

We invite you to endorse our Call-to-Action and build support for an International Forum:

**For International Workers' Action –
Free Mumia Abu-Jamal and All Anti-Racist and Anti-Imperialist Freedom
Fighters!**

The online Forum will take place February 1, 2022, starting at 1 p.m. Pacific Time.

Mumia and other political prisoners, many languishing for decades, are imprisoned for their opposition to capitalist, racist oppression, exploitation and repression. Many of these men and women are critically ill. They all need to be released immediately. To free Mumia and these other political prisoners, international workers' action is necessary.

Speakers for this International Forum include:

- **Mumia Abu-Jamal**, via recorded statement
- **Angela Davis**, Distinguished Professor Emerita, University of California, Santa Cruz
- **Irvin Jim**, General Secretary, NUMSA (the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa)
- **Muhammad Ahmad (Max Stanford, Jr.)** founder, Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM)
- **Pam Africa**, International Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal
- **Rachel Wolkenstein**, former lawyer for Mumia Abu-Jamal
- **Jack Heyman**, Labor Action Committee to Free Mumia-Abu-Jamal (LAC), ILWU Local 10 (Ret.)
- Moderated by **Cleo Silvers**, Black Panther Party Commemoration Committee (BPPCC), Black Panther Party and the Young Lords, League of Revolutionary Black Workers.

Attached to this letter you will find:

- 1) The United Front call for this event,
- 2) Statements of initiating organizations BPPCC and LAC
- 3) Statement by NUMSA
and
- 4) Endorsement Form (separate document)

Please endorse and support this Call to Action by completing and returning the **attached endorsement form**.

In solidarity,

United Front Committee for International Workers' Action to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal and All Anti-Racist Political Prisoners

November 15, 2021

For International Workers' Action – Free Mumia Abu-Jamal and All Anti-Racist and Anti-Imperialist Freedom Fighters!

For decades, innocent and framed political prisoner, Mumia Abu-Jamal and other Black Panthers and anti-imperialist prisoners have been imprisoned, often in solitary confinement, for challenging American racism, capitalism and imperialism. Mumia is the most internationally well-known of these aging political prisoners, who are victims of repressive government programs such as the FBI's COINTELPRO. Many of them are critically ill. All of these political prisoners need to be released immediately.

There is no justice in the capitalist courts. To win the freedom of these political prisoners, international working class action is necessary. In 1999, the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) led an exemplary action shutting down all West Coast ports and led a massive march of 25,000 in San Francisco chanting: "An Injury to One is an Injury to All – Free Mumia Abu-Jamal!"

In March 2021, the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA) – the largest union in South Africa, with 338,000 members called for a renewed global campaign to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal. In June, the ILWU Convention voted to support NUMSA's campaign. Inspired by NUMSA's initiative, we are organizing an International Forum on February 1, 2022 to build for an International Day of Workers Action to free all these political prisoners.

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Initiated by the Labor Action Committee to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal and the Black Panther Party Commemoration Committee (New York City, New England and South).



**NUMSA DEMANDS THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF AMERICAN POLITICAL PRISONER
MUMAI ABU-JAMAL
10 March 2021
For Immediate Release**

The National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA), as the biggest trade union in South Africa, and one of the largest on the African continent, has made an urgent call to the Governor of Pennsylvania in the U.S. Mr Tom Wolf to intervene in the case of Mr. Mumai Abu-Jamal.

Abu-Jamal, formerly known as Wesley Cook, was convicted of fatally shooting Philadelphia police officer Daniel Faulkner after Faulkner reportedly pulled over Abu-Jamal's brother during a late-night traffic stop in 1981. He has been in prison since 1982, and was on death row until 2011, when his death sentence was ruled unconstitutional. He is now serving a life sentence. We believe that he is innocent and has been framed by the corrupt racist justice system in the U.S. He has been imprisoned for 38 years, mostly on death row.

In the letter we sent to the governor yesterday, we requested that he must urgently intervene to ensure that Abu-Jamal and all other prisoners who have tested positive for the covid-19 virus, receive urgent medical attention. Abu-Jamal's condition is rapidly deteriorating and there are fears that he may die. We also repeat calls for him to be released from jail. He is America's most prominent political prisoner, an award-winning journalist and former Black Panther. His only "crime" is exposing the racist, capitalist justice system in the U.S. which for decades defended and supported the Apartheid government for years.

It is our revolutionary duty as a Marxist-Leninist inspired trade union to defend the most vulnerable and to expose tyranny wherever it rears its ugly head. During the dark days of Apartheid, the liberation movement was supported by progressive organizations putting pressure on the government to release political prisoners. That is the case now with Abu-Jamal and we are calling on all progressive formations, locally and abroad to support this campaign and help to pressurize Tom Wolf to act humanely, and to grant Mr. Abu-Jamal his freedom and his dignity. It is clear that the governor's refusal to provide Mr. Abu-Jamal with proper health care to fight this deadly infection is an attack on his fundamental right to healthcare. We urge our comrades locally and around the globe to join us in this just campaign to free Abu-Jamal.

Aluta continua!

The struggle continues!

Issued by Irvin Jim

NUMSA General Secretary

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Black Panther Party Commemoration Committee (BPPCC)

For International Workers' Action to Free Mumia and All Anti-Racist and Anti-Imperialist Freedom Fighters!

We of the Black Panther Party Commemoration Committee (BPPCC) accept the challenge issued by the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA) for an international campaign to free Mumia Abu-Jamal. We also join the call of the Labor Action Committee to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal (LAC) of San Francisco/Bay Area to extend the campaign to call For International Workers' Actions to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal and all Black Panther prisoners and other anti-racist and anti-imperialist freedom fighters (Sundiata Acoli, Ruchell "Cinque" Magee, Jamil Abdulla Al-Amin, Leonard Peltier, Dr. Mutulu Shakur, Julian Assange, Rev. Joy Powell and many others) -- victims of the FBI's COINTELPRO program and/or local police/district attorneys' judicial lynching.

We note that the capitalist ruling elite's policy of white supremacist divide and conquer/rule has been their most effective means of maintaining power. The capitalists target social-justice activists to destroy the leadership of all sectors of the oppressed. It is a policy of mass incarceration (Native-American genocide and reservation-apartheid, slavery, penal servitude, industrial-prison complex) and of judicial/extra-judicial lynching. It serves to terrorize and "neutralize" ("shock and awe") communities of color (especially African-American, Latino, Asian, Native-American and immigrant) and instill hatred and fear of people of color into our white working-class brothers and sisters who should be dedicated class allies against our common oppressors -- the US capitalist class.

We note that the public lynching of George Floyd on national television May 25, 2020 by four cops demonstrates that extra-judicial state terror is so entrenched in the US that the killer cops thought they could not be held accountable at all! The sustained power of mass (majority working-class) actions forced a limited measure of accountability so far.

We recognize that Mumia Abu-Jamal is also a symbol of the freedom fighters who have been imprisoned for decades for speaking truth to power. Like him, many are sick or infirm and others have died behind bars or been released only days before dying!

We also note that the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), in 1999 shut down all west coast ports, mobilizing the massive power of the organized working class to demand "Free Mumia Abu-Jamal" who was then on death row. The ILWU led a demonstration of 25,000 protesters during the shutdown.

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All Power to the People!

Workers of the World Unite!

LABOR ACTION COMMITTEE TO FREE MUMIA ABU-JAMAL

*Mumia Abu-Jamal is an Innocent Man!
For Labor Action to Free Mumia!*



Statement of the Labor Action Committee to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal

For almost forty years now, Mumia Abu-Jamal has been imprisoned by the Pennsylvania courts - most of that time on death row - framed up by Philadelphia police and prosecutors for a murder he did not commit.

America has always used the criminal “justice” system to persecute and imprison those who have the ability and motivation to disrupt the existing capitalist class order. An unbroken line connects the Haymarket Martyrs, Sacco and Vanzetti, Eugene Debs and Joe Hill to Mumia Abu-Jamal, as well as the other imprisoned Panthers and other anti-imperialist and anti-racist political prisoners.

All opposed and resisted the injustice and brutality of American racism, capitalism and imperialism. All were hounded, arrested and often killed - like Fred Hampton and Mark Clark - through programs such as the FBI’s COINTELPRO.

The men who built their careers on trying to legally lynch Mumia went on to high office. District Attorney Ed Rendell, a Democrat, became Governor of Pennsylvania and head of the DNC. District Attorney Ron Castille became the Chief Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. District Attorney Tom Ridge, as Governor of Pennsylvania, signed a death warrant for Mumia—twice—and later became Secretary of Homeland Security under George W. Bush.

Today, Democratic District Attorney Larry Krasner opposes Mumia’s freedom in the courts, repeating the lies of the police, prosecutors and racist “Hanging Judge” Sabo who was overheard saying, during Mumia’s original trial, “I’m going to help them fry the ‘nigger’.”

The Labor Action Committee to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal (LAC) was launched to build a class-struggle defense organization to free Mumia. In 1999, members of the LAC in Oakland, California organized a city-wide teach-in for Mumia. The teach-in set off a media frenzy, which ratcheted up even higher after an Oakland police officer was shot. Later that year, all West Coast ports were shut down by the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) to demand freedom for Mumia. Two years later, Mumia was taken off of death row.

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After the successful ILWU action in which LAC members were instrumental, it was decided to form our defense committee. Our longshore union members had been organizers of the 1984 anti-apartheid ship cargo boycott in San Francisco and the 2008 coastwide port shutdown to protest the imperialist wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. More recently, we participated in organizing the closure of all West Coast ports in the U.S. and Canada to protest the killing of George Floyd with a rally in the Port of Oakland and a march of 20,000 demonstrators.

The international working class has the power to free anti-capitalist political prisoners such as Mumia through class-struggle action against the bosses and their state. We take our inspiration from the powerful call by the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA), the largest union in South Africa, for a campaign to free Mumia Abu-Jamal.

Join us for an International Forum on February 1st, 2022 calling:

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