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Across the wires! Freedom Fighters' news!

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The 13th Amendment to the Constitution declared that "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction."

Letter from the Editor

Brothers and Sisters,

With the big day next week, we're excited to see the overwhelming amount of support that prisoners are receiving from organizations and businesses on the outside worldwide. I've been interviewed by several media outlets and I wake up to more media requests every single day. Word is traveling around the world fast and eyes are on you as not only prisoners, but as leaders. I'm on fire, and the cool thing about fire is that it spreads much faster than it can be put out. The fire is so hot that I can't help but talk about your work in every conversation, I can't help but carry around stickers and flyers, I can't help but posts about you all on social media. I can't help but to ignite fires everywhere I go and I hope, I *expect* that you all are doing the same (metaphorically of course :) Do not let the fire stop with you.

Please also know that there are legal preparations in place therefore we have no room for fear in our being. You are the source of life in your environment. You give life to the prison and it is only when you decide to cut off that lifeline that the beast can die. You are the food producers, labor supplies, maintenance workers and every other operative force. We support your efforts, your demands and we follow your lead. We will not allow the fire to go out until the beast dies, will you?

In solidarity,
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Jailhouse Lawyers Speak

By Jailhouse Lawyers Speak, August 9, 2018

The question has been asked, "are prison protests effective"? Of course they are. Off the top of my cap I think of the most visible strike, the California hunger strikes and the end resolutions. We must add the unheard of strikes that never make the news in jails and prisons across this nation for different grievances that have yielded concessions from prisoncrats. In our current movement, past strikes have brought the term prison "slavery" front and center. Before these visible strikes, prisons being viewed as slavery was thought to be ludicrous by the average. Today, we have college professors and lawmakers discussing prison "slavery" and it's direct links to the 13th amendment of the US constitution. Does prison strikes work? As prisoners, we may not get the immediate relief we desire, but the effect of our resistance builds up as it reverberates.

Like all resistance for social change, we know at the right time and place a blaze from our fire will ignite that cannot be contained or put out. That's how revolutions start. Revolutions never appear from nothing. They come from long protracted struggles for social changes.

By Jailhouse Lawyers Speak


These are the NATIONAL DEMANDS of the men and women in federal, immigration and state prisons:

1. Immediate improvements to the conditions of prisons and prison policies that recognize the humanity of imprisoned men and women.
 2. An immediate end to prison slavery. All persons imprisoned in any place of detention under United States jurisdiction must be paid the prevailing wage in their state or territory for their labor.
 3. Rescission of the Prison Litigation Reform Act, allowing imprisoned humans a proper channel to address grievances and violations of their rights.
 4. Rescission of the Truth in Sentencing Act and the Sentencing Reform Act so that imprisoned humans have a possibility of rehabilitation and parole. No human shall be sentenced to death by incarceration or serve any sentence without the possibility of parole.
 5. An immediate end to the racial overcharging, over-sentencing and parole denials of Black and brown humans. Black humans shall no longer be denied parole because the victim of the crime was white, which is a particular problem in Southern states.
 6. An immediate end to racist gang enhancement laws targeting Black and Brown humans.
 7. No denial of access to rehabilitation programs for imprisoned humans at their place of detention because of their label as a violent offender.
 8. State prisons must be funded specifically to offer more rehabilitation services.
 9. Reinstatement of Pell grant eligibility to prisoners in all US states and territories.
 10. Recognition of voting rights for all confined citizens serving prison sentences, pretrial detainees and so-called "ex-felons." Their votes must be counted. Representation is demanded. All voices count!
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We all agree to spread this strike throughout the prisons of Amerikkka! From Aug. 21 to Sept. 9, 2018, men and women in prisons across the nation will strike in the following manner:

1. Work Strikes: Prisoners will not report to assigned jobs. Each place of detention will determine how long its strike will last. Some of these strikes may translate into a local list of demands designed to improve conditions and reduce harm within the prison.
 2. Sit-ins: In certain prisons, men and women will engage in peaceful sit-in protests.
 3. Boycotts: All spending should be halted. We ask those outside the walls not to make financial judgments for those inside. Men and women on the inside will inform you if they are participating in this boycott. We support the call of the Free Alabama Movement Campaign to "Redistribute the Pain" 2018, as Bennu Hannibal Ra-Sun, formerly known as Melvin Ray, has laid out – with the exception of refusing visitation. See these principles described here: <https://redistributethepain.wordpress.com/>.
 4. Hunger Strikes: Men and women shall refuse to eat.
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How you can help:

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- Make the nation take a look at our demands. Demand action on our demands by contacting your local, state and federal political representatives with these demands. Ask them where they stand.
 - Spread the strike and word of the strike in every place of detention.
 - Contact a supporting local organization to see how you can be supportive. If you are unsure of who to connect with, email millionsforprisonersmarch@gmail.com.
 - Be prepared by making contact with people in prison, family members of prisoners and prisoner support organizations in your state to assist in notifying the public and media on strike conditions.
 - Assist in our announced initiatives to have the votes of people in jail and prison counted in elections.
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Comrade Malik Speaks: Retaliation & Repression in a South Texas Prison

by Keith "Comrade Malik", August 15, 2018 | <https://incarceratedworkers.org/>

"Any kind of act that's designed to delay or deprive you and me, right now, of getting full rights, that's the government that's responsible. And any time you find the government involved in a conspiracy to violate the citizenship or civil rights of a people in 1964 [or 2018!--Malik] then you are wasting your time going to that government expecting redress. Instead you have to take that government to the World Court and accuse it of genocide and all of the other crimes that it is guilty of today." --Malcolm X, excerpt from "The Ballot or the Bullet," King Solomon Baptist Church, Detroit Michigan, April 12, 1964

Revolutionary Greetings, Sisters and Brothers!

Well, it is Black August, and the white supremacists and fascists at the FBI have collaborated with all the white supremacists and fascists inside the Texas prisons, and have tried to bury my ass in a cement slab death-trap in Beeville, Texas. Don't be fooled or tricked -- this is a well-coordinated retaliation and repression campaign. I don't need to be long-winded to actually describe to you what is happening and what I would like some of y'all to do in order to aid me to overcome this. I should be headed to general population, but the Central Texas Fusion Center which works in concert with the FBI and the DHS decided to label me a National Security Threat!! So they got slick. Made it "look like" I was getting out of Ad-Seg. Even went as far as transferring me Ramsey I Unit in Rosharon, Texas. They took all the shackles and chains off, let me walk to chow, get some hugs and some 'dap' from brothers who know me and love me, and then the next morning at 4:30 AM, they came and got me!! I was re-shackled and re-chained, and then I was sent to the worst Ad-Seg unit I have ever been to -- McConnell Unit Administrative Segregation located in Beeville, Texas! Now the game done got dirty, y'all -- I need some legal help, 'cause this ain't right!

The oppressors have been treating me like I am Osama bin Laden! For some reason, I can only be pulled out of my cell with a video camera on me. So the officers here use that as a reason to deny me showers and recreation! The in-cell temperatures here reach 110°F! But it's just this specific section -- allow me to elaborate. I've been placed in an Ad-Seg cell on 2-Row on F-Pod, F-Section. My cell is F-82. It is covered with black soot from a previous fire. The ventilation (HVAC system) is "broken", so they say. One officer however said, "They had it shut off when they brought you here, Malik." Yeah, just about everybody here, even the pigs, know me as Malik or Comrade Malik. This entire section is exposed to deadly heat extremes -- right now! On 1 Row, we have seven cells F-71 through F-77; on 2-Row, it's F-78 through F-84. There is absolutely no ventilation inside these cells. There are tiny holes in our cell doors; they are covered with Plexi-Glass! No oxygen, folks! Just a small crevice at the bottom of the door -- it is a formula for disaster.

These cells are made of concrete slabs, which absorb extreme heat during the day and then release it at night!! The senior warden here is Philip Sifuentes and the Assistant Warden over Ad-Seg is G. Miller. They know all about the inhuman conditions inside these cells, but when I try to discuss the problem with them, they say something slick like, "Tell the taxpayers; I don't give a damn, I work with what they give me!" Pretty professional, huh? The Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice has a multi-billion dollar budget. They have over 110 prison facilities. They don't have to force human beings to live like this, but they do it! What is very unsettling to me in this particular section F-Pod (F-Section), the living conditions are horrible.

I've noticed that a disproportionate number of the prisoners in this section are Black males!! There are appearances of a type of unwritten racial profiling program which targets Blacks specifically for placement in the Hot Box -- the racist oppressors did this in South during slavery!

Something illegal, unethical, and unjust is happening right here in the McConnell Unit. And what is happening is being promoted, condoned, and sanctioned by the Federal government! That's right, the Feds!! You see, I have become a target because I say #BlackLivesMatter! Because I say, #EndPrisonSlavery! because I say, Let Our People Go! Because I say #AbolishICE! I have become a target because I say that we are not so much facing a RACE WAR but we are engaged in a CLASS WAR!

Listen to these names: Abe Martinez (US Attorney for the Southern District of Texas). Miguel Martinez (TDCJ Region IV Director). Phillip Sifuentes (Senior Warden, McConnell Unit). These 'sound like' names of individuals who should be comrades in the struggle! But like so many Brown and Black people, they have sold their soul for a jelly roll, and do the bidding of the fascist imperialist oppressors! In fact, sisters and brothers, they ARE the oppressor!!

For sure, racism in Amerika is alive and well, but there is something more sinister going on. Sean Swain is a white male prisoner in Ohio who has a big ol' beard like me; he served in the US Army just like me; he is a member of the IWW like me and he is an abolitionist just like me! Even though he's a white man and I am Black! And like me, the US government has conspired with the Ohio Department of Corrections to place Sean in a position where perhaps death seems to be the only option. I say to Sean Swain -- Stay strong, comrade! Help is on the way! We will expose this Federal repression program together! What I really need down here in Texas is media exposure, legal aid, and I really need y'all to contact state and federal legislators! Remember, the best antiseptic for injustice is sunlight!

Dare to Struggle -- dare to win!

All Power to the People!

Keith "Comrade Malik" Washington

Malik is a leader of the New Afrikan Black Panther Party (Prison Chapter) and of the movement to Abolish the 13th Amendment, which legalizes slavery in prisons.

Marvin X Notes on Oakland Black August Conference, 2018

by Black August Organizing Committee, August 12, 2018 | <https://blackbirdpressnews.blogspot.com>



This Black August National Conference has been called for by various prison slavery abolitionist and youth development activist under the unity and leadership of the founding elders of the Black August Organizing Committee.

The purpose of this Conference is to formulate legal services and litigation teams for at risk youth and longest held prisoners. Establish programs to provide housing and resource access training for homeless youth, adults and newly released citizens.

We will continue to try to stem the increasing flow of our youth to jails and prisons. The numbers of youth who are homeless or simply in the streets aimlessly can be drastically cut down with organized effort within our

communities.

During the course of this Conference we will establish the necessary programs that will give us the greatest

potential of achieving our goal.

This Conference will bring together in unity the working spirit of comrades of the Black August Commemoration prison movement from around the country to establish a set of tactics and strategies that will be used going forward in our collective and individual efforts to better serve our youth and to liberate our brothers, sisters, comrades, family and friends from the neo-slavery prison system.



The conference will extend into various annual Black August events scheduled in Oakland, Los Angeles and other areas around the country. There will be cultural performances, pilgrimage tours, dedications and tributes throughout the month. Events will be posted here soon.

There is no time like the present for this Black August National Conference to take place. If you or your organization have been in support of or hosted Black August Commemorations and programs in the past, you are invited and strongly encouraged to RSVP this conference by registering with the National Planning Committee here on this Eventbrite invitation as our special invited guest. Food and lodging information will be added to this invite as registration submissions are received. You can also reach us at banationalconference2018@gmail.com for additional info. Registration is strongly suggested but not required.

Hosted by Oakland BAOC.

*"FOR SURE THE HOUR FOR WHICH WE YEARN
SHALL YET ARRIVE
AND OUR MARCHING STEP WILL THUNDER
WE SURVIVE"*

Black August organizers and participants, left to right: Mama Efia Nwangaza, Human Rights Advocate, Greenville, SC, Shaka Al Thinin. Back left: Kumasi and Marvin X photo Wanda Sabir, SF Bayview Newspaper

Marvin X Notes on the Oakland Black August Conference, 2018


Oakland's National Black August Conference on Incarceration was attended by a spirited group of people concerned about the millions of North American Africans in America's jails and prisons. Yes, America, home of the brave and land of the free. America, why then do you have more people in jail and prison than any nation in the world?

After Mama Ayanna's libation to the ancestors, organizer Shaka spoke on the origin of Black August as per prisoners and the community. Black August originated around the death of prison movement messiah George Jackson.

Hip Hop brother Naru was MC. Kumasi was the featured speaker. He is the griot of Black August, the undisputed historian and original source on the North American African created American Prison Movement. Life is a mother. Yesterday I was talking with a mutual friend of Kumasi's in Toronto, Canada. He told me the griot would be at Oakland's Black August. BAM! As I entered the event, there was Kumasi. We embraced and agreed to talk later.

Kumasi's lectures are a minute by minute narrative on how North American Africans navigated the American Gulags. In 1966 Black students from San Francisco State University as members of the editorial staff of Black Dialogue Magazine, were invited to the Soledad Prison Black Culture Club, chaired by Eldridge Cleaver and Alprince Bunchy Carter. Kumasi says this Black Culture Club is the beginning of the Black Prison Movement and the American Prison Movement. As I observed and Kumasi has lectured, this club was a revolutionary military organization. Indeed, upon my visit as an editor of Black Dialogue Magazine, among several staffers who were also members of the BSU at San Francisco State University, the meeting was under military discipline.

At today's event, I asked MC Naru if I could introduce Kumasi since I deeply appreciated his role as Master Griot of



Black August and the American Prison Movement. I gave Kumasi a short introduction and he took the mike, slowly weaving his story of Black August from beginning to the now.

He told how North American African Muslims had to fight to win the right to practice Islam in the jails and prisons of America, e.g., the fight to have Qur'ans, prayer rugs, imams, no pork diet. After long struggle legally and resistance within the walls to suppression of the Black identity. Kumasi told of the fight over hair styles that inmates demanded to express. Alas, only after a struggle were Black hair products allowed in the prison system.

Black August took upon itself the task of protecting Black inmates from predatory behavior by guards, white nationalists and black exploiters, those unconscious elements in the prison population.

Kumasi noted today as he has on other occasions, "It was kill or be killed, there was no other choice. You guys had your revolution on the outside, we had ours on the inside."

He said Black August let the Department of Corrections and they right wing white sycophants know, "For every one you take of us, we shall take three of yours!"

In conclusion, Kumasi called for support of the National Prison Strike on August 21, 2018. "Let us never not connect with our brothers and sisters behind the walls."

"Malcolm X talked about the Ballot or the Bullet, well, the bullet didn't work so now we must make the ballot the bullet! Form Youth Political Organizations to get out the vote. It must not be about individual politicians but about policies in our Black Agenda. If the politicians don't do right, well...there shall be consequences!

Kumasi ended by introducing a Sister from the South Carolina Prison Movement. Sister informed us of conditions in the South Carolina slave holes, stripped suits, slave labor on the chain gang. South Carolina, Gullah Blacks, brought rice from Senegal, 60% kidnapped Africans arrived at South Carolina ports, Charleston, etc., 500 year old city of slavery and white supremacy domination.

Sister was Queen Mother of Rastas in South Carolina, former SNCC worker with Kwame Toure, Stokeley Carmichael, and H. Rap Brown, Imam Jamil Alamin.

She gave a graphic description of the recent explosion at a prison in South Carolina that left 12 inmates dead and others injured. She said the explosion was State sponsored. It wasn't about cell phones. She noted how when prison authorities recognize a natural leader, they ship him out to another facility as they did with a revolutionary brother. He departed with State troopers and a person from the Public Affairs Office. They wanted to be in charge of the narrative.

Sister said the fight for prisoner rights is a daunting task. We've fought to have African Liberation Day in prisons, Kwanza and other identifying markers of our humanity, especially while we are victims of involuntary servitude under the US Constitution.

I was asked to speak but introducing Kumasi was enough for me.
If I had seized the opportunity to speak, I would have said this:

Soldiers of the Black Liberation Army,

We have reached a critical hour in our struggle, we need a bold program to free our soldiers in captivity. I suggest we tell ole' pharaoh to let our people go. I would like to see Black August and the American Prison Movement endorse sending a delegation to President Donald Trump to kindly suggest he consider a general amnesty of political prisoners and the general population, including the violent criminals. After all, it is a sociological fact that violent criminals have the lowest rate of recidivism.

I suggest Black August issue a reply to my suggestion. No matter his right wing expressions, he pardoned Jack Johnson and a Black sister. Shouldn't any means necessary be made to free our people from the American Gulag?

We need a delegation to meet with President Donald Trump on the matter of a general amnesty for all prisoners. If you issue the statement that Black August would like to meet with President Trump on the matter of a general amnesty, I think I can make it happen, and I do not need to be in the delegation although I am willing and have no fear of dealing with Pharaoh to tell him to let our people go!

Peace and Love in Black Liberation,
Marvin X



Upcoming Outside Events in Support:

- **July 27th** – Liberate the Caged Voices @ The Octopus Literary Salon, 6:30p – 8:30p Oakland, CA hosted by California Prison Focus
- **August 1** – [Black August Kickoff](#) @ The Potter's House 6:00p – 8:00p; District of Columbia hosted by Aging People in Prison Human Rights Campaign
- **August 4** – [Chicago Day of Solidarity](#) hosted by RAM & Chicago GDC
- **August 5** – [Running Down the Walls, Panel Discussion & Framed in America](#) Event @ Fairmount Park, 10:00a – 7p; Philadelphia, PA hosted by MOVE9
- **August 6** – [Day of Action: Stand for Reform](#) @ DC's Central Holding hosted by Faith Strategy and DC Poor People's Campaign
- **August 18** – [End the Contract with ICE Rally](#) @ Kent County's Sheriff's Office 10:00a – 12:00p hosted by Movimiento Cosecha GR and GR Rapid Response to ICE
- **August 21** – [National Prison Strike Solidarity Demonstration](#) @ 1445 E Grand Ave, Des Moines, IA 7:45a – 8:30a hosted by Central Iowa DSA
- **August 21** – [Nat Turner Day Noise Demo](#) @ Metropolitan Detention Center 7:00p – 10:00p, New York, NY hosted by RAM & NYC Anarchist Black Cross
- **August 21** – [National Prison Strike Kickoff Rally](#) @ University of Washington 1:00p – 3:00p Seattle, WA hosted by Seattle IWW Black & Pink and SawariMi @ Durant Park
- **August 21** – Awareness March @ Plaza de Cesar Chavez @ 7:00p hosted by California Prison Focus
- **August 21** – [Noise Demo](#) @ Elliot Park 8:00p Minneapolis, MN hosted by Twin Cities Anti-Repression
- **August 23** – March in Solidarity with National Prisoner Strike
- **August 25** – Solidarity Mobilization @ San Quentin State Prison 11 AM – 3:30 PM, San Quentin, CA
- **August 25** – Rally @ Lee Correctional Institution; Bishopville, SC hosted by the Party for Socialism and Liberation & Students for Justice in Palestine at USC
- **August 25** – [Solidarity with the National Prison Strike](#) @ 501 S Calhoun St, Tallahassee, FL 32301 6:00p – 9:00p hosted by The Party for Socialism and Liberation – Florida
- **August 26** – The 13th Film Viewing and Panel Discussion @ 4799 Shattuck Ave, Oakland, CA 94609 6:30p hosted by Liberated Lens
- **August 28** -Teach-in: Curriculum and discussion based on prisoner's 10 demands @San Jose Peace and Justice Center 7:00p – 9:00p hosted by Prisoners Human Rights Coalition CA
- **September 1** – Activist workshop- present concept of phone zaps & their impact, and current actions @ San Jose Peace and Justice Center 11:00a hosted by Prisoners Human Rights Coalition CA
- **September 6** – Sit in @ Office of the UW President, UW Seattle, WA
- **September 6** – Movie Night of "13th" by Ava Duvernay, with discussion @ San Jose Peace and Justice Center 7:00p – 9:00p hosted by Prisoners Human Rights Coalition CA
- **September 7** – [Protest Poetry Open Mic](#) @ New Youth Jail Construction Site; 5:00p – 8:00p Seattle, WA hosted by Seattle IWW Black & Pink and SawariMi
- **September 9** – Community Gathering/Alliance in support of strikers- food, speakers, tabling, open mic @ Backesto Park, downtown San Jose, CA 11:00p – 2:00p hosted by Prisoners Human Rights Coalition CA
- **September 9** – [Wrap Up Letter Writing Night](#) @ Pipsqueak; 3:00p – 5:00p Seattle, WA hosted by Seattle IWW Black & Pink and SawariMi


Endorsements, Organizations in Solidarity

#DeeperThanWater Coalition	Massachusetts
82 Tabs	Washington
ABO Comix	California
abolisha	Germany
Abolition: Journal of Insurgent Politics	National
Aging People in Prison Human Rights Campaign	National
ALL OF US OR NONE CENTRAL ILLINOIS	Illinois - Peoria
Anarchist Black Cross Federation	International
Animal Liberation Prisoner Support Toronto	Toronto
Anti Police-Terror Project	California
Asheville Prison Books	North Carolina
Atlanta Anarchist Black Cross	Georgia- Atlanta
Autonomous Actions Against Prisons	Washington
Bay Area National Prison Strike Solidarity Committee	California - Oakland
Black and Pink Seattle-Tacoma	Seattle, WA
Black Socialists of America	National
BLMChicago	Illinois - Chicago
Bloc the Juvi	Washington - Seattle
Blue Ridge Anarchist Black Cross	North Carolina - Asheville
Boatwright Transportation, LLC	Michigan
Book'Em	Pittsburg, PA
Brattleboro Solidarity	Brattleboro, VT
Breaking Barriers Mentoring Inc.	Madison, WI
BYP100	Washington, DC
California Prison Focus	California - Oakland
Central Iowa DSA	Iowa
Certain Days: Freedom for Political Prisoners calendar	North America
Charleston DSA	South Carolina - Charlston
Chattanooga Democratic Socialists of America	Tennessee
Chicago Community Bond Fund	Illinois
Christians for Socialism	Illinois
Christians for Socialism	Ontario/Michigan
Civic Media Center	Florida - Gainesville
Columbus DSA	Columbus, OH
Connecticut Prison Book Connection	Connecticut

DC IWOC	Washington, DC
Democratic Socialists of America	Indiana
Democratic Socialists of America San Francisco	California - San Francisco
Democratic Socialists of America North New Jersey	New Jersey
Democratic Socialists of America - Orange County	California
Denver GMB of the IWW	Colorado
Denver IWOC	Colorado - Denver
DSA Boston	Massachusetts - Boston
DSA Central Brooklyn Chapter	New York- Brooklyn
DSA National Climate & Environmental Justice Working Group	Massachusetts
DSA SF	San Francisco, CA
DSA Refoundation Caucus	United States
Earthseed Seattle	Washington
Enough Is Enough	New York - Rochester
Fem Newsmagazine	California
The Incarcerated Nation	The incarcerated nation corp
For the People - STL	Saint Louis, Missouri
Fossil Free AU	Washington, DC
Freie Arbeiterinnen - und Arbeiter- Union (FAU-ICL)	Germany
FREE THE LAMB MINISTRIES INC	Florida
FreeAnons Society	Florida
Friendly Fire Collective	Philidelphia
Gainesville IWOC	Florida - Gainesville
George Jackson University	Natioanl
Ghost Town Prisoner Support	California - Oakland
Give UsFree	South Carolina
Grand Rapid Response to ICE	Michigan - Grand Rapids
Green Party of Connecticut	Connecticut
Guerilla Mainframe	Texas
GW Feminist Student Union	Washington, DC
Hampton Institute	New York
Harvard Law School National Lawyers Guild	Massechusets - Cambridge
Houston DSA EcoSocialists	Texas- Houston
HU Resist	Washington, DC
iamWE Prisoner Advocacy Network	National organization w/ branches in several states
Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee (IWOC)	National
Indivisible Midlands	South Carolina
Indivisible SF	California - San Francisco

International Action Center	New York City, NY
Internationalist Students' Front at George Washington University	Washington, DC
Industrial Workers of the World	North America
IWW General Defense Committee	North America wide
IWW- LAGMB	California
Jewish Voice for Peace GWU	Washington, DC
Justice First	Washington, DC
Justice for Palestinians	California - San Jose
Justice for Palestinians	San Jose, CA
Kansas City IWOC	MO
Knoxville Radical Library	Tennessee
Liberated Lens Film Collective	California
Liberation Through Reading	Maryland
Libertarian Socialist Caucus of the Democratic Socialists of America	National
Madeleine Leveille- Green Party Candidate 35th district of Connecticut	Clinton, CT
Malcolm X Center	South Carolina
Metropolitan Anarchist Coordinating Council (MACC)	New York - NYC
Michigan Abolition and Prisoner Solidarity (MAPS)	Michigan
Middle Tennessee Democratic Socialists of America	Tennessee
Millennials Are Killing Capitalism	North Carolina/Philadelphia
Millions for Prisoners Human Rights Coalition	National
Millions for Prisoners NM Chapter	New Mexico
Milwaukee IWOC	Wisconsin - Milwaukee
Mom Radio	Georgia/New York
Montgomery County Democratic Socialists of America	Maryland
Mundo Obrero / Workers World Party	Pennsylvania/National
Nebraska Left Coalition	Nebraska
National Afrosocialists & Socialists of Colour Caucus (AFROSOC) of DSA	New York
National Brown Berets	California - Los Angeles
National Lawyers Guild	National
New Abolitionists Radio	North Carolina
New York City Jericho Movement	New York - Bronx
NYC Shut It Down	New York
Ounce Strategy	California
Party for Socialism and Liberation	NY/National
Peace and Freedom Party	California
People and Power Assembly (PPA) Queens	New York - NYC
Peoples Power Assemblies	National
Permaculture Action Network	continental organization of BioRegional Crews

Popular Resistance	Washington, DC
Prison Abolitionists of Nassau Inciting Change (PANIC)	National
Protect Our Stolen Treasures	South Carolina
Queer Palestinian Empowerment Network (QPEN)	Internatoinal
Queer Radicals	Washington, DC
Queer Socialists Working Group	National
Quiet Corner Democratic Socialists of America	Connecticut
Rethink	Louisiana
Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement	New York - NYC
Richmond IWW	Richmond, Virginia
Rutgers Women's and Gender Studies Graduate Student Organization	New Jersey
Samidoun: Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network	South Carolina
San Diego Central Committee of the Peace and Freedom Party of California	California - San Diego
San Francisco Bay View	California - San Francisco
Seattle DSA	Seattle, WA
Seattle Industrial Workers of the World	Washington - Seattle
Seattle Solidarity Network (SeaSol)	Seattle, WA
Showing Up for Racial Justice	California - Santa Barbra
Snohomish IWW (of the Whatcom-Skagit GMB)	Washington
Socialist Organization of North Georgia	Georgia
Socialist Rifle Association	National organization w/ branches in several states
Stand For Our Families (SCDC)	South Carolina
Steel City John Brown Gun Club	Pennsylvania - Pittsburgh
Stop Police Terror Project DC	Washington, DC
Students for Justice in Palestine at the University of South Carolina	South Carolina
Students for Prison Education and Reform (SPEAR) - Princeton	New Jersey
Support Marius Mason	Michigan
Tennessee Prison Books Project	Nashville, TN
The American Party of Labor	National
The Kite Newsletter	Washington
The New Afrikan Black Panther Party-Prison Chapter	Texas
The People's Consortium	Georgia
True Leap Publishing Collective	Illionois
TwoJoe	California
United Panther Movement	Texas
University of Colorado at Boulder Young Democratic Socialists of America (CU YDSA)	Colorado
UVa students united	Virginia - Charlottesville
Vegans for Peace UNC-CH	North Carolina



Voices in Movement	Mexico City, Mexico
War Resisters League	New York - NYC
WISDOM	Wisconsin
Women Who Never Give Up, Inc	New Jersey
Workers World Party	National
Young Democratic Socialists of America @ Virginia Commonwealth University	Virginia
Young Democratic Socialists of America at the George Washington University (YDSA GW)	Washington, DC
Young Democratic Socialists of Princeton	New Jersey

The most up to date list of endorsements can be found online at <http://sawarimi.org/groups-organizations-in-solidarity>

Additional Organizations can register and provide their endorsement online at <http://sawarimi.org/national-prison-strike>

Messages from Endorsers:

“The Permaculture Action Network endorses and supports the National Prison Strike happening August 21st to September 9th, 2018. We support the prisoners’ demands associated with the strike, and will take action to highlight the connections between the ecological effects of the extractive economy (fire, drought, food toxicity, biospheric collapse, etc.), and the social and economic effects of the extractive economy (the prison industrial complex, forced labor, inhuman living conditions, incarceration and isolation, etc.).”

“We stand in solidarity against all forces prison Labor which is an extension of the slave system birthed in America legalized by the 13th amendment” - Five Muallimakk of the Incarcerated Nation

“Democratic Socialists of America, San Francisco stands in solidarity with all incarcerated people and with the calls for an end to prison slavery, the disbanding of the police, and the elimination of prisons along with the emancipation of prisoners from the prison system. We recognize the self-organization of incarcerated people as the forefront in the struggle of all oppressed people against their oppressors. DSA SF endorses the upcoming prison strike beginning August 21st and supports all demands put forth by the organizers.”

“We, the formerly incarcerated members of All Of Us Or None Central Illinois Chapter, stand in Solidarity with our incarcerated Brothers and Sisters during their 2018 Prison Strike August 21th-September 9th and will do our part to support in action, funding, communication or wherever we are needed and are able to assist.”

“Solidarität mit dem Gefangenestreik gegen die Knastsklaverei in den USA!”
 Translation: “Solidarity with the prisoner strike against the slaughter in the USA!”
 - Freie Arbeiterinnen - und Arbeiter- Union (FAU-ICL), Germany

“Solidarity to the prison strike! We organize against displacement and gentrification in Washington, D.C., and acknowledge its inextricable linkages to mass incarceration and an economic system that is organized to profit through exploitation. We stand in full solidarity with all those organizing to expose, oppose, and abolish mass incarceration.” –Justice First

Submission Info: In addition to publishing content raising awareness about the strike and providing updates on related demonstration and its progress, the Solid Black Fist Newsletter also accepts work from prisoners in the form of articles, art and poetry as well as the contribution of stamps. This demonstration and its campaigns are about you and our most meaningful contributions come from the inside. For those who contribute 20 stamps or more a custom poster will be mailed at the end of September. For readers interested in submitting their work: typed and printed can be sent to the return address or emailed to prisonstrikesmedia@gmail.com; carbon copy: amanisawari@gmail.com

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Basic Principles for the Treatment of Prisoners

1. All prisoners shall be treated with the respect due to their inherent dignity and value as human beings.
2. There shall be no discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.
3. It is, however, desirable to respect the religious beliefs and cultural precepts of the group to which prisoners belong, whenever local conditions so require.
4. The responsibility of prisons for the custody of prisoners and for the protection of society against crime shall be discharged in keeping with a State's other social objectives and its fundamental responsibilities for promoting the well-being and development of all members of society.
5. Except for those limitations that are demonstrably necessitated by the fact of incarceration, all prisoners shall retain the human rights and fundamental freedoms set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and, where the State concerned is a party, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and the International Covenant on Civil and

Political Rights and the Optional Protocol thereto, as well as such other rights as are set out in other United Nations covenants.

6. All prisoners shall have the right to take part in cultural activities and education aimed at the full development of the human personality.
7. Efforts addressed to the abolition of solitary confinement as a punishment, or to the restriction of its use, should be undertaken and encouraged.
8. Conditions shall be created enabling prisoners to undertake meaningful remunerated employment which will facilitate their reintegration into the country's labor market and permit them to contribute to their own financial support and to that of their families.
9. Prisoners shall have access to the health services available in the country without discrimination on the grounds of their legal situation.
10. With the participation and help of the community and social institutions, and with due regard to the interests of victims, favorable conditions shall be created for the reintegration of the ex-prisoner into society under the best possible conditions.
11. The above Principles shall be applied impartially.