

*You will ask why do we sing...  
We sing because shouting is not enough  
nor is sorrow or anger.  
We sing because we believe in people  
and we will overcome defeat.  
We sing because the sun recognizes us  
and because the fields smell like spring  
and because in this stem, in that fruit  
every question has its answer.  
We sing because it rains on the furrow  
and we are militants of life  
and because we cannot and will not  
let songs become ashes.*



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# A BALANCED APPROACH

## BY LACINO HAMILTON



Yesterday it was strongly urged that I use my talents to address systemic problems within the prison system. “Individual stories like yours are important because they give a human face to the issue, but your release will mean little for ‘social change’ if we do not correct the injustices of the prison industrial complex.”

I am fully aware of the dangers of an individual and isolationist world view. Especially as it relates to prisons and prisoners. I have seen too many examples of committed people and invested groups doing things without consulting the common good. I am painfully aware that abolishing prison, or at a minimum marginalizing the space it occupies in our society, requires more than just organizing around individual acts of injustice. I am aware, too, that making certain sacrifices for the general well-being sometimes begins with making sacrifices for particular people.

This is not to dismiss what I accept as wise counsel. The prison industrial complex is a fusion of institutions and systemic practices in a complex web of relationships and structures that monitor, imprison, and subordinate more people than any other industrialized country on the planet through law, economic policy, social customs, and educational practices. Freeing me, or any one person out of the thousands that are victims of oppression and the differentials of power and privilege that are dynamic features of prison, will not bring about social change. However, until we can exact total system change, freeing those who suffer the most egregious forms of injustice (or simply who we can) is inextricably tied to social change.

Most people are unaware that there are hundreds of people imprisoned because of their commitment to seeking human rights and liberation for oppressed people. These men and women are political prisoners and should be recognized as such. Anthony Bottom (Jalil Muntaqim), a prolific writer of social justice theory, has been imprisoned for over thirty years for his alleged membership in the Black Liberation Army, the so-called military wing of the Black Panther Party. Guilty of only his love for freedom and oppressed

people, his imprisonment has been characterized by constant harassment, as have his supporters. Visitors at the prison he is being held at have been turned away for no reason, verbally harassed, and had their automobiles broken into multiple times. Nothing was taken. However, photos of his visitors were placed prominently on the dashboard of their cars as a warning.

I think Jalil’s imprisonment and fight for release require special attention not only because he is innocent of any crime but, his release is a quality addition to the movement for social change. Back in society where the social dynamics are not so predictable, Jalil’s talents and skill set can be put to broader use. The same for Reverend Joy Powell, who was convicted in August 2011 of first degree murder. An all white jury convicted her based on a rap song she recorded, and the testimony of one witness that provided a totally different account of what happened than the one she gave 19 years prior, when she was originally interviewed after the decades-old crime first occurred. Joy’s lawyer visited her twice in the two years she awaited trial, for 40 minutes each time, and was more friendly at trial with the prosecutor than her supporters. She was, and is, an outspoken organizer against police abuse and terrorism, specifically in the community of Rochester, New York, where she lives. We would be remiss not to organize on her behalf.

Two decades ago as the prison industrial complex began to double from 1 to 2 million, there were very few critiques of this process available to the public. In fact, most people had no idea about the immensity of the U.S. prison expansion. But by efforts to make Mumia Abu Jamal – journalist, activist, and political prisoner – a household name, it influenced other journalists, public intellectuals, and progressive agencies to oppose the growing reliance on prison to solve social problems that are actually exacerbated by mass incarceration.

Not all prisoners possess the literary skills of Mumia, artistic talents of Joy, or the profound talent for life possessed by Jalil, but at

times highlighting individuals can cast prison in an altogether different light, altering the perception of its established use, and the social forces that helped shape its use. A balanced approach of collective and individual struggle against the prison industrial complex allows for the perusal of mass incarceration in all its registers by highlighting the proliferation and rise of prison, and that many people will die in prison for “crimes” they did not commit, unless we commit to seeing them free.

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## **THE FREEDOM MOVEMENT BY TERRENCE ADDERLY**



Greetings comrades,

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Terrence Adderly. I'm a 35 yr old anarchist/activist currently being held captive at one of the many concentration style camps in Florida, otherwise known as Union Correctional Institution. I have started The Freedom Movement – Florida Prison Chapter (previously known as ABC – Florida Prison Chapter), in an effort to raise consciousness in the minds of miseducated captives lacking truth and understanding.

The Freedom Movement – Florida Prison Chapter's purpose is to restore liberation – mentally, emotionally, and spiritually – by planting revolutionary seeds and teaching the importance of unity and solidarity amongst prisoners/captives by taking a stand against an oppressive system that binds captives/prisoners to the confines of mental, physical, and emotional shackles, while profiting off of our wholesale labor. I hold study groups four times a week on the close management wing(s) where I've been isolated in a one man cage for 3.5 years. The Freedom Movement – Florida Prison Chapter lacks the necessary literature to politically educate prisoners/captives who are willing to dedicate themselves to the struggle.

We're seeking contributions in the form of U.S. postage stamps and small cash donations to provide comrades with postage for legal endeavors and personal letters, and to purchase writing utensils and hygiene. We are also seeking book contributions and moral support. We seek book subjects/titles in paperback form on political theory, anarchist theory, and warfare strategy in our effort to politicize as many minds as will welcome truth and understanding.

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# A LETTER FROM CASEY BREZIK



Comrades,

Greetings of solidarity from behind the walls! I hope everyone is in good spirits. I know it's hard at times, but we mustn't allow our flames to flicker out. We must hold on to hope. No matter how distant it may seem. We must not surrender our wills. Don't let them break you.

I wanted to write briefly about this latest phenomena that I'm quite certain all of us have either seen on the TV news stations or being reported in the newspapers. I consider it pertinent that people not get caught up in the *spectacle* for which the media has created. After I try to explain how I see it, maybe we can start asking ourselves why they're doing it and what they have to gain from it. Trust me, nothing they do is as random as it seems. Even if it were, they'll always find a way to capitalize on it. That's why the US of America is known as the Empire.

*Black lives matter.* Why are we allowing the media to drive the conversation? (I realize that "we" is not all inclusive but am using the term to describe us the people in general.) Is police brutality or racist police killing people of color with impunity something new? No! And we know it's not. So, why is there now an upsurge of protests concentrated around that particular injustice within our society? Simply because the media's suddenly chosen to focus on it.

I know it stirs strong emotions within us, but can we say in honesty that allowing the media...*the corporate-controlled media* to determine what we get upset about is somehow a good thing? No doubt it's an issue that deserves our attention, but how can we justify allowing the elitists' (the uber rich) sentinels (their media stations) to shine the light on their own personal watch/guard dogs (the police, their lackeys) and then frame the narrative about what changes need to be made?! WTF is going on!? Have we all lost our minds? Seriously!

There are two sides to these stories. From the pigs' perspective

the media sure does seem to be telling them they can kill with impunity and that "black" lives really don't matter. In fact, it seems to be telling them that not only will they receive paid leave time (paid vacation) they'll also: 1) enjoy police protection while "in hiding" or just chillaxin' at home; 2) enjoy support from their Fraternal Orders of Police Union (whatever they call themselves...the pig union); 3) people will raise six figures (\$100,000+) for any expenses they may incur (in other words they'll get rich!).

So, is it any wonder that this seems to be occurring a little more frequently than usual or at least it's being reported as such?

What are we the people doing about it? Taking to the streets with our grievances? WTF have we gotten out of that? A strong show of just how militarized our police force is and how helpless we are to do anything of significance to change our predicament?! Hell, *they'll even allow us* to loot and riot, block traffic, whatever. It doesn't matter. They know, just like we do deep down, that these are all frivolous expressions of our giving vent to our anger. We're just throwing a tantrum. Nothing to be concerned about! Do they look concerned to anyone? Sure there are rookies whom get nervous about the necessity to "boot up," but it looks to me as though they have the situation under control. Even if they just need to give us some room to breathe. Nothing meaningful comes from these tantrums. Possibly, we could argue that there develops a sense of unity through struggle, but that "feeling" has yet to lead to change.

"What about body cams?," you may ask. What about them? What about placing greater means of surveillance in the hands of the police seems like a good idea to *anyone*?! Why should we be so content to allow them to extend the range of control they have over us as some excuse to help curb them from getting out of control? "We're 'sorry' we've been getting so out of control lately. If only you'd allow us to expand our safety net of control over you a little more, we're

sure that'll help us..." WTF?!! How do we become so immersed in all that's going on that we should overlook such a flawed solution? Have these body cams resulted in any murder convictions?! (As though that were a form of justice.) Oscar Grant's murder was ruled involuntary manslaughter. They are not going to start convicting their own (with the exception of their sacrificial lamb, but that is borne out of a strict necessity). To do so would be to admit a weakness in their system. Sure they can find "flaws" but essentially their system of control is flawless. They're merely being "humble" to throw us off. Focus on the smile, the sparkle in their eye, not the blood dripping from their fangs.

This is how the system works. They capitalize upon crisis. They engineer crisis in order to justify their taking another step towards furthering their aims. This is their flawless pattern of "the snake eating its own tail" that completes the cycle of control.

In fact, I've heard rumors that this is where the anarchist symbol originated, from out of the masonic lodges which use a snake formed in a circle and eating its own tail. Within the circle was an *A*. Supposedly, and quite logically, out of that spawned the circled *A* that anarchists have been using for some time now. An *A* that breaks

through that circle and also does away with the snake. Something to think about.

Next time we see crisis unfolding on the news or something "trending" in the media, as they say, possibly we should be a little more critical. We can still think for ourselves. We don't have to accept their or anyone else's thinking for us. The motto of the CIA is "seek truth and it shall set you free" (also religious scripture, but that's not relevant). Marley said it: "emancipate yourselves from mental slavery."

I realize I've left an unanswered question about what we should be doing instead of what we are. Honestly I don't know. I don't have all the answers, but I recognize that the first step of our figuring something out is to free our minds from the psychological brainwashing they're subjecting us to. Only then will we be able to think for ourselves. Only then can we find solutions. I don't have the answers, but I'm certain they're out there. So let's keep struggling and not relinquish our hope for a better life.

Solid,  
Casey Brezik

## WHO SHOULD STEP DOWN? BY JOSE VILLAREAL



Due to the 2013 Hunger Strikes, California has created a "Step Down Program." The state claims that the Step Down Program is a way that prisoners can work their way out of the state's Security Housing Units (SHU). The problem is that such a brainwash program implies the prisoners were somehow wrong and must then "work their way out" of this. *We* are the ones being dehumanized and tortured, so *we* should not be the ones "working our way out." If anything, our oppressors should be the ones enrolling in a Step Down Program, not us prisoners!

Those of us being forced into the Step Down Program are labeled as "Security Threat Groups." For one to be considered a "Threat," there must be someone threatened. So who is threatened by prisoners one may ask? Well it's the state who sees us as threats to its security. Prisoners are a unique bunch within borders, this is because prisoners are mainly made up of Lumpen elements. That is, we are

not part of the workforce, when out of prison we are mostly *not* wage slaves, we don't pay taxes, we don't join Amerikkka's military, and are mostly opposed to the Empire.

As Lumpen we are a potentially revolutionary sector and compared to other demographics in U.S. borders we are the least bought off or bribed. This poses a grave threat to the oppressor. But when we look at who's right and who's wrong, we are the ones being brutalized and our captors are who need to reform. They need to learn that torture is a crime against the people and *they* need to be rehabilitated.

Recently I was taken to a special committee and told I was placed on "Step 5," which means I will be getting moved out of the SHU after 9 years in solitary confinement. It was told that the information I was previously being held on was simply hearsay. So this left me dumbfounded. The fact that 9 years of my life has been chalked

up as a . . . “Sorry it was all hearsay, have a nice day” is simply bullshit.

When I think of a Step Down Program it means thought reform. But you don't have torture survivors go through thought reform, you're supposed to have the oppressors do so. California should have had all those responsible for having us in SHU be enrolled in a Step Down Program.

Those of us who will be leaving the SHU are happy but so long as we live in Imperialist Amerikkka there will always be torture and oppression, only under new names. Our job should be to work

toward arriving to a day when Imperialism is only learned about in history books and oppressors are the only ones attending Step Down Programs, not the oppressed.

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## **NEWS FROM ALABAMA BY ANONYMOUS**



After the brutal beating I suffered I considered abandoning all thoughts of rebellion against the administration here at Donaldson. But the more and more I considered thoughts of submission the more embarrassed and ashamed I became of myself. The worst thing the administration could have done in their attempt to break our will to rebel was place all of us into the same unit. As I lay on the floor listening and speaking through the space separating the door from the floor in order to converse with the brothers who stood with me I became increasingly sick with shame for even considering abandoning our struggle. In doing so I would have been letting these brothers down. Some of them may have experienced similar thoughts, but none of us voiced them. We encouraged one another even when we felt no courage of our own. Their solidarity with me inspired me and reignited my desire to act against the severe levels of oppression we are experiencing. How am I doing? I'm wounded, but I'm not broken. My physical wounds will heal.

Things are NOT alright here! This shit is like Guantanamo Bay. The Guantanamo of Alabama. There are over 30 prisons in Alabama, but only three of them are maximum security facilities. They are St. Clair, Holman, and Donaldson. Donaldson is like a gigantic segregation unit. This is where ADOC transfers all of the most problematic and uncontrollable individuals.

To make this more comprehensible, I would like to illustrate events that took place in 2014 when the Free Alabama Movement was launched. The call to action was a work stoppage by all inmates who were assigned institutional jobs. I was at Holman in the kitchen dorm at 12:30 am when the CO working our dorm asked the first individual to get ready for work. Everybody said, “This Free Alabama! Ain't no working!” We ran him out of the dorm. All 117 of us were jumping up and down screaming, “Free Alabama bitch! No more working! Fuck the DOC!” When the officer radioed for back-up and all the officers came running down the hall they stopped short of the gate that leads into the dorm. We were taunting them to come in the dorm, but they wouldn't. They called in the riot squad, but they too were afraid to come into the dorm. They stood outside the bars with full riot gear on looking scared to death. We had our phones out recording them, and telling them how we were going to stab them when they came in the dorm, but they never did come in. They left after walking around on the hall for less than ten minutes. This was a previously unheard of victory that was caught on camera. Many cameras. When we began sharing the videos with brothers in other units and other prisons, many individuals who were previously indifferent to the movement became radicalized. Guys started demonstrating in many different ways. Holman is the prison that does all the tags for the state

so the prison officials were compromising to try to get individuals to start going back to work. After a few weeks they did, but a level of unity amongst inmates and a disdain for COs had developed that has become detrimental to the administration's control of the prisons. Officers started getting beaten up and stabbed left and right. The FAM never took flight here at Donaldson. Donaldson doesn't have any industries like other prisons, just cells. While the other prisons were experiencing chaos and mass rebellion, numerous attempted escapes, and a flood of contraband, Donaldson was quiet. And operating in an orderly fashion. Holman and St. Clair started transferring all of us uncontrollables to Donaldson.

I knew I was in for a rude awakening when I made it into the block and observed individuals using prison collect call phones! SMH. There were many individuals here that I already knew. They confirmed my fears. The administration has complete control over inmate population. See this is the last stronghold of ADOC. From somewhere high up the administrators here have been given the order to use whatever amount of force they desire, but no matter what keep those inmates under control. The officers here have killed three inmates since I have been here (beginning of 2015), and shit didn't make the news. No one was fired. I bet there wasn't even an investigation. Since I have been in this segregation cell (September), two people have "died" in their cells. No one knows how, reportedly. They just spontaneously became "unresponsive." SMFH!!!

There is no method or procedure for redressing a grievance. You can't even have a document notarized if it involves the misconduct of an officer. All of the brothers who came back here with me have

been trying to file against the injustices we have been forced to endure, but we are continually denied the materials we need to do so.

Let me backtrack. After being here at Donaldson for a few months I connected with comrades willing to take action against the violence the administration was forcing upon us. We made plans to attack the most aggressive violent officers, but before we could serve the first one our plan was exposed by a coward that was amongst us. Right around this time a transfer came from St. Clair of brothers who had stabbed a captain and participated in a major physical altercation with other officers, severely wounding many of them. They came talking about nothing but riding on the police. Keep in mind this is all happening during a time when the entire nation is demonstrating against police killings of unarmed individuals. There was so much talk about wetting the police that the administration just started keeping us locked in our cells all day, only letting us out to go eat. On September 9th, we decided not to lock down. We knew this was asking for a fight and we were ready for it. Well some of us.

I have since learned the administration had been preparing for an uprising. When the first few officers came in to try and make us lock down we had no problem fighting them, but the back-up came so fast, already in riot gear, gassing us and beating us with their long oak sticks, we didn't even have time to react. We were decimated. Myself and six other brothers back here with me have been labeled the ringleaders of that demonstration and have subsequently taken many beatings since that day. None as bad as how they did us then though. The treatment or rather mistreatment we have suffered since September 9th has been intended to break us. It hasn't.

## **RESPONSE TO SEAN SWAIN**

### **BY CHRISTOPHER REYNOLDS**



At first when I read Sean's article about hunger striking and work stoppage it kind of infuriated me, due to the fact that I have been on a few hunger strikes myself in order to receive what we should have regardless anyhow. Then I sat and contemplated on his concept of us basically admitting the oppressor's rule over us by trying to bargain with them through the form of hunger strike or work stoppage.

It made me think long and hard for a more effective way to put both hunger striking and work stoppage to use, in which it will totally devastate the whole prison industrial complex system. The first concept I came upon was that of the "Industrial Workers of the World," of having all prisoners throughout the US go on hunger strike and work stoppage all at the same time. Then demand minimum



wage be paid to every inmate within the prison system. Regardless if they meet this demand, after a month's time of work stoppage they would have lost so much profit they would never recover. Also even on hunger strike it's still each institution's responsibility to make and prepare food, although they know we are going to refuse it. They would have to bring in outside workers to come in and prepare food, which they will have to pay at normal wages.

I know this sounds nearly impossible to accomplish, but I believe it can be done by effectively networking with other organizations to further spread our literature throughout all prisons.

The so-called powers that be would have no further option but to shut down all prison industrial complexes. I mean let's face the reality, they only exist as legalization of slavery in order to make high profits.

So when it comes to direct action, Sean Swain stands correct.

Respectfully,  
your fellow comrade,  
Christopher Reynolds

## **A RESPONSE TO ISSUE #1 BY ANARCHO-FAHEEM**



Comrades, revolutionary greetings! As Wildfire spreads through the belly of the beast, to some that's already politically conscious and to some that's not, to some who has put theories into practice, and to those who have yet to proceed beyond just theory, one thing I want to emphasize to those who contribute to this newsletter is: it's important for us to teach people *how* to think, not *what* to think. There is no one blueprint for the struggle. I say that to say, all resistance is welcome, the only resistance/tactics that should be criticized is that which harms the movement, individual comrades, or our common objective. Comrades who apply not *constructive* criticism, but are verbally attacking under the disguise of criticism, must realize this only divides the oppressed, which goes against what should be one of our main objectives, UNITY!

I will now be very direct to who and what I'm referring to in response to the April 2015 (No. 1 newsletter). Before I respond to the No. 1 issue, I want to first give a brief introduction of myself, not giving a list of all my political actions, but I'll dwell on two acts that failed under two different categories of tactics, and the advantage of both peaceful and non-peaceful. I'm currently doing a 24-year sentence, some resulting from my original case, and additional sentences resulting from actions on the inside. I'm going on my eleventh year of captivity. I began this sentence at age 16. I'm a state captive, not federal: I say that to say, I have been sent out of the

state that my original sentence stemmed from. In my original state, I was accused of "organizing disruption which effected the security and operation of the prison" (their words). I was also the main participant of this disruption (their words). I was immediately taken to an airport and "emergency transported" to another state, 29 hours away from where I'm from. Though there was some "back-up" planning clandestined from the overall movement, the participation from the overall demonstration was tactically "peaceful" (hunger strike, work strike, and complete silence). When the captors would come and talk, we were to say nothing. Are you eating today (response – silence). Why are you all doing this (response – silence). What do you all want (response – silence). No cooperation! No compromise! The comrades (outside) had already contacted the media, the governor, the warden, and DOC headquarters as to what our demands was. I was later tied to the comrades on the outside, in which I was accused as being the organizer and main participant. In the event demands were not met, an elite group of militants (those of the prisoners who were "politically conscious" and not just fed up with the prison conditions) would take a different tactical approach. Since I've been in this new state, after being released from Ad. Seg., I lasted in general population for a month. A prisoner was attacked by multiple guards while he was handcuffed. As a result of that, a lieutenant, who was present for that entire act committed by his lower ranking staff, was

violently attacked minutes later, which resulted in me being brought back to Ad. Seg., charged with assault on staff, and criminally charged with an assault and menacing with a weapon, in which I was given an additional sentence for last year. I say all this to say, I'm about to give my perspective and criticisms based off experiences, based off not just theory, but based off me time and time and time again putting theory into practice!

First I will focus on comrade Sean Swain's "Direct Action" article. Though strategically worded, I couldn't disagree more. This wording in that article only put water on a spark before it can turn into a full blaze. In other words, destroys potential unity before a more conscious prisoner can establish groundwork. As an anarchist or anti-authoritarian, obviously our principles are against reform, but: 1) we don't make a blueprint for every person in the world to be obligated to follow; 2) I'm not quite sure that *any* form of struggle in which demands are given should be classified as reformist in a prison setting. In society, maybe so, but in prison? Absolutely not, because if we're being realist, then despite the beautiful wordplay you exhibited, the dismantling of the prison industrial complex will only take place with the destruction of the entire ruling class/state. Obviously, the biggest contribution to that will have to come from consistent, long-term, complete anarchy from the outside. Be not mistaken, I salute A12M to the fullest and if there, I would've been side by side with those comrades. But no resistance that's only coming from the inside will ultimately deal a death blow to slave kamps. What you're suggesting isn't practical. Moreso, militant revolts rarely happen in prison. It's hard to organize resistance in most prisons in Amerika, period. Throughout history, east to west, society to prison, militants have always been the minority. The peaceful are always the majority. The point I'm making is, if the majority in prison has found a common ground to struggle on, with a common tactic that the majority is willing to participate in, why speak against it? Those of more consciousness, who are more dedicated, and understand the value of sacrifice, can engage in different tactics you are referring to, but which will be in co-existence with the masses' demands. What you call "reformist" is a foundation for unity, cooperation, and political consciousness building, which can spring into a culture of resistance, which will build dedication for action upon release to help achieve our ultimate goal.

Next issue: you state demands is "recognizing the right of the oppressor to exercise power." Demands *isn't* recognizing the right of the state to exercise power, but a tactical approach as is also practiced by the oppressor. When they say you have freedom of speech, or freedom of protest, do you think they acknowledge us as having power just because they're allowing us to oppose them within the lines of their law? Study what deception is. We're not recognizing the "right" of their power; quite the contrary, we're taking steps in building a force necessary to diminish their power. As one who myself has militant views, I understand your perspective and feel you're valuable to the movement and dedicated. But what you must understand is, if you want the endgame to be victory, in order to get the majority on our side, tactics must be diverse, and, aside from what puts the movement in danger, all resistance is welcome – with the pen or the sword, with a sign or a gun. This leave room for everybody to be *against* the oppressor in some way, violently or non-violently, *everyone* can contribute. We must be careful with our words, with our practices, and not become tools helping the oppressors divide the oppressed.

Moreso, a concept that need to be grasped: "there's no *one*

blueprint for struggle." In and out of prison, every oppressed person isn't an anarchist, so we can't expect every form of resistance to be in line with anarchism. By practicing such behaviorisms, we become like our oppressors – our way or no way. The only ones we can hold accountable for practices that goes against anarchism are anarchists. As a New Afrikan, I spoke out against MLK principles and those who followed them, as I identify with Malcolm. I want revolution and not reform. I don't want master to take his foot off my neck *a little*, I want master entire body in the dirt. But what I had to realize is, Brother Martin was struggling the best way he knew how and though his tactics and goals were different from Brother Malcolm, he was doing what he was doing to deliver our people from suffering. Think about that. Criticize the self-proclaimed revolutionary for not being revolutionary, but not the typical oppressed person for acting against their oppression the best way they know how. Revolution is what destroys systems. Like it or not, prisoners alone won't destroy a system. All we can do is deliver war and *demand* to be treated like humans, even if you do call it "reformist."

Comrade Andy Homer article was a good piece considering he haven't been doing this for long. But one thing that all of us already known to our enemies need to really emphasize, as it is a crucial mistake we've made and continue to make – "making ourselves known." If you're going to engage in militancy, strategically you should never allow the infrastructure to know you oppose them. If you're militant, but feel you have valuable theories, disguise your theories, not tactics, under the intellectuals or comrades who aren't getting their hands dirty. Those who only produce "theory" but not practice, they're necessary to the movement as well, as surveillance/constant monitoring won't hurt them, because they're staying within the rule of the state, the law. Those who plan to go against what's civil and step outside the law, really engaging in the kind of resistance that it'll take to destroy an establishment: remain unknown. Keep who you are hidden. Though too late for most of us, the new comrades who are coming into the movement it's a very crucial mistake to make yourself known to an enemy you don't know. Current CIA, Mossad, M16, FBI, Special Ops, etc. don't make themselves known. Why? Think about it. If you're in the eye of the scope, are you going to stay still and wait for the marksmen to snipe you? Though we speak against the state, military, police, or prison guards aren't the one who's going to eliminate (assassinate) you once you really pose a threat to power and not just committing arson. It'll be agents and forces who you can't identify who's going to booby trap your car, or poison you causing a heart attack (natural death), etc. Studying anarchism gives us something to dialogue about, gives us a vision, but studying the enemy is how you defeat the enemy. I read a lot of books and articles by comrades, and one thing that sticks out the most is that comrades don't understand the enemy, truly aren't considering enemy tactics. Above all, allowing your hate for the enemy to cloud your judgment causing you to underestimate the enemy. I'm not saying our opposition is invincible, I'm saying unless we change our current conduct, current tactics, conceal new tactics, conceal the identity of the new comrades and generations that'll follow, we'll never win.

Before I end, salute to comrade Conner article. Our vision will make a very interesting dialogue and struggle.

Until we win, we fight on! Love and solidarity.

Stiff resistance,  
Anarcho-Faheem

# REPLY TO MICHAEL KIMBLE

## BY SEAN SWAIN



It was great to get Issue #2 of Wildfire, and I was even happier to read Michael Kimble's letter which was, in part, a response to something I wrote in Issue #1. How cool that we have this forum to get this dialogue started— on whether or not hungerstrikes and work stoppages are reformist.

I wrote previously that hungerstrikes and work stoppages are categorically reformist, that by employing them, we seek concessions from those in state power but we do not attempt to eliminate state power entirely.

In his response, related to hungerstrikes, Michael Kimble points out that, at the time Issue #2 went to press, he and I were both on hungerstrikes— which is true. But, as always, our recourse to going hungry did not topple the hierarch enemy, but only made me a hypocrite.

A hungry one, at that.

So, in that sense, hungerstrikes are vindicated as a means for achieving small victories and concessions, but not as a means for bringing anything down.

In contrast, Michael brings up a scenario of a wide spread work stoppage where, if no one goes back to work, the system does collapse. Michael is right, of course, and what he describes is the anarcho-syndicalist dream, the work stoppage to end all work stoppages. The problem is, this has been a dream for centuries because it never materialized, in the free world or in prison.

For such a strategy to succeed in bringing the whole system down, you would need a prison population composed entirely of anarchists. It wouldn't be enough for 95% of the prison population to reject whatever sweet deals the prison fascists offer in exchange for going back to work. Just 95% solidarity means 5% returned to work and the work stoppage is over. So, in a prison setting, you would need

100% of the prisoners to reject every single deal (free ice cream, a raise in state pay, conjugal visits...) in order to make the system collapse.

I am always skeptical of any plan that requires 100% success from large groups of humans. So, sure, a work stoppage could be a means for revolution, for toppling the system, but it is more readily geared to attain reformist concessions.

This being the case, I urge Michael and others to think beyond these tactics and to imagine how they can employ direct action, which requires small numbers in anonymous actions that, together, make larger systems unmanageable, particularly when inspiring others to jump onto the bandwagon. Such an approach brings a population to recognize its own power, leading to greater and greater acts of rebellion, maybe even, eventually, to the work stoppage that Michael Kimble envisions.

Let's not dare to "think outside the box." Let's tip it over and burn it.

# WORK STRIKES: A RESPONSE

## BY MICHAEL KIMBLE



Today, the people in america's prisons, mostly black, brown, and poor whites now comprises a free (or penny wages) labor force for a \$500 billion per-year industry that is producing a range of products and providing services so broad and extensive that it touches every area of the u.s. economy. "Prison labor manufactures complex components for McDonnell Douglas/Boeing's F-15 fighter aircraft, the General Dynamics/Lockheed Martin F-16, and Bell/Textrons Cobra helicopter. Prison labor produces night-vision goggles, body armor, camouflage, uniforms, radio and communication devices, and lighting systems and components for 30mm and 300mm battleship anti-aircraft guns, along with land mine sweepers and electro-optical equipment and overhaul military vehicles."

When determining the best strategy to smash the Prison Industrial Slave Komplex it is essential that we take a look at the entire system. We must identify the fundamentals of what makes this system work and why it exists. Prisons exist for basically two reasons: social control (domination) and economic exploitation. Just as with chattel slavery, the Prison Industrial Slave Komplex is an economic system which uses human beings as its nuts and bolts. So, in part our approach must be economic destruction and focused on the point of production – the people being forced into this slave labor.

We are fighting against a half-trillion dollar system that is being controlled by businessmen and women who are the modern day slave profiteers, and their focus is on the bottom line, just like any business. From this viewpoint, I think that organizing workstrikes at prisons with economic industries that are operated by slave labor will bring much damage. The impact of a workstrike is immediate and significant, as production is shut down and profit margins plummet around the country. And affecting the world in so many ways, even. "Leasing convicts to private businesses made a tidy fortune for both state and local governments, especially after slaves were emancipated. In 1873, 73% of Alabama's entire state revenue came from prison labor. Reconstruction-era plantation owners, though, were hardly incentivized to care about their charges! When any of their starving workers died, they simply asked the state for new ones, at no cost to their bottom line." Prisoner workstrikes is key to bringing the Prison

Industrial Slave Komplex, domination and control to its death: if we are being held solely for our labor, social control, and exploitation, then why should we continue to work? And if we (anarchists) want to bring pain and damage to the state, and break the control we (prisoners) are willingly complicit in maintaining, and seeing a real chance to bring destructive damage to something that deep inside we hate, why not go on workstrike? I'm not talking about a workstrike for better wages, food, etc., but a shutdown that will do some damage, for real.

Of course, if we add the tactics of direct action mentioned in Sean's original article in Wildfire #1, and participation of comrades on the outside, then we'll get change we can believe in. It may not bring down the state immediately, but neither did the direct action carried out by the A12Monkeys, but it will knock a big chunk out of the state. Isn't that what we want to do? I agree, there are those that want to negotiate some issues, but that's why we hash out the reasons and decide the direction and mission of the workstrike on the level of participation I'm talking about. It's possible and already taking place between prisoners all over the u.s. and with "free"-world participation. It doesn't have to be reformist.

I suggest that all prisoners, especially anarchist prisoners, link up and join these discussions by writing to Free Alabama Movement; PO Box 186; New Market, AL 35761. or at internet radio: <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/freealabamamovement>.

Let's make this clear, I don't believe that it is feasible to get the cooperation and participation of every prisoner in every prison throughout the u.s. History and experience taught me that. But I do believe that it is possible to get the participation and cooperation of some prisoners in various states, entire prisons even. We now have the means to link up and organize something of this scale. It won't be easy, but that's why it's called "struggle."

If the mission of the A12Monkeys was to cause a rupture in the normal flow, economic damage, structural damage, and just stick it to the authorities, a workstrike, I think, would only widen this rupture and loss of profits. In that sense, it's not reform.

# BUCKIN IN THE BOP

## BY ANONYMOUS



What's up fellow rebels behind the wall! Been a few months and it's always something bad isn't it – comrades in and out of the SHU, loss of good time, feds tapping our phones, and having property ransacked by the pigs – but we still lick our wounds and fight another day, right? We just kicking back, spreading the spirit of resistance, and waiting for our moment, the big flood to wash away all these castles made of sand once and for all.

### IN THE NEWS

The good...

- Thousands of federal prisoners, a third of whom would be “immediately deported,” are now finally being released due to the 2-pt reduction for drug cases that was made retroactive more than a year ago. Tens of thousands more are expected to receive sentence reductions, but the BOP is still ~40% over capacity which is why many spots have three-man cells.
- The proposed Sentencing Reform Corrections Act supported by both political parties would reduce mandatory minimums for drug convictions, but increases mandatory minimums for felon possession of a firearm charges and federal terrorism cases.
- After years of efforts by the Human Rights Defense Center and other groups, the FCC ruled against intrastate phone call extortion rates and kickback schemes and ordered reducing the cost of calls in federal prisons to \$0.11/minute.

The bad...

- Despite the efforts of prison abolitionists and environmentalists,

the BOP is moving forward with the construction of a new federal prison in Fletcher County, Kentucky on top of a former mountaintop removal coal mine site.

- BOP director Charles E. Samuels lied to congress during a hearing on the UN Convention Against Torture and the widespread use of solitary: “We do not, under any circumstances, nor have we ever had the practice of putting an individual in a cell alone.”
- Right-wingers and the pork industry blasted the Obama administration for “catering to Muslims” because of the decision to remove pork from the national menu due to widespread unpopularity: within a week the BOP caved and brought pork back. If only they were that quick to bring back oranges, or started selling onions and bananas on the commissary.

Yes, this seems to be the era of prison reforms, and many politicians are scrambling to jump on the bandwagon. Obama visited FCI El Reno, shaking hands, taking pictures, and has pardoned a few dozen federal prisoners. Bernie Sanders called for bringing back federal parole and proposed legislation banning private prisons (unlikely to pass). Even the right-wing Koch brothers have been promoting prison reforms. On one hand, it's refreshing that we aren't seeing the tired “tough on crime” rhetoric typical of election seasons, but their proposed solutions are mere table-scrap reforms meant to restore public faith in their criminal justice machine instead of seriously challenging the underlying function of police and prisons in society. Stop and frisk, broken windows, truth in sentencing, three strikes laws, mandatory minimum sentences, and the practice of paying incarcerated workers pennies an hour for mandatory employment is still widespread and

not likely to change anytime soon until something crazy goes down to stop it. Until then, we should not be giving thanks to the political system for longer leashes and bigger cages when they were the ones who built these dungeons in the first place. So let's get off the reformist hamster wheel to nowhere and focus on direct-action strategies that'll really kick it into high gear.

Behind bars any overt options for resistance are criminalized, but everyday many of us do shit that could get us thrown in the SHU anyway, such as stealing food from the kitchen, getting high on paper K2, or buying another prisoner's phone minutes, so fuck it, if we going down anyway we may as well go ham against the pigs. Let's break down the divisions between prison cliques that got people more willing to fight against each other over petty shit and instead unite against the cops about something that actually matters. In this world where we cannot publicly organize or speak freely, clandestine action such as organizing a book study or discussion group or publishing articles about our daily experiences to the world are small but powerful acts of resistance that can spread from convict to convict, prison to prison, to the point where we can openly confront the power through hunger strikes and sabotage. When we start bucking against our common enemy like they did during the California prison hunger strikes in 2011 and 2013 when the "Agreement to End Hostilities" was in effect, prison administrators get frightened and all of a sudden want to negotiate and make concessions – way more effective than the administrative grievance process.

From the trenches, it gives us strength and inspiration to hear about folks in the street complementing our work with marches

and boycotts of corporations that profit from prison labor. One recent success is the hunger strike in Menard, Illinois state prison, where comrades in the street organized visible and audible noise demonstrations outside the walls. Picket signs are good and all, but if we want to win we have to consider the full spectrum of tactics available. Cops been getting away with murder over and over again until shit kicked off hardcore in places like Ferguson and Baltimore. We need some nighttime raid type shit in retaliation for each and every incident of police brutality and murder, regardless whether the DA presses charges or not, to put cops across the country on the defensive so they think twice before trying us again. We need to directly target prison profiteers and bureaucrats individually with such harassment that it becomes unbearable to continue their jobs and an unthinkable career choice for those still in pig training.

It is said that militant tactics are what forces the ruling power to negotiate with the liberal reformers and nonprofits even while both condemn the extremists, thugs, terrorists, etc and it's true that politicians would not be talking prison reform at all if it weren't for Black Lives Matter and widespread uprisings against police brutality. But our work should not be framed within the logic of reform, but as battles in the larger abolitionist war for a world without prisons and police entirely. Each fight is a wave crashing on the beach, slowly encroaching enemy territory and eroding enemy encampments, and even though the tide rises and falls with wins and losses, we keep pushing for a big enough flood, cause every castle in the sand washes away into dust eventually.

## **CALL FOR A BLACK DECEMBER FROM INTERNATIONAL COMRADES**



Comrades coming from various geographies and different paths of struggle, yet having the same longing for the diffusion of anarchist offensive, support the call for a Black December published by brothers held in prisons of the Greek democracy.

We call for the revival of the black memory of our dead and all those who have fallen in the fight for freedom and anarchy.

We call for the activation of combative solidarity with comrades that experience incarceration because of their unyielding stance of confrontation with all forms of Power, as well as those who have assumed the difficult path of clandestinity.

We call for the cessation of the fragmentation of our efforts, which – from different trenches in the same war – are able to hit the enemy where it hurts the most.

From counter-information activities, to actions of

propaganda by the deed, let's make the most of this month and encounter each other, conspire, and synchronise our strengths in an informal, international and insurrectionary manner against the world of Power. Let's seize the chance to highlight the points we have in common, but also our different perspectives, in a spirit of comradeship and mutual respect.

With the black memory of our dead accompanying our rebellious steps

Complicity and solidarity with imprisoned and fugitive comrades  
War by all means possible against domination

**Anarchists outside the walls for a Black December**

# CHRONOLOGY



*The following is a list of some actions and instances of revolt that have taken place since July 2015. As a publication, we are trying to move toward including more information on prison struggles worldwide and social struggles in the United States, in addition to documenting some of the many instances of anarchist combat against the state and capitalism.*

*We believe in a multiform struggle against power, which may or may not call itself anarchist at different times, but which always remains uncontrollable and uncompromising. All actions reported below are taken from public websites and have no connection to anyone who writes for or produces Wildfire.*

## **AUGUST 2015**

**3 August** (Seattle, USA): Several dozen demonstrators blocked a key intersection for two hours in downtown Seattle next to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement office. This I.C.E. office oversees the nearby Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma, Washington. The demonstrators, primarily concerned over the treatment of transgender inmates, also called for the abolition of all detention centers and prisons.

**7 August** (Czech Republic): New Division Justice Department splashed 200 mink with nontoxic spray to cause economic damage to the fur farmers.

**8 August** (Millas, France): Statue of bullfighter cut down and "Abolition" was painted in red on its pedestal.

**9 August** (Sweden): Open rescue of salmon from a fish farm.

**10 August** (Washington DC, USA): Action at Greek Embassy in solidarity with Greek prisoners.

**11 August** (Feldberg-Falkau, Germany): 15 hunting towers sawed down and overturned.

**12 August** (Chattanooga, USA): Prisoners at Silverdale correctional facility in Chattanooga, Tennessee started a riot that significantly disrupted the court schedule the following day.

**12 August** (California, USA): Hugo 'Yogi Bear' Pinell was assassinated on his first day on the yard after 46 years in solitary confinement. Yogi was the only member of the San Quentin 6 – six young prisoners charged with an

August 21, 1971 rebellion and alleged escape attempt, which resulted in the assassination of George Jackson – still in prison. In the decades since, he continued to work for racial unity and an end to the repressive Secure Housing Unit. He also participated in the California Prison Hunger Strikes and supported the Agreement to End Racial Hostilities in 2011. Rest in Power, Yogi! Struggle continues!

**13 August** (Copenhagen, Denmark): Anti-authoritarian collective Bumzen raided by police under the pretext of looking for participants in a riotous Reclaim the Streets demo the previous weekend. Three other locations were raided the same morning and two 17-year-olds were arrested, accused to smashing bank windows.

**14 August** (Berlin, Germany): Cop cars attacked with stones and stink bombs in solidarity with those affected by police raids on housing project Bumzen.

**14 August** (Leipzig, Germany): Court spraypainted in support of prisoners.

**14 August** (Hama, Syria): Hundreds of prisoners rioted. Furniture and equipment was ransacked and beds were turned into barricades. Prisoners, mostly held on terror-related charges and for involvement in protests against the state, took control of several major wards and ransacked prison quarters.

**14 August** (Tehran, Iran): More than 500 prisoners went on hunger strike against the sub-human living conditions at Tehran's new central prison.

**14 August** (Miami, USA): 11 prisoners began a hunger strike at Krome Immigrant Detention Center in Miami, Florida. The strikers demanded to have a lowered bond and to be released. Last month, a hunger strike by 22 inmates at the same facility ultimately resulted in their release.

**16 August** (Toronto, Canada): Prisoners at Toronto South Detention Center refused meals for three days, upset over increasingly routine lockdowns in their 12x8-foot cell, without access to showers, yard time, or visits from family or lawyers. They also were upset over not having enough TV time and water leaking from the showers, making floors dangerously slippery.

**17 August** (Gauteng, South Africa): Five prisoners escaped while awaiting trial for armed robbery.

**19 August** (Cremona, Italy): Phone mast set on fire and spraypainted with the message “Revenge for Emilio.” Emilio is a comrade who fell into a coma after a fight with Nazis of Casa Pound and is now slowly recovering. In the same night, the car of the boss of Casa Pound Cremona was set on fire and completely destroyed.

**22 August** (Belarus): Anarchist prisoners Ihar Alinevich, Mikalai Dziadok, and Artsiom Prakapenko released from prison after papers were signed freeing all official political prisoners in Belarus.

**22 August** (Dallas, USA): For the second time in a week, protesters marched into the lobby of the Dallas County Jail in Texas, furious over the killing of a man who three weeks prior ran into the jail looking for help. Sheriff deputies responded to his pleas for help by pinning him to the ground, resulting in his death. Riot police were called to force protesters from the lobby.

**23-30 August** (everywhere): International Week of Solidarity with Anarchist Prisoners.

**23 August** (Gadsden, USA): Dozens of people marched into the Etowah County Detention Center in Gadsden, Alabama after visitation to immigrant detainees was abruptly cut off by authorities.

**23 August** (Cyprus): Banner hung as part of the Week of Solidarity with Anarchist Prisoners.

**24 August** (Gauteng, South Africa): Armed individuals freed two prisoners as they were being transferred to prison from court.

**24 August** (Gaza, Palestine): Former prisoners in Palestine expressed support for the Week of Solidarity with Anarchist Prisoners during a weekly gathering at the Red Cross headquarters.

**25 August** (Greece): Anarchists painted slogans at a supermarket, threw paint and wrote slogans at SYRIZA government offices, and hung banners in solidarity with Evi Statiri, murdered Chilean anarchist Sebastian Oversluij (“Angry”), and in coordination with the Week of Solidarity with Anarchist Prisoners.

**25 August** (Chile): Coordinated incendiary attacks by Grupo Kapibara and Anarchist arson attack cell “Fire and Consciousness” / Informal Anarchist Federation / International Revolutionary Front against telecommunications infrastructure.

**27 August** (Kielce, Poland): Banner drop for Week of Solidarity with Anarchist Prisoners.

**28 August** (St. Paul, USA): Protesters in St. Paul, Minnesota, blocked the doors to the upscale Whole Foods Market because the store profits from selling fish and cheese produced by Colorado prison inmates.

**30 August** (Melbourne, Australia): Banners hung for Week of Solidarity with Anarchist Prisoners.

**30 August** (Baltimore, USA): Prisoners at the Baltimore, Maryland Pre-Trial

Complex refused to “lock-in” to their dormitories after an argument between an officer and a detainee. Detainees then attacked officers before barricading themselves in the dorms. Media reported that inmates were frustrated because they had previously been held two to a cell, but are now held in larger dorm-style rooms. Eight guards and six detainees were injured in the riot.

**31 August** (Pisa, Italy): Anarchist arrested after allegedly attacking with a molotov cocktail a building that hosted the headquarters of a xenophobic party.

## **SEPTEMBER 2015**

**1 September** (Flintshire, UK): Campaigners from Reclaim the Fields demonstrated at the construction site for a new mega-prison, stopping lorries going in and out for hours.

**2 September** (Greece): Two banners hung in solidarity with Evi Statiri, partner of imprisoned anarchist guerrilla G. Tsakalos, held in pre-trial detention.

**2 September** (Athens, Greece): Incendiary attacks on 2 National Bank ATMs, 1 Alpha Bank ATM, 1 Piraeus Bank ATM, and the smashing of another Piraeus Bank ATM in solidarity with Evi Statiri and Athena Tsakalos.

**2 September** (Modena, Italy): Cables of a Wind phone masts were set on fire in solidarity with Pippo, Tommy, and Andrea (accused of setting a fascist’s house on fire) and comrades hit by requests of special surveillance in Trentino and Sardegna.

**4 September** (San Jose, California): 50 people noisily marched around the Santa Clara County Main Jail, angry after guards beat to death a prisoner there a week earlier.

**7 September** (Valencia, Spain): 60 prisoners at a migrant detention facility attacked two guards and took their keys. Some prisoners climbed to the roof and threw stones at guards, while other burnt mattresses in the facility’s outdoor area.

**8 September** (Yarl’s Wood, UK): Hunger strike and protests by women at a detention center.

**9 September** (Bloomington, USA): A banner was hung reading “Freedom for Anarchist Prisoners” as part of the International Week of Solidarity with Anarchist Prisoners.

**9 September** (Alabama, USA): After days of lockdown and other restrictions on movement, inmates at Donaldson Correctional Facility in Bessemer, Alabama, rushed the unlocked door of the dining hall en-masse and occupied it before taking over the common area of the dormitory and refusing to lock down. One inmate reports: “Black, white, Blood, GD, young, old, 205, 334, Mobile, Birmingham. None of the things that kept us divided seemed to matter anymore. Everyone had identified one common enemy.”

**9 September** (Pas-de-Calais, France): Deputy director of prison taken hostage by prisoner demanding release from solitary confinement and transfer to another prison.

**10 September** (Bloomington, USA): A militant demonstration against patriarchal assault blocked intersections and threw smoke bombs at bars.

**13 September** (São Paulo, Brazil): Incendiary attack on ITAU Bank by Movimento Insurgente Anarquista – MIA. Claimed in solidarity with anarchists in Spain, Greece, Turkey, and the rest of Europe.



**14 September** (Greece): Evi Statiri, detained awaiting prosecution of an alleged escape plot by anarchist guerrillas, began a hunger strike.

**15 September** (Manchester, UK): One-man rooftop protest against poor conditions at the former Strangeways prison. Stuart Horner held the roof by using metal rods to keep cops at bay, also damaging the wing severely enough that prisoners had to be transferred elsewhere. Over 100 people held a solidarity party outside the prison, complete with a DJ and fireworks.

**17 September** (Buenos Aires, Argentina): Locks glued at businesses that traffic in and exploit animals. Action part of the week of propaganda for fallen anarchist Sebastian Oversluij.

**17 September** (Oregon, USA): 100 pheasants freed from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife game management area. The pheasants were to be used as part of an ODFW-sponsored pheasant hunt.

**18 September** (Frankfurt, Germany): Animal Liberation Front sabotaged KFC with glue and graffiti.

**19 September** (Athens, Greece): Political parties' kiosks torched and vandalized, demanding that Evi Statiri be released and that anarchist Nikos Romanos be granted educational prison leaves.

**20 September** (London, UK): Banner hung at the Malaysian Embassy in solidarity with the Rumah Api anarchist punk social center raided by armed police on August 28th.

**20 September** (Palestine): Hundreds of chickens rescued from slaughter.

**20 September** (Barcelona, Spain): Animal Liberation Front liberated 20 rabbits in solidarity with anarchists repressed in Operations Pandora and Piñata, prisoners accused of belonging to Commando Mateo Morral, and Evi Statiri.

**21 September** (Tacoma, USA): A couple dozen people, holding banners reading "Not 1 More Deportation," "The Struggle Continues!" and "No Borders, No Prisons," chained themselves together and blocked three roads leading from the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma, Washington, in order to prevent any possible deportations from taking place on that day.

**22 September** (Durham, UK): Two prisoners at youth prison held a rooftop protest against cuts to family visits, association time, and living conditions. According to prosecutor scum, "They said they were fed-up of being in prison and it was a nice day. They appear to have spent their time on the roof sunbathing, wandering around bare-chested, and using a hammer to cause £10,000 of damage."

**23 September** (Crescent City, USA): Protesters gathered outside Pelican Bay State Prison in Crescent City, California, furious over the continued use of solitary confinement to punish their friends and family members locked up inside the state's supermax prison.

**23 September** (Chester, USA): Prisoners in the administrative detention unit of Menard Correctional Center in Chester, Illinois, began a hunger strike demanding better conditions since no changes have been made since hunger strikes last year. On the same day, 40 outside demonstrators marched, beating drums and pots and pans in support of the hunger strike. Through the windows, the strikers heard the noise and shouted back and forth with the demonstrators: "We hear you!" and "No A.D.!" and "Freedom!" and "Hunger Strike!"

**25 September** (Spain): More than 1,000 partridges liberated.

**26 September** (Macotera, Spain): Aviaries damaged and 3,000 pheasants released at a hunting farm.

**28 September** (Turkey): Window broken at fast food restaurant, tires punctured on hunters' cars, and animal liberation slogans painted.

**29 September** (Belarus): Antifascist Vlad Lenko sentenced to six years for a fight with neo-nazis in December 2014.

**30 September** (Vancouver, Canada): 16 prisoners at Surrey Pre-Trial Centre launched a hunger strike because of building frustrations with overcrowding, poor ventilation, dirty bedding, overpriced canteen prices, and the lack of medical care, face-to-face family visits, and a weight-lifting gym.

## **OCTOBER 2015**

**2 October** (Olympia, USA): The westside Olympia police substation had its windows smashed, door security keypads glued, outside tagged, and inside trashed with paint mixed with brake fluid. One tag read "No cops, no charges."

**2 October** (Lesvos, Greece): Incendiary attack against the office of the New Democracy MP. From the claim: "Our attack was an act of solidarity, rage and memory. It was a solidarity signal to Evi [Statiri] who, during those days, with her body as a weapon, asserted her freedom, against the criminalization of the family and friendly relationships of the political prisoners."

**3 October** (Rikers Island, USA): Several dozen demonstrators blocked the street at the entrance to Rikers Island, New York City's main jail complex, demanding that the facility be shut down.

**5 October** (Brindisi, Italy): Prison attacked with two improvised grenades. The first exploded along the outer wall, the second failed to explode.

**5 October** (Juneau, USA): Prisoners at Juneau, Alaska's Lemon Creek Correctional Center rioted against prison staff, leaving their dorm uninhabitable. Prisoners were furious over the expensive phone system they say was designed "clearly so somebody can get rich." Sometime that evening calls were abruptly stopped, and inmates became agitated that they would be paying for those disrupted calls. The prisoners gathered and organized in their dorm, and some wrapped towels with eyeholes in them around their faces. They covered the dorm's cameras and uprooted a table bolted to the dorm's concrete floor. The table was wedged against the door into the dorm, and a window into the dorm was broken. Bathroom partitions and bunk mattresses were ripped from their places and shoved against the broken window to prevent corrections officers from flooding the dorm with pepper spray.

**6 October** (UK): A key killer for the Gloucestershire Badger Cull had his home visited and car sabotaged with sand in the fuel tank.

**7 October** (California): Amazon, transfemale from the prison collective Gender Anarky, went on hunger strike demanding transfer to a women's facility.

**7 October** (Germany): After comrade Jus was released, another comrade was arrested and detained for blockading one of the conveyor belts in the Hambach mine, site of intense eco-struggle.

**8 October** (Calipatria, California, USA): Sixty prisoners rioted in the maximum-security area of Calipatria State Prison. Three prisoners were injured and one hospitalized after response teams fired on them with rubber bullets and pepper spray.

**9 October** (Blacktown, Australia): Prisoners rioted after a prisoner was stabbed.

**11 October** (Chiclayo, Peru): Prisoners rioted, burning mattresses from the roof of a prison while family members attempted to storm the entrance of the prison. Guards fired rubber bullets at the prisoners and tear gas at the family members, regaining control after five hours. Two inmates died of asphyxiation, and many more were hospitalized for injuries. Twelve prison guards were injured.

**12 October** (Teófilo Otoni, Brazil): Prisoners rioted, damaging prison wings and setting objects on fire. Three prisoners died in the riots, and 14 prisoners escaped.

**14 October** (El Paso, USA): 82 immigrants from Bangladesh being held at the El Paso County Detention Facility in Texas launched a hunger strike to protest their possible deportation. They were later joined by fellow immigrant detainees from India, Afghanistan, and Pakistan at the same facility. After the start of the hunger strike in El Paso, detainees at Lasalle Detention Center in Jena, Louisiana, began a solidarity hunger strike there.

**14 October** (LaGrange, USA): Prisoners at Troup County Jail in LaGrange, Georgia, banded together and fought with guards. One detention officer was choked and another received a sprained wrist during what jail officials called a “large disturbance” in one of the housing units.

**15 October** (Sydney, Australia): Protesters occupied the offices of Australia’s Prime Minister, demanding an end to long-term detention of asylum seekers in the Pacific.

**17 October** (France): Roma people rioted, torching cars and blocking roads, after authorities denied prison furlough for a fellow Roma to attend his brother’s funeral. At least 8 cars were burned, some torched vehicles ending up on railroad tracks and disrupting train service. People also stormed city hall, forcing an evacuation. As the rioting occurred, 80 miles away in a prison in Savoy, prisoners set fire to mattresses in solidarity with the individual denied furlough.

**19 October** (Istanbul, Turkey): Anarchist space infIAI raided by anti-terror police due to a report by an Islamic fascist newspaper.

**19 October** (North Wales, UK): Anarchists attacked the home of the Project Director of the North Wales Prison Project, covering his cars in paint stripper.

**23 October** (Burlington, USA): A lone individual liberated foxes and a rabbit from a fox farm in Wisconsin.

**26 October** (Russia): Anarchist Ilya Romanov sentenced to 10 years relating to the premature explosion of a homemade device in October 2013.

**27 October** (Spain): Anarchists Mónica and Francisco had their pretrial detention extended. The two were arrested two years ago, in November 2013, on charges of belonging to a terrorist organization and conspiracy to cause chaos and havoc.

**28 October** (Taylor, USA): 27 women detained at Hutto Detention Center in Taylor, Texas, launched a hunger strike demanding their release. Five days into the strike, reports emerged that almost all of the facility’s 500 prisoners had joined the hunger strike.

**28 October** (Guelph, Canada): Millbank Fur Farm revisited by the Animal Liberation Front, who, finding no mink, inflicted sabotage to the farm instead.

**29 October** (Catalunya, Spain): 10 comrades arrested and accused of membership in the GAC (Anarchist Coordinated Groups).

**29 October** (Santiago, Chile): Explosive device was placed at the gate of the

police barracks, but failed to detonate.

**30 October** (California, USA): Around 90 prisoners at Adelanto Detention Center (California’s largest immigrant detention facility) launched a hunger strike (the fourth immigrant detention facility to strike within the last month) demanding better conditions and their immediate release.

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**1 November** (West Jordan, USA): A dozen or more youth prisoners at Copper Hills Youth Center in West Jordan, Utah, destroyed roof tiles, doors, and other components of the building, and assaulted staff members in what police called “a coordinated wave of flare-ups.”

**2 November** (São Paulo, Brazil): Animal Liberation Front / Earth Liberation Front rescued 15 rabbits from a breeding site. The rabbits would have later been sold to laboratories.

**2 November** (France): 50 pheasants liberated from a hunt farm.

**2 November** (Canton, USA): Juveniles rioted in the Multi-County Juvenile Detention System in Canton, injuring two staff members. Thirteen prisoners charged with aggravated rioting, one also charged with felonious assault.

**2 November** (Cyprus): Migrants held in a British military camp burned down tents and clashed with police.

**4 November** (Madrid, Spain): Operation Ice arrested 5 comrades of the Straight Edge Madrid collective on allegations of belonging to a criminal organization with terrorist aims, damages, and apology of terrorism. Police allege to have found explosive materials and manuals, and that these comrades are responsible for incendiary attacks on four bank branches in Madrid, along with other actions in Barcelona. They are also, like previous arrestees, accused of belonging to the GAC (Grupos Anarquistas Coordinados).

**5 November** (London, UK): Metropolitan Police Safer Neighborhoods Team base attacked.

**5 November** (London, UK): Thousands of angry demonstrators held a Million Mask March called by Anonymous. Several police were injured, with fireworks being used against police horses. A police car was burned in a riotous carnival atmosphere. 50 people were arrested by police.

**7 November** (Alberta, Canada): More than 40 prisoners in a wing at Calgary Correctional Centre in Alberta, Canada, jammed toilets in their cells causing flooding in the wing. They also destroyed mattresses and inflicted thousands of dollars in other damages, causing the wing to be being shut down until repairs could be made. Meanwhile across town, inmates at the maximum security Calgary Remand Centre, engaged in a hunger strike complaining about food quantity and the prices for canteen, prison attire, and general privileges.

**7 November** (Taylor, USA): 70 people gathered outside the Hutto Detention Center in Taylor, Texas, where women inside were on hunger strike. The supporters played music and held a large banner reading, “No Life Without Freedom.” The women inside could hear and see them from their windows, and they gained strength noticing how nervous the guards were acting.

**9 November** (Guinea): Hundreds of prisoners mutinied against a hated prison governor. Dozens of prisoners and guards were wounded.

**10 November** (Youngstown, USA): Four inmates at Ohio’s highest security prison, Ohio State Penitentiary, went on hunger strike protesting the seizure of their property and poor living conditions.

**10 November** (Australia): A riot occurred at an immigrant detention facility in response to the death of Kurdish refugee Fazel Chegeni, whose body was found following his escape from the detention center. The riots kicked off after one person was assaulted by a guard. Reports of some detainees barricading themselves inside with petrol bombs, machetes, and chainsaws after raiding a garden shed for weapons.

**11 November** (Poland): Incendiary attack by Black Ranks Group against ING Bank, in solidarity with Czech anarchists arrested during Operation Fenix.

**11 November** (Bloomington, USA): A banner was hung in solidarity with the hunger strike of Lucasville prison rebel Keith Lamar.

**12 November** (Athens, Greece): Riots broke out during a general strike. Police were attacked, a supermarket trashed, a minivan of a telecommunications company burned, streets trashed and spraypainted, anti-riot squads attacked with firebombs, Ministry of Economy attacked with molotovs, Bank of Greece building attacked with fire.

**15 November** (São Paulo, Brazil): The Carlo Giuliani cell of the Anarchist Insurgent Movement (MIA) claimed responsibility for four incendiary attacks that consumed bank branches. The actions were claimed in solidarity with students struggling against the shutdown of public schools, feminist women who marched against conservative scum politicians, anti-austerity demonstrators in Greece, and Greek anarchist fighters. The action is meant as part of Black December – an anarchist call for actions against power in December.

**15 November** (Minneapolis, USA): Solidarity demonstration outside of the Minneapolis Police Department in solidarity with anarchists facing repression in Spain.

**16 November** (Greece): 27 people indicted for the planned escape of members of Conspiracy of Cells of Fire from Koridallios prisons. Persons belonging to the immediate family of captive anarchists are included among the indictments, including Athena Tsakalos (mother of CCF members Christos and Gerasimos Tsakalos) and Evi Statiri (life partner of Gerasimos).

**17 November** (Athens, Greece): 30th anniversary of the state murder of Michalis Kaltezas, shot dead by a cop while running along with other anarchists and rioters who had firebombed a police bus. In commemoration, several hundred hooded rioters clashed with police for hours, attacking cops with everything from stones to molotovs and setting a car on fire. Later on, amid flaming barricades and clouds of tear gas, rioters stormed a supermarket, completely looting and vandalizing the store.

**17 November** (Mytilini, Greece): SYRIZA party offices attacked twice with stones and paint and a bank vandalized by anarchists.

**20 November** (Putten, Netherlands): Thousands of mink released from a fur farm.

**23 November** (Torreón, Mexico): ATMs and CCTV camera sabotaged in lead-up to Black December.

**24 November** (Chainia, Crete): Banner hung in solidarity with vegan anarchist hunger striker Osman Evcan, imprisoned in Turkey.

**25 November** (Milwaukee, USA): Man escaped from Felmers O. Chaney Correctional Center.

**26 November** (Rochester, UK): Teenager knocked a prison officer out in a revenge attack.

**26 November** (La Paz, Bolivia): Prisoners took to the roof to protest cuts in daily food allowances.

**24 November** (Chicago, USA): Angry demonstrations after a video was released showing a white Chicago cop fatally shooting Laquan McDonald, a Black teen. Demonstrators caused traffic jams and briefly blocked on and off ramps of expressways, tore down barricades, tore down Christmas lights at Trump Tower, and clashed with police.

**Mid November** (Minneapolis, USA): On November 15th, demonstrators gathered, protesting the killing of Jamar Clark, shot in the head by police while handcuffed. March headed toward the MPD precinct and a brick was thrown at the building. As the sun set, a side entrance to the precinct was blocked while people threw bottles at police and sabotaged police vehicles. On November 16th, the occupation of the precinct's vestibule continued. In the evening, people marched to the freeway, blocking 94W for over an hour. During the protests, Black Lives Matter marshals attempted to control and contain the demonstration. Late in the night, Jamar Clark was taken off life-support and announced dead. On November 18th, a SWAT team raided the occupation. For the next several hours, occupiers and their supporters rallied in the front of the station, surrounding the building and blockading all entrances. Police responded with mace and marker rounds, which was met with thrown objects from some of the crowd. A mobile camera tower, erected earlier during the occupation, was toppled and used as a barricade. Street fighting continued into the night, with rocks and molotov cocktails being launched at cops. Professional activists immediately laid blame on "white anarchists" for the violence, erasing the militancy of people of color and showing their alliances with order. On November 19th, the occupation continued to grow, with graffiti being written on the precinct walls. On November 23rd, white supremacists shot at people who chased them out of the precinct occupation, striking five people. All five have non-life-threatening injuries. Police laughed at and ignored people asking for help, then moved in and maced the crowd that was assisting the wounded.

# RESOURCES



## **PRISONERS**

**CLEVELAND 4**  
cleveland4solidarity.org

**ERIC KING**  
supporterickking.wordpress.com

**JASON HAMMOND**  
freejasonhammond.blogspot.com

**JENNIFER GANN**  
babygirlgann.noblogs.org

**JEREMY HAMMOND**  
freejeremy.net

**MARIUS MASON**  
supportmariusmason.org

**MICHAEL KIMBLE**  
anarchylive.noblogs.org

**NATO 3**  
freethenato3.wordpress.com

**SEAN SWAIN**  
seanswain.org

## **PRISONER SUPPORT**

**ABC HURRICANE**  
abchurricane.noblogs.org

**ABC FEDERATION**  
abcf.net

**BOSTON ABC**  
bostonanarchistblackcross.wordpress.com

**DENVER ABC**  
denverabc.wordpress.com

**THE DIRT**  
thedirt.noblogs.org

**GUELPH ABC**  
guelphabc.noblogs.org

**HOUSTON ABC**  
houstonabc.wordpress.com

**KANSAS CITY ABC**  
kansascityabc.wordpress.com

**NYC ABC**  
nycabc.wordpress.com

**PRISON BOOKS COLLECTIVE**  
prisonbooks.info

**SACRAMENTO PRISONER SUPPORT**  
sacprisonersupport.wordpress.com

**SOUTH BROOKLYN ABC**  
sbrooklynabcf.wordpress.com

**TORONTO ABC**  
torontoabc.wordpress.com

**TUSCON ABC**  
tucsonabc.wordpress.com

**UNSTOPPABLE**  
unstoppable.noblogs.org

**WINNIPEG ABC**  
winnipegabc.wordpress.com

## **COUNTER-INFORMATION**

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325.nostate.net

**ACT FOR FREEDOM NOW!**  
actforfree.nostate.net

**ANARCHIST NEWS**  
anarchistnews.org

**ANTI-STATE STL**  
antistatestl.noblogs.org

**BITE BACK**  
directaction.info

**CONFLICT MN**  
conflictmn.blackblogs.org

**CONTRAINFO**  
en.contrainfo.espiv.net

**INTER ARMA**  
interarma.info/?lang=en

**IT'S GOING DOWN**  
itsgoingdown.org

**PUGET SOUND ANARCHISTS**  
pugetsoundanarchists.org

**RIFIFI**  
rififibloomington.wordpress.com

**TAKKU**  
takku.net/index.php?topic=In\_English

**WAR ON SOCIETY**  
waronsociety.noblogs.org

*For an up-to-date listing of addresses for anarchist prisoners in the United States, please visit:*  
**wildfire.noblogs.org**