more secret jails. Almost 2.5 million women, children and men are confined in state and federal prisons across America. All of this calls for our attention and work, but the single most important case in the U.S. today is the upcoming trial of the San Francisco 8. These life-long activists, human rights workers and revolutionaries, these brothers, fathers and grandfathers, must not be allowed to get railroaded under fabricated and torture-induced evidence. We should all do something, and then do a little more, to help these brothers gain justice and win their complete freedom.



Freedom is a constant struggle!

Jaan Laaman
anti-imperialist p.p.

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(For more information about and analysis from political prisoners in the U.S., check out: www.4struggle.org. Hard copies are also available.)

Dear Sisters, Brothers, Friends and Comrades:

I am happy to join, in complete solidarity, with the throngs of human rights advocates arrayed worldwide who are demanding that the bogus charges superimposed on the San Francisco 8 be dropped immediately. Let it not be lost on any of us that this is a political show trial. The oppressor State authorities are hell-bent to maintain the status quo. We are in protracted life and death struggle for actual freedom and sovereignty. We embrace no illusion to the pretenses of a fair trial on charges against the San Francisco 8 that should never have been brought in the first place. The battle field is everywhere. The courtroom is only another theater of war for our total liberation. A firm clenched fist salute to you.



Rebuild to win!
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Statement from Hanif Shabazz Bey Virgin Islands Five

It appears that we are now in a new era of time, where People's Power is gradually beginning to restore social justice back into our society.

In the cases of the San Francisco 8 and the Jena 6, the huge involvement of students gives one a sense of the beginning of a New Civil Rights Movement.

It is the political pressure being applied by the multifaceted grassroots movements that will force the paper tiger to concede more social justice.

More power to the people!
Hanif Shabazz Bey

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Greetings from Northern Minnesota

I am sorry I cannot join you tonight for what sounds like a great event in support of your freedom. I want to extend my solidarity and support from the community of activists resisting the government's latest round of repression—what we call the "Green Scare."

We may come from different places and generations, but we fight for a new world—one based on liberation, social justice and ecological health. In that, our fate is entwined. I am happy to hear that 6 of you received bail and hope that you give them hell at trial. Show the world the torture that happens here in the so-called land of the free.

With love & rage,

Daniel McGowan
Political prisoner from the radical
environmental & social justice movements

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Dear friends and comrades:

It is with sincere feelings of solidarity and deep respect that I send these humble words of support to the San Francisco 8.



Left to right: Ramon Labañino, Fernando González, Antonio Guerrero, Gerardo Hernández, and René González

The motivating impulse behind the vindictive prosecution of the San Francisco 8 is FEAR. It is the fear of the bully at the sight of oppressed peoples standing up to him; the fear of ideas and principles that can't be suppressed by fear; the fear of peoples of every race, creed and nationality ceasing to fear each other and starting to recognize each other as brothers; the fear of the accused's courage, honor and values, as opposed to the accuser's cowardice, indignity and moral emptiness.

On behalf of the fearless Cuban people, which my four brothers and I represent, I send a big hug to the San Francisco 8, and express to them my admiration for their struggle against injustice, oppression and fear.

A revolutionary embrace;
René González Schwerert

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Since I was in elementary school I have had my nose buried in books about the Civil Rights Movement, from Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks, to Stokely Carmichael and SDS, to the Black Panther Party and the BLA. The lessons I learned and the inspiration I drew from their lives played a huge role in my activism today. Before my own trial, I had the opportunity to lend my support at a San Francisco 8 court date. To see that decades later their solidarity and resistance was still burning not only impressed me, it helped me get through my own ordeal. Although I can no longer stand with them physically, I keep them firmly in my thoughts.



In solidarity,
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Solidarity



I see a perfect storm on the horizon. Created from the cloud of mass, out in the distance, coming together in solidarity. Strange this indefinite figure, coming into view. Nebula, indeed, shadowy from the seeds of dust, rustling the earth. What is causing this rumpus? A mass

of workers, citizens, different nationalities, holding banners, written boldly upon them: Free the SF8, You Definitely Made a Mistake! These are members of our community, who showed us unity, when those in power wouldn't. We're encouraged by their sacrifice, they did what was right. When we had no food they fed us, when the rent was due and we had no funds they helped us, when our children needed guidance they led us. You made a mistake! Free the SF8! You hear our cry, it will not die! Free the SF8 for our sake!

Kojo Bomani Sababu

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At a recent visit with friends, Veronza sent out his "solidarity and support for the San Francisco 8, those inside as well as out. Stand strong!" Love, Daud

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In the later half of the 1960's the Panther showed us a world ... A world where a man or womyn can in one hand carry an M1, while in the other hand be armed with unbridled love. The Panther fed our mornings with free breakfasts and our hearts with power. The Panther took this love and handed it to our captors like valentine flowers. The Panther stole the hearts of the ghetto and white privilege alike. The Panther wore fatigues and berets. The Panther did it with style. Their hallmark actions of yesteryear were so potent that we can still see the scars on the face of evil today. We can still hear an echo of the past resonating on the street today, an echo of a distant ballad where our past triumphs and blunders collide. ... The Panther went to battle armed with love and had so much more in mind; complete freedom. The caged Panther left a beret with your name on it. The caged Panther deserves nothing less than the same complete freedom. Give those indicted everything you have because their selflessness would never let them ask.



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... I feel it's important to use my words on this occasion to say that I stand solidly with anyone wrongly indicted, wrongly convicted, wrongly imprisoned, and tortured into confession: they are all political prisoners!



The truest statement about prisoner solidarity I've ever heard came from imprisoned ELF activist Jeffrey Luers: "Real movements support their prisoners by replacing them on the front lines." ...

The work of the Black Panthers: community programming, combatting racism, and challenging political disenfranchisement are as critical for social change today as they were 30 years ago. As we come together to show solidarity with those wrongly imprisoned in a political context, let's remember the most important solidarity of all: action is everything.

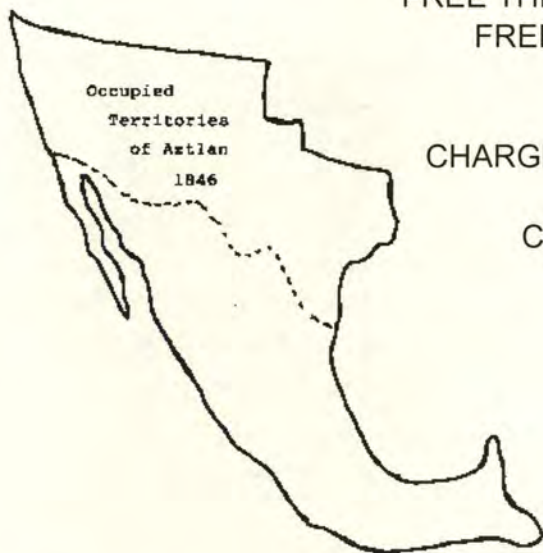
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SOLIDARITY STATEMENT—SAN FRANCISCO 8



On behalf of the Chicano Mexicano Movement for National Liberation and Self Determination, I extend my comradely greetings to the SAN FRANCISCO 8 and announce our unconditional support and revolutionary solidarity to our Brothers, in demand that the criminal charges against them be dropped.

The real criminals, the government war criminals, are the ones that should be facing criminal charges for their historical crimes and their illegal wars of genocide and plunder against progressive liberation movements and our freedom fighters who fight for the freedom, justice and self determination of enslaved internal colonies held captive and subjugated by the colonial policies of Yankee imperialism.



FREE THE SAN FRANCISCO 8!
FREE ALL USA POLITICAL
PRISONERS!
HANDS OFF CUBA!
CHARGE THE USA FOR WAR
CRIMES!
CLOSE USA CONTROL
UNITS!
DEATH TO YANKEE
IMPERIALISM!
PATRIA O MUERTE!
VENCEREMOS!

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CONFESSIONS BEFORE THE ORCHESTRA

Photographs: hooded man wired
naked men in piles
tortured nightmares in daylight

zombied people stalk
the earth crushed bones
restless and numb

where to flee
the torturer lives next door
wears guard gear
stand-ins for shades in civilian clothes

the prez spits on Geneva
I don't need you, bitch
don't hang on me, don't beg
I do what I want
call me Capt. America

tortured and maimed
buried in hidden cells, American jails
can't call anyone

tongues tripped
wired into confession
lies dried in red ink
manufactured consent
plucked out
like eyeballs
electrical persuasion, cattle prods
and dogs, raped
no sleep disorientation humiliation

Tell me what I did...
Whatever you say I did I did

guilty
guilty
symphonic guilt composed by scholars
orchestrated by SOA "professors"
played by intelligence musicians on homebodies
and world bodies

Capt. America's death dirge
"torture justice"

Marilyn Buck June 2004



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A Tribute to The San Francisco 8

"Fire Is The Test of True Gold, and
Adversity Is The Test of Strong Men."

There is nothing unique about Black men being
Victimized by false and selective prosecution in
America, for that is American history!

America has historically sought to demonize and
Criminalize strong Black men and women who stand
Speak out against the blatant oppression and
Cruel injustice prevalent throughout America.

It is said that you teach by example and the
San Francisco 8 have set a sterling example
Of resistance, resilience, and resourcefulness
As a legacy for Black men and women
Everywhere.

But there is also nothing unique about their
Quiet dignity and strength under America's wrath.
The San Francisco 8 represents the common
Character of all righteous strugglers from Kunta
Kinte to the Jena 6.

I extend my hand and support unconditionally
To the San Francisco 8!

Richard Mafundi Lake



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Richard's painting "Nubian Princess" to reflect his
spirit.

Dear Friends:

It is a crying shame what they are trying to do to the
8 brothers in California. I remember the original case very
well because I was out there at that time for a few days
looking to check things out.

After 38 years, the more things change the more they stay
the same.

I send all my love and comradeship to all the San Francisco
8.

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4 Bear

As there is a power within
the white bear of Aztlán

There is a power from
all things of creation

For even the small blade of
grass upon the Mesa
has living power.

Up from the sacred Kiva
returns the fourth bear
the white bear

Take notice, the crazy
dances of the white bear
Sings a dire story
Sings a vital song

To express a power
Dance....

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The Message

"Silence, they say, is the voice of complicity.
But silence is impossible.
Silence screams.
Silence is a message,
just as doing nothing is an act.
Let who you are ring out & resonate
in every word & every deed.
Yes, become who you are.
There's no sidestepping your own being
or your own responsibility.
What you do is who you are.
You are your own comeuppance.
You become your own message.
You are the message."



In the Spirit of Crazy Horse
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Bismillah ir Rahman ir Reheem

As Salaamu Alaykum,



I would like to take this opportunity to add my voice to the many freedom loving folks, who due to their efforts in your behalf have put the state on notice. That they plan to support you all in every way possible: be it showing up in force in court or helping to raise the funds for bail and your defense.

I would also like to commend you all for your many years of struggling and striving for the betterment of your communities. That is often an aspect of former party member's history overlooked; the love and dedication for the betterment of humanity.

In Struggle and peace,
Bashir

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On The Move!

Once again I would like to send my warmest greetings and appreciation to all at NYC Jericho for their continued support of all Political prisoners, and to now extend and focus that support to the San Francisco 8. It has been unrelenting when many others have waned or disappeared.



Solitary confinement is a position that most true activists experience regardless of their location. Whether on a cell block or a street block, the life of an activist is one of isolation.

Public officials want to isolate the activist in the community in an attempt to contain them. Old acquaintances distance themselves when they realize the activist is aggressively confronting the same system that they have been taught all of their lives to fear and avoid. But as old friends distance themselves, new comrades emerge who also feel compelled to confront a system that has terrorized your power of purpose. These comrades, however, are always subject to be snatched away by the same system of repression. ...

All P.P.s should be supported and freed! The reform world system only get away with this treatment of P.P.s because the people allow them to. The silent give their permission with their silence. It is past time that all P.P.s are freed and given the same kind of support and dedication that they have always shown to the people, and for whom they sacrificed their lives and freedom. Support The San Francisco 8!

On The Move!

Michael Davis Africa

Long Live Revolution!
Long Live John Africa!

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LET'S SOLIDARIZE WITH OUR DEEDS TO SUPPORT THE
SAN FRANCISCO 8

Former political prisoner Silvia Baraldini told a Cuban reporter that while Puerto Rican and white anti-imperialist political prisoners were being released from prison the African American political prisoners were NOT. There's a lot of truth in her statement, but why? One of the main reasons is most of these compañeros haven't received the solidarity they deserve and need. Now that the San Francisco Eight are facing the enormous challenge of a court battle it behooves all of us, who claim to be defenders of freedom and justice, to do everything we can to help them be victorious. Let's not reduce solidarity to an exercise in rhetoric. Let's do whatever needs to be done to help them defend themselves and to be victorious.

En resistencia y lucha,

Oscar López Rivera

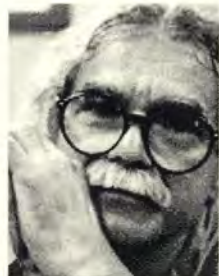
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Solidarity and Support to the San Francisco 8!

Up the Rebels!

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Solidarity Statement from Sundiata Acoli

Please give my heartfelt greetings of solidarity to the SF8 for "Standing at the Scratchline" all these years fighting for and defending the lives of our people and all oppressed peoples—and who once again find themselves fighting for their own lives because they defended ours.



I also congratulate the Movement for the groundswell of support built for the SF8 and I wish both of them complete success in the business at hand.

Struggle,
Sundiata Acoli
New Afrikan POW

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When I heard that the first of the San Francisco 8 got bail, I whooped, "Yeah!" It was hard to believe that it hadn't happened sooner! "How could people not rally behind these exemplary men?" I thought. Finally, here they are, out on bail, ready to fight the specious charges dreamed up by governments, state and federal, to convict them as, literally,

Enemies of the State.

In the cases of these men, if such a designation can be called "well-earned" through an unjust prosecution, they are first in their class. They've led lives of social and political activism, targeted by the FBI's COINTELPRO apparatus in the 1960s and '70s with tactics of torture, serial jailing and judicial harassment to the current version of official persecution

that has employed grand juries, more jailings and false charges that could lead to life sentences in their elder years. The San Francisco 8 may rightly be called heroes but, more importantly, they are examples of citizen

warriors whose lead we should all follow.

Solidarity,
Sara Olson

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The case of the San Francisco 8 is a classic example of Dracula's constant practice of supremacy and control over our conditional ways of surviving in this society, but these practices from Dracula are expected. Yes, we must support and accompany these Brothers

and help them beat these ridiculous charges, and they can return to their families and to all of us who have been deeply affected by this acid injustice.

I love you and appreciate this opportunity to be with you.

Release the SF8 and all Political Prisoners!

For freedom and justice,

Your humble brother and servant,
Hugo Pinell
The Yogi Bear

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SOLIDARITY STATEMENT TO THE SAN FRANCISCO 8

Solidarity and salutations to the San Francisco 8—Herman Bell, Ray Boudreaux, Richard Brown, Hank Jones, Richard O'Neal, Jalil Muntaqim, Harold Taylor, and Francisco Torres! These men have been untimely ripped from what were for at least the last quarter century peaceful lives of service to their communities. They sought only to make the world a better place. Their crime was and is nothing more than adhering to and working for a more human social paradigm than the dog-eat-dog reactionary imperial capitalism ascendant under the reign of Bush the Lesser. The pretext for once more attempting to permanently consign these people to the dungeons of the U.S. gulag archipelago is the 36 year old murder of a San Francisco cop. This very case was thrown out 34 years ago after a court found San Francisco and New Orleans police had tortured some of the 8 into making incriminating statements. The ruling elite and its apparatus of oppression are so discredited they are casting wildly about looking for ways to both divert attention from their crimes against the people and to criminalize the movements—and even ideas—that are showing increasing popular strength against them. We, the people, in order to form a more perfect union, must oppose and resist this victimization of our champions and show the agencies of repression we are not intimidated. Aside from the elementary justice of such support, if we don't stand up when "they" come for our comrades in the struggle for the most equitable social reality in which all people will have the greatest possible freedom to develop their full human potential, who will stand up when "they" come for us? A ninth man—Ronald Stanley Bridgeforth—is being sought in the case. Long may he run free! Long may they all live free!

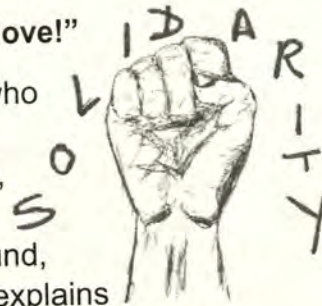


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Revolutionary Greetings of "On The Move!"

To the San Francisco 8 and all those who fight for a better day for all of Life free of this system's oppression, you are not now or ever alone in your battles! This system is in its last go round,



JOHN AFRICA explains to us, and is desperate to try to stagnate the flow of revolutionary activity and information. This system is showing how far it will go in its fear of UNITY in its attempt to stop the flow of True Freedom that is being

generated by those who engage in the work of True Revolution/UNITY this system fears, because it knows that UNITY/TRUTH put to application is its demise! Our founder JOHN AFRICA explains, "When oppression oppresses people to revolt, the way of true revolution is to press on

with examples of revolution so that when people rebel they will not be discouraged by seeing no way out except to go back to the very adversary they're rebelling

against" and also that "Solidarity is UNITY and without UNITY you can't have revolution." LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA! My revolutionary best to all and as always take care and stay strong by staying revolutionary.



OnaMove!
Your Bro in Revolution!
Phil Africa

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LONG LIVE REVOLUTION! ON THE MOVE FROM THE MOVE 9

Revolution is not a word but an application, it is not war but peace, it does not weaken it strengthens. Revolution does not cause separation, it generates togetherness ... Solidarity will never be realized so long as geography is imperative. Solidarity is unity, without unity you can't have revolution ... Revolution is organization, just as solidarity is togetherness ... Solidarity ain't a word, solidarity is a principle that exists despite words, and will exist when words have ceased ... That is from the teaching of John Africa.

Revolution is right, necessary and all those who have committed their lives to the cause of revolution should never give up the cause. Because as John Africa teach, no matter how hopeless things may yet seem, the power of righteousness will never betray you. In our fight for righteousness we may have had to suffer, but our suffering is not in vain. The seed of revolution has been planted through our work and is growing, spreading, gradually eating away at the knee joints of this rotten corrupt system. Because of all that we are going through, one day this Frankenstein monster will fall and freedom will prevail! Long live revolution! So my sisters, my brothers, no matter what this system comes at us with to stop us, never give up revolution, never stop fighting! Long Live All Political Prisoners! Long Live All Those Fighting for Freedom!
Long Live Revolution!

THE POWER OF TRUTH
IS FINAL!

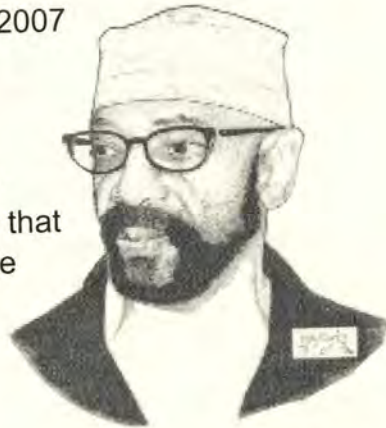
ON THE MOVE
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DEBBIE AFRICA

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October 14, 2007

Greetings Brothers:

Although we've never met, I still recognize the kind of character in each of you; the kind of character that served you well; thus, I send these words of solidarity and to let you know that your decades long struggle is recognized and honored.



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Keep up the struggle!

Straight ahead!

Maroon

3 Haiku for the SF8

The Horror of Torture

Your principles and
dignity endured; their souls
never recovered.

John Bowman

How sad that we lost
you too soon; how great that you
left life standing up.

Terrorism

The real terrorists
target you, the lifeblood of
our communities.

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REVOLUTIONARY GREETINGS COMRADES, CITIZENS, SUPPORTERS AND LOVED ONES



My name is Seth O'Dinga Olugbala
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I am a revolutionary, a captured and convicted Freedom Fighter of the Black Panther Party, Black Liberation Army. I was captured in 1973. ... My message to all of you is, "the Love that motivated my actions way back when remains strong, purposeful and ongoing. I base my strength, courage and conviction on Loved Ones whose support and conviction allowed me to emerge into greater roles of responsibility and duty." ...

Today we the Nation stand firm. Devoted to change and happiness. We realize these things are not possible save we stand firm, alert and strong. Our plan is perfect Freedom, Liberation, paving a way for our Grands. Liberation of the Land, that the Land be blessed and we reap the harvest. Liberation from fear and greed, as we've seen many destroyed many times before.

Together we stand here shoulder to shoulder, knowing our quest. The SF8, our soldiers, fighters of our just struggle. Their names and ages are: Richard Brown, age 65; Richard O'Neal, age 57; Francisco Torres, age 58; Ray Boudreaux, age 64; Hank Jones, age 70; Harold Taylor, age 58; Herman Bell, age 59; Jalil Muntaqim (Anthony Bottoms), age 55.

Join with me to honor them, by reminding their children, our children, of their sacrifice and earned honor. Remind those who would prefer that we forget them a resounding "NOTHING HAPPENING!"

Let us shout their names abroad, and let them humbly accept our gratitude. Say to each in your own way, "Welcome to the Community, Honored One. We stand with you TODAY, TOMORROW AND HEREAFTER."

God Bless You All,
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Before Guantánamo, or Abu Ghraib, Were the Black Panthers

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Long before the words Guantánamo and Abu Ghraib entered common American usage as reference points for government torture, there were several young Black men who knew something about the subject.

The year was 1973, and among 13 "Black militants" arrested in a New Orleans sweep were 3 men: Harold Taylor, John Bowman, and Ruben Scott. The 3 were beaten, tortured and interrogated by New Orleans cops, acting on tips supplied by San Francisco police. The men were stripped, beaten with blunt objects, blindfolded, shocked on their private parts by electric cattle prods, punched, kicked, and had wool blankets soaked in boiling water thrown over them. Under such torture, the 3 gave false confessions in the shooting of a San Francisco cop in 1971. The charges were eventually thrown out after a judge in California found that the prosecution had failed to tell a grand jury that the confessions were exacted under torture.

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Their first conflicts with the State took place under the aegis of the since discredited COINTELPRO Program. That program, after the famous Church Committee hearings in the Senate, was declared illegal, and a violation of the Constitution.

Today, thanks to a Congress weakened by corporate largesse and frightened by 9-11, the same things that were illegal in the '70s have been all but resurrected and legalized under the notorious Patriot Act. ... The events I discussed earlier happened in 1973, yet none of the torturers, the violators, the criminals in blue, ever were sanctioned for their violations of state, federal, and indeed, international law, to this day. Not one. ...

The roots of Guantánamo, of Abu Ghraib, of Bagram Air Force Base, of US secret torture chambers operating all around the world, are deep in American life, and its long war against Black life and liberation. ...

What happens abroad is a grim reflection of what has happened here, albeit quietly. ... What happens overseas has its genesis in the monstrous history of what happened here: genocide, mass terrorism, and racist exploitation (also known as 'slavery'), land-theft and carnage; all of these horrors have been echoed abroad, shadows of hatred, xenophobia and fear, projected from the heart of the Empire, outwards.

If we really want to change the dangerous trend of global repression, we must change it here first. For only then can the world breathe a deep sigh of relief.

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