

Human Rights, Resistance and Solidarity



FREE MUMIA!

Slavery and murders of those detained in prisons is often associated with countries in Africa, Latinamerica or Asia. Few people are aware that the biggest western superpower, the USA, is a pioneer in both fields.

The UN states that 25% of incarcerated people world-wide are locked away in US-prisons, making them the world's biggest current prison nation. The large profits that are raked in with these prisons are based on forced labor from prisoners - making it an economic necessity to ensure a constant flow of prisoners. Especially politicians are responsible for pushing new laws forward that make it possible to incarcerate more and more people.

In regard to the death penalty, the USA plays a special role as well: as long as it is still possible to murder prisoners, the majority of whom have been sentenced due to poverty- or race-related issues, other states can hide behind the US and use this as an argument to legitimize their state-sanctioned murders as well.

One former death row-inmate who has written and spoken about this topic for more than 30 years is the African-American journalist and former Black Panther, Mumia Abu-Jamal. He has been a political prisoner since 1981 in Pennsylvania – convicted for the alleged killing of a police officer. A crime he did not commit and a sentence that was built on manipulated evidences, including witnesses who were threatened by the police. After two execution warrants, the 3rd US Circuit Court of Appeals overturned Abu-Jamal's death sentence after finding jurors were given confusing instructions that encouraged them to vote for a death rather than a life sentence. In January 2011, prosecutors announced they would no longer pursue the death penalty against Abu-Jamal, and the imprisoned journalist was transferred to "slow death row" – sentenced to life without parole.

Since his arrest, Mumia Abu-Jamal has been fighting for a new and fair trial. Even Amnesty International described the first court proceedings as "a trial that failed to meet international standards." The departments' attempt to silence the journalist's critical voice by executing Abu-Jamal has had the reverse effect: millions of people world-wide started to read and listen to his columns about exploitation, racism and war.

Neither the miserable conditions in solitary confinement nor the constant threat of being executed distracted Mumia from his fight against injustice. He is involved in many campaigns and keeps in close contact with various activists from all over the world. Maybe

this is the reason why the government feels they need to contain him so vehemently: somebody this unimpressed by the reason of state still poses too big a threat to be released, though the state violates its own laws and constitution in doing so.

An African-America activist once said: **"Once we have freed Mumia, we have really moved mountains – let's do so together."** Over the last two decades, the solidarity movement around the world was able to save Mumia's life twice, minutes before his death warrants were to be executed in 1995 and 1999 by mobilizing millions of people. In 2011, even the prosecution had to admit that an execution of Mumia Abu-Jamal would have been unconstitutional.

After more than 30 years, it is now necessary to finally free Mumia from prison. Besides a host of different activities, the Free-Mumia-Movement collects signatures online to document the world-wide demand for his release from prison – please sign: **www.bring-mumia-home.de**.

We are also engaged in the fight for the abolition of the death penalty and to end the prison industry. Finally, we support many others who suffer from any kind of political repression and institutionalized racism. If you want to help us or have information that you think might help us, please get in touch.

Free Mumia - Free Them All! Abolish the death penalty now and everywhere!

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