

FREE MUMIA ABU-JAMAL NOW!

FREE HEP-C MEDS FOR ALL INFECTED PRISONERS!

**Friday December 9, Rally
Oscar Grant Plaza, 4pm
Followed by March to OPD
Headquarters**



Join us for a National Day of Action on December 9 to FREE MUMIA NOW and FREE HEP-C MEDS FOR ALL PRISONERS, in coordination with his Philadelphia and New York supporters!

Mumia, a former Black Panther who police tried to execute on the streets of Philadelphia in 1981, was framed by a racist judicial system and sentenced to death. Like other Black Panthers he was an innocent target of the FBI's repressive COINTELPRO campaign. From death row Mumia, became known as the "voice of the voiceless", exposing deplorable prison conditions and fighting racist police killings, imperialist wars and capitalist oppression. International protests got him off death row, but now they are trying to kill him by medical neglect. They are withholding life-saving Hep C medication he and 7,000 other Pennsylvania prisoners desperately need. After 35 years in prison, mostly in solitary confinement, it's time to mobilize to FREE MUMIA and other political prisoners like him now!

A recent US Supreme Court decision, "Williams vs. Pennsylvania" could open the door for Mumia's freedom but only if this fundamentally racist judicial system is confronted with mass protests like those that got him off death row. This decision ruled that a prosecutor cannot later sit as judge over the same defendant's appeal. This is exactly what happened in Mumia's case. On this basis Mumia's attorneys have filed a new legal action. If successful, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court rulings that upheld his conviction would be overturned. Mumia could then re-appeal the issues of his innocence, jury bias and falsified evidence to win an outright dismissal of charges or get a new trial. Mumia was framed by corrupt cops, prosecutors, and judges for the murder of a policeman that he did not commit!! **Let's mobilize for Mumia now!**

Endorsers for the Dec. 9 Free Mumia Action Coalition:

Angela Davis; ANSWER Coalition; Anti Police-Terror Project; BAMN; Black Panther Commemoration Committee, NY; (Former) Black Panthers: Cleo Silvers, Eddie Conway, Larry Pinkney, William Johnson; Code Pink, Haiti Action Committee; International Action Center; John Brown Society; Justice for Palestinians-San Jose; Labor Action Committee to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal; Love Not Blood Campaign/Uncle Bobby; National Alumni Association of the Black Panther Party; Oakland Socialist Group; Oakland Teachers for Mumia; Oscar Grant Committee Against Police Brutality and State Repression; Party for Socialism and Liberation; Peace and Freedom Party; Socialist Organizer; Socialist Viewpoint; Speak Out Now; Veterans for Peace – East Bay; Workers World Party

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Who Is Mumia Abu-Jamal?

(Background information provided by the Labor Action Committee To Free Mumia Abu-Jamal)

Mumia Abu-Jamal is a revolutionary journalist. A former member of the Black Panther Party and MOVE supporter, he fought racism and police brutality with outspoken radio reporting in Philadelphia in the 1970s. Known as the “voice of the voiceless,” he was an award-winning journalist. His work continues today--from behind bars--with books he has written, and recorded essays on imperialism, war, racism and more. Though censored off main stream media including National Public Radio (NPR), his commentaries can be heard on KPFA and other Pacifica stations.

Mumia is a political prisoner. Because he acted and spoke out against police brutality and racism, Mumia was considered an enemy of the state. He was targeted by the FBI's COINTELPRO disruption program from age 15. Publicly threatened by the notorious Mayor Frank Rizzo, he was well known to Philadelphia cops as a political enemy. They arranged his conviction before a racist court, and sent him to death row in 1982. He's now serving life without the possibility of parole.

Mumia has never wavered from insisting on his innocence. Falsely accused of killing a police officer, Mumia was set up from the moment he was found at the scene. Police coerced vulnerable “witnesses” into saying they saw something they never did. A real witness was driven out of town for saying Mumia didn't do it. Other witnesses who saw two men (not Mumia) run from the scene were ignored, or forced to lie against Mumia. Police corrupted the ballistics, and forged a “confession” that Mumia never made. Another man's real confession was suppressed.

Cops, courts and politicians conspired to send Mumia away, and keep him there. Starting with the “hanging judge” Sabo, who said he would “help ‘em fry the n____r” at Mumia's trial, state and federal appeals courts, including the Supreme Court, have ignored law and precedent to keep Mumia behind bars. Mountains of evidence that should free Mumia has gone unheard. Politicians like the former DA (later governor) Ed Rendell, and ex-governor Tom Ridge, are complicit in the frame-up.

The US Department of Justice (DOJ) is complicit in Mumia's framing. All the cops on Mumia's case were crooked, and the cop who was killed was likely talking to the FBI and killed by corrupt cops for that reason. The cops' motive in framing Mumia was to silence him, and cover-up their own crimes. But that didn't stop the DOJ from secretly warning DA Rendell not to use a DOJ corruption target, Alfonso Giordano, against Mumia at trial. Giordano was the chief frame-up artist at the crime scene, but using him could have blown the “case” against Mumia. (Giordano later pled guilty to corruption.)

Mumia Abu-Jamal should have never spent one day in jail. Mumia's case exposes the race and class bias of the entire capitalist judicial system. The state demands his slow death in prison as retaliation to his defiant resistance to state repression and racial oppression. And now that includes slow death by medical neglect.

But Mumia has not been silenced. We stand with Mumia. Mumia's freedom is part of our own struggle for justice and human liberation. Free Mumia now!

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