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Updates for April 29th

13 Apr - Practice Solidarity, Write A Letter To A Prisoner

A great way to practice solidarity is to write a letter to a prisoner!

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via *UNOFFENSIVE ANIMAL*

If you are looking for prisoners to write to, check out the “Prisoner Support” tab on our website, where you will find a list of prisoners you can write to.

If this is your first time writing to a prisoner, there may be a few things to think about, to get you started. Like, keep it simple! It is okay to write basic things about yourself and your daily life. Let the prisoner get to know you. Also, don’t write anything that could get the prisoner into trouble. And check the specific prison if they have rules about writing to prisoners.

We are stronger when we stick together and take care of each other. Reach out to a prisoner today, practice solidarity!

14 Apr - Palestinian Student Called for Citizenship Interview — Then Arrested

Mohsen K. Mahdawi was arrested after being deceived into thinking he was going to an interview to attain citizenship.

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by Akela Lacy (*The Intercept*)

Mohsen K. Mahdawi arrived at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services office in Colchester, Vermont, on Monday. A Palestinian student at Columbia University, he hoped that, after 10 years in the U.S., he would pass the test to become a naturalized citizen.

Instead, agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrested him and began the process to deport him to the occupied West Bank. Mahdawi, a leader of the campus protest movement against Israel's war on Gaza, became yet another green card holder arrested and facing removal.

"Mohsen Mahdawi was unlawfully detained today for no reason other than his Palestinian identity," Mahdawi's attorney Luna Droubi said in a statement to *The Intercept*. "He came to this country hoping to be free to speak out about the atrocities he has witnessed, only to be punished for such speech."

Mahdawi's lawyers filed a habeas corpus petition on Monday morning challenging the legality of his detention, alleging the government was violating his statutory and due process rights by punishing him for speech related to Palestine and Israel. The filing said it appears that Mahdawi was facing deportation under the obscure provision used in other recent cases that gives Secretary of State Marco Rubio the right to unilaterally declare immigrants as threats to American foreign policy.

A federal judge signed a temporary restraining order on Monday to keep Mahdawi from being moved out of Vermont while his case is pending.

Mahdawi was one of the leaders of the pro-Palestine student protest movement until spring 2024, when he said he took a step back from the movement to focus on building bridges with Jewish and Israeli communities on campus.

In December 2023, Mahdawi asked Columbia professor Shai Davidai, a controversial pro-Israel figure at the school, to get coffee. The two met, but Mahdawi later said that Davidai left in the middle of the coffee. Less than two months after the meeting, Davidai posted a video of Mahdawi to Twitter in a thread characterizing him and other protest organizers as antisemitic and pro-Hamas. (Davidai did not immediately respond to a request for comment.)

Since then, Mahdawi became a focus of attacks from a member of Congress and Zionist groups like Canary Mission and Betar.

With Donald Trump's inauguration, groups like Betar and Canary Mission have been at the center of a push to place scrutiny on foreign students active in campus pro-Palestine movements. At Columbia, one behind-the-scenes push came from a WhatsApp group that included alumni and faculty who organized to get the students deported. Davidai was a member of the group, though there's no indication he participated in talk of deportation, whether about Mahdawi or other students.

Even before his friend and fellow Columbia activist Mahmoud Khalil was arrested by immigration authorities, Mahdawi asked university administrators to help him find a safe place to live so he would not be taken by ICE agents, according to emails reviewed by *The Intercept*. The school did nothing in response, Mahdawi said.

After ICE abducted Khalil last month, Mahdawi sheltered in place for more than three weeks for fear of being picked up himself.

Instead of taking him off the street, however, immigration authorities scheduled the citizenship test at the Colchester USCIS office and took Mahdawi into custody when he arrived.

Now, Mahdawi is facing an order to deport him to the occupied West Bank, where escalating attacks from both the Israeli military and Jewish settlers have led to increased casualties among Palestinians.

"It's kind of a death sentence," Mahdawi said. "Because my people are being killed unjustly in an indiscriminate way."

His fears arise from the toll Israel's attacks and occupation have taken on Mahdawi's family. Growing up in the West Bank, his community has suffered losses for years. He said he lost his childhood best friend, his uncle, two cousins, several of whom were killed in the Second Intifada, a Palestinian uprising against occupation that lasted from 2000 to 2005.

More recently, he lost two cousins in the growing violence in the occupied Palestinian territories since the October 7 attacks, Mahdawi said. His aunts and uncles' homes have been destroyed, and his father's store was blown up as part of the violence in the West Bank city of Jenin.

Now, he is the ninth Columbia student targeted for deportation as hundreds across the country have had their visas revoked under the Trump administration's sweeps and abductions of immigrants. Mahdawi is one of the few cases of legal permanent residents arrested, meaning he did not have a student visa revoked but is facing an effort by the government to cancel his green card. Other permanent residents have faced deportation over allegations that they violated immigration law or had their residency revoked over pro-Palestinian views.

"This is the outcome," Mahdawi said. "I will be either living or imprisoned or killed by the apartheid system."

Attacks and Government Scrutiny

In December 2023, Mahdawi appeared in a "60 Minutes" segment focused on antisemitism on college campuses.

Mahdawi criticized how Columbia's then-President Minouche Shafik had responded to the October 7 attacks, saying that she was ignoring the plight of Palestinians. And, a past leader of Columbia's Palestinian student union, Mahdawi said pro-Israel factions on campus wanted to silence those protesting genocide.

In the wake of the interview, he became the subject of increasing surveillance and attacks from Zionist groups. He said he also started receiving death threats. Canary Mission and StopAntisemitism, two Zionist groups that have become hubs for doxing and bullying of Palestine solidarity activists, created profiles for him. The profiles claimed that Mahdawi — whose activist work centered on finding peaceful resolutions to conflicts between Israelis, American Jews, and Palestinians — was anti-Israel and pro-Hamas.

By late 2024, Mahdawi was visited at his apartment by an FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force official. Mahdawi said he is still unsure of the purpose of the FBI visit. Mahdawi said Columbia refused to provide him with video footage of his apartment complex capturing the visit. (Columbia did not immediately respond to a request for comment.)

Then, in early 2025, Trump formalized his plans to deport pro-Palestine student protesters with an executive order.

Shortly after, Betar, which said it sent a list of students it wanted deported to the White House, posted about Mahdawi. So did the group Documenting Jew Hatred on Campus at ColumbiaU, which is run by a member of the pro-Israel WhatsApp group that worked to deport students. The group posted multiple times about Mahdawi and other organizers, tagging law enforcement agencies.

Shortly afterward, Mahdawi went into hiding. In response to a final email last month pleading with the school to move him to a safe location, a high-ranking official in the Columbia administration wrote, "The University's outside counsel will be in touch with your counsel." Mahdawi's lawyer said Columbia responded and said they could not give him safe campus housing where he would be better insulated from ICE.

Last month, Betar posted about Mahdawi again. The group said Mahdawi was part of a group of students Betar was confident would "shortly be deported."

Earlier this month, Mahdawi received an email from USCIS notifying him that he was scheduled to conduct an interview to obtain his U.S. citizenship. He said he was expecting the interview to take place in December or January, in line with the expected timeline to move from his green card status through the naturalization process. When he received the email, however, he was worried it might be a trap.

In anticipation of the worst, Mahdawi contacted his representatives in Congress, including Sens. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and Peter Welch, D-Vt., as well as Rep. Becca Balint, D-Vt., to make them aware of his situation and ask them to intervene if possible.

Mahdawi said he spoke personally with Welch, who said his office would be on standby pending what happened with Mahdawi's case. Offices for Sanders and Balint said they would remain on standby pending news of Mahdawi's status after the interview. (Welch, Sanders, and Balint did not immediately respond to requests for comment.)

Mahdawi said the government's efforts to chill speech went beyond issues related to Israel or Palestine.

"That's why they're crushing universities now, it's not only about Palestine," Mahdawi said.

As for his hopes of becoming a U.S. citizen one day and continuing his master's degree studies at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs, Mahdawi's future is unclear.

"People ask me why I would want to become a citizen of a country committing genocide," Mahdawi said. "I have faith in the people living in this country. The government is not the people."

15 Apr - New Commentaries

Please read transcripts of two recent commentaries by Mumia Abu-Jamal.

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April 15th - Rolf Becker: Congratulations!

For the German actor and human rights activist Rolf Becker, this has been a good year. First, he has marked a birthday: his 90th! Secondly, he has just been awarded the first Rosa Luxemburg Prize, named for the brilliant German socialist leader.

Rolf Becker has been a human rights activist for over 50 years. I met him when I was on death row in Greene County, in Waynesburg, in 2009. (That was over 16 years ago!)

April 21st - Mumia Speaks to Columbia Student Organizers for Palestine

Mick: This is Mick, from the Columbia Encampment. It's an honor to have you on here. Your message was so powerful. We played it at the encampment. I guess I'm just wondering if you have any words of wisdom or advice for students, going forward, as we kind of think about the future and the future of our organizing work.

Mumia Abu-Jamal: I would just say this, that it is I who am honored by how Columbia students have really politically analyzed the situation and proceeded to act with grace, class, and class consciousness. And, by that I say, many of the people who were charged, refused to take deals unless those same deals were extended to the CUNY people, the University of New York people. I know that Columbia is the premier university in New York and that CUNY is really a working-class university. For Columbia radicals and students and protesters to take that position is just profoundly noble and human, just as the actual work protesting what can only be called a geographical violence in Gaza, a genocide. That's a principled position, and you're responding to those as human beings, feeling and sharing with the suffering people of the occupied lands that we call Gaza, that we call Palestine. So, keep on doing the work you're doing. I think you know; you guys are walking along the right path of history in my opinion. You're doing a great job.

Steph: Brother Mumia, may I ask a question?

Mumia Abu-Jamal: Yes.

Steph: My name is Steph Reed. I'm a grad student at Union Theological Seminary, and in preparing for this moment I read some of your work, including Message to the Movement. In that, you talked about the importance of music in like, social movements and like, political struggle. My question for you is, in today's context, which is in some ways similar right, and in other ways it's different: I'm wondering your thoughts on the role of music, arts, culture, and spirituality in our current like, political climate.

Facility Recording: Pennsylvania State Correctional Institution, Mahanoy. This call is subject to recording and monitoring.

Steph: Could you speak more on that?

Mumia Abu-Jamal: Different times require different music, and different music exist in different periods and rhythms of history. You know, during the Civil Rights Movement the great Negro spirituals were

plumbed and used, and transformed during that movement. The Black Panther Party, a lot of people don't know this, but the Black Panther Party during the Black Liberation Movement they had their own band (laughs). They had a pop band and the name of it was The Lumpen, and they were fantastic! But, what they did is they took the great hits of that period, changed the lyrics, and kind of radicalized it. They were a great band. They had great musicians. They were great singers, but not very many people heard them because they were very rarely on radio, or you know, but they would perform for Black Panther functions, mostly in Cali, and they were fantastic. This is a new period, this is a new time, and it's a new technology. What that means is, if you have access to music that you did not have back in the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, and early 2000s. So, you're going to be listening to different kinds of music. But every movement needs music to move people. Right? To give them validation, but also to project the stories and the spirit of resistance that is sometimes encoded in music, you know. So, find what turns you on, and turn that s**t up.

Speaker 1: Mumia, what did it feel like to speak to students at the encampments, for you?

Mumia Abu-Jamal: It was wonderful. Wonderful. I felt, I felt something I haven't felt in a really, really, good long time. I felt like these encampments and protests were a throwback to the 60s, you know. That was a long time ago, right? But a throwback because, back in the 60s, people were protesting against the Vietnam War, this great imperial war by the United States against a Third World country. This is not that situation, but it's very similar because it is settler colonialism against an imprisoned people. You know, people call Gaza an open-air prison. Never is that clearer than here where people cannot escape the F18s, you know, the bombs, the weapons of empire, really being lodged against what is essentially an unarmed people. You know, ain't no F14s in Gaza, flown by Gazans, right? It's not that situation. It's an imperial power play. And so, in that way it was similar, and I just felt a wonderful feeling of seeing students speak out against this kind of settler colonial violence. It's a beautiful, beautiful thing, and I felt energized.

Sophia: Hi. My name is Sophia. I'm a student, recent student with the MIT encampment and, again, just expressing so much gratitude that I was even able to kind of be in this space. It truly is an honor. One thing I've been kind of thinking about, and I think we talked a bit on the panel about the sustainability of these movements and, you know, how we're all going to continue to organize beyond this moment. And as somebody who, you know, you have participated and beared [sic] witness to many movements across, over the years, and some movements, you know, have their times when there's kind of a flare up and there's more attention towards them, there's a lot of energy, and then sometimes things die down. Then things flare up, then they die down, and we've kind of have this same kind of cycle that we've seen in the past. So, I'm wondering if you have any advice on how we can kind of think critically about how do we have sustainable movements, whether it's fighting against cooptation, fighting against new state tactics, or even just fighting against the natural ebb and flow of organizing if we're not being intentional about it.

Mumia Abu-Jamal: Ok, what that takes is something that we do rarely see, except in rare occasions, and it's really to organize, and that means to talk about ideology, talk about how to resist the tactics of the state. Think about Occupy. Some of you (laughs), some of you probably don't even remember Occupy Wall Street. I do. And what people have forgotten is that these people were attacked, not just in the dead of night, but in the early hours of the morning when everybody was asleep, and the media turned off its cameras, and the police came in and beat people and intimidated people and ran them out. And that's because they were occupying the most powerful entity in America: Capital! Wall Street! (laughs). So, you know, who works for Wall Street? Well, you know, the cops do, and they will use any tactic whatsoever to intimidate and break people, one from another. But the antidote to those tactics is unity; really talking with each other, listening to each other, and working to continue the unity of action that is rocking this country, and believe it or not, having repercussions around the world. People are studying this movement all around the world, not just eggheads like me and Dr. Fernandez. People are studying it because it's a moment of freedom amidst repression. So, keep your voices loud, firm. Affirm your friendships with your comrades and brothers and sisters, and keep struggling because you're doing something incredibly noble for a people that cannot do it for themselves.

Bisan: Ok, hi, I'm Bisan. I was with the [unclear] encampment, and it's an honor for you to come to speak with us today. I'm going to ask my question real fast. Is there advice that you would give the students and the student movement, the things on like, what we can do better, or like, where do you think the student movement is going?

Mumia Abu-Jamal: Well, because of your media – You know what? If Huey and Eldridge of the Black Panther Party had the social media that you have, we might have won (laughs). But because many of you are journalists, citizen journalists, and you have access to thousands and thousands of people, you have your own media. You cannot rely on the corporate media. You know this, but you have your own. And that means using your ability to reach out and touch people and tell them the stories of your daily lives, your daily work, so that people outside of the circle of students and grad students can learn and hear and support the work you're doing, because what you're doing is wonderful. I commend you all, whether you're at MIT, whether you're at Penn, whether you're at Columbia, whether you're at any university in America and doing this kind of work. It will be difficult. It will be hard. It will be challenging. Sometimes it may be terrifying. But what you're doing is wonderful. Never doubt that. I commend all of you, and I thank you for the work you're doing.

Multiple speakers: We commend you, Mumia. We love you so much. Absolutely. We love you.

Mumia Abu-Jamal: I love you all.

Facility Recording: Thank you for using Securis. Goodbye.

Speaker 2: Love you, brother.

15 Apr - After Self-Immolations at Red Onion, Virginia Prisoners Allege Crackdown

Besides an overhead light, Sidney Bowman says he hasn't had electricity in his cell at Virginia's Red Onion State Prison for roughly three months.

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by Elizabeth Weill-Greenberg (*The Appeal*)

Last month, Bowman told a federal court that prison employees cut the electricity to his cell after he refused to sign what staff call a "Safety Agreement for Inmates." The document offers incentives to prisoners—such as movies, group recreation, free commissary bags, and a fish fry—provided they don't harm themselves. However, if they repeatedly hurt themselves, they may lose "access to television, recreation time, or other amenities." *The Appeal* obtained a copy of the agreement through a public records request.

Bowman's statement is part of an ongoing class action lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia that alleges that the state's Step-Down program—which purports to help prisoners earn their way to a general population assignment—traps people in solitary confinement for months or years on end.

The legal team has asked the federal court to restore plaintiffs' electricity and to prohibit staff from retaliating against people who refuse to sign the agreement or participate in the lawsuit. The Virginia Department of Corrections declined to answer *The Appeal's* questions.

Last year, at least six people at Red Onion self-immolated in what incarcerated journalist Kevin 'Rashid' Johnson called "desperate attempts" to escape the prison's inhumane conditions. But rather than offer them help, emails obtained by *The Appeal* show prison officials discussed how best to punish them. Then, in January, prison staff began distributing the Safety Agreement to people in Red Onion's Step-Down program.

If someone refused to sign, staff cut the electricity to their cell's outlet. The ACLU says this prevented prisoners from charging their tablets, watching television, or listening to the radio. Boman told the court that he accesses religious programming through his television and tablet because he cannot leave his cell for services. He says his tablet is his primary tool to communicate with his family.

Red Onion's assistant warden confirmed in a court statement that there have been nine self-burnings—eight last year and one in January. The assistant warden said no one had burned themselves with a power outlet since the prison distributed the agreement on Jan. 20.

"Security leadership and mental health leadership collaborated on potential solutions, and we ultimately decided that if an inmate agreed not to use the cell's power outlet to bum himself, the power outlet in that inmate's cell could remain active," he said in his statement. "Inmates who refused to agree not to bum themselves would be placed in a cell where the power outlet had been deactivated."

The warden said prisoners can use kiosks during recreation to charge their tablets and message family members. He said the prison has also set up TVs outside the cells to view religious services.

In addition to threatening to punish people for acts of self-harm, the agreement also requires signers to affirm that they have "access to mental health and other local resources." The plaintiffs say compelling them to agree with or espouse statements they believe are untrue or objectionable violates their First Amendment rights.

The head of VADOC's mental health services told the court that Red Onion "maintains a full staff of mental health professionals who are available 24-hours per day, 7 days per week." However, Bowman says the prison provides no treatment other than medication.

"There is no therapy, no groups, no counseling, or any other kind of treatment for mental illness," Bowman said in a sworn declaration included in the ACLU's filing. "I do not believe that there is adequate mental health care here, and I did not want to sign an agreement saying I thought there was."

In February, a VADOC spokesperson told *The Appeal* in an email that the agency had "turned off the electrical outlets (not the lights) in the cells of inmates who are deemed to be an immediate risk of self-harm and to permit the VADOC's multi-disciplinary team the opportunity to further evaluate the mental health and wellness of those inmates."

However, the ACLU says the state never conducted any such evaluations. The civil rights group says turning off the electricity has instead harmed their clients' mental health. Prisoners in the Step-Down program are trapped in their cells for up to 20 hours a day.

"Since first bringing the safety agreement to me, no mental health staff has done

any evaluation or assessment of my mental health," Bowman said in his declaration. "This shows me that they are not really concerned about my mental health, but just want to punish me for not going along and signing the agreement.

17 Apr - Quick Cara & Celeste Update

Cara and Celeste have taken their lawyers' advice to file for a continuance. This means there will not be a hearing on 4/21 after all! However, they keep the right to have the same hearing at a future date. Thank you all for your continued support!

17 Apr - Federal conditions imposed on Leonard Peltier

Leonard Peltier asked us to inform every one of some of the conditions imposed on him by the U.S. government.

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- Leonard cannot associate with anyone with a criminal history or a felony conviction.
- Leonard cannot have more than five visitors at a time.
- Leonard's speech has been curtailed. There are things he is not allowed to say publicly.
- Leonard cannot travel more than 100 miles.

These are but a few of the conditions Leonard lives under. As he says, his new cell is awesome, but still a cell.

18 Apr - Attention! The Lackeys of Counter-Revolution Circulate Among Us

Greece: Please read the latest by anarchist political prisoner Dimitris Chatzivasileiadis.

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by Dimitris Chatzivasileiadis (*Abolition Media*)

On Saturday, April 5th, a large group of relatives of victims of state and parastate murders and state-capitalist massacres are about to meet in a public debate. The whole social movement welcomes such a broad manifestation with joy and humility. The coordination of the discussion was assigned to two journalists, one of whom, driven by his demonstrated ideological-political commitment to the defense of the bourgeois regime, has contributed in the recent past to the policy of criminal extermination of the people of the social resistance in general and me in particular for my political commitment to the guerrilla social struggle and its defense against the bourgeoisie. state judges. For this he has been publicly denounced (<https://athens.indymedia.org/post/1622067/>). Writing political articles about the second instance trial against the Revolutionary Self-Defense Organization and the Holargos case, he boldly sided with the policy of criminal repression of the revolutionary struggle, mocking the expression of guerrilla discourse in the courtroom, sucking up to the judges, advocating the “democratic” condemnation of the “guilty”, exaggerating the false objectivity that bourgeois criminal terrorism wears like a purifying coat and applauding the constant judicial attack for the depoliticization of the counter-revolutionary trial, the depoliticization of the disputed issues and the depoliticization of the subject to be exterminated.

What contribution to the public debate on social justice can a sculptural whistleblower dedicated to the Leviathan of the state-capitalist complex have? His invitation already gives movement justification and new energy to his dirty role. The extremes of the political assimilation of the antagonistic mindset into counter-revolutionary terrorism shift deeper into Leviathan, as the central position in the debate has been taken over by an ideological agent of special duties, who defends the judiciary, not only as a regulator of social justice in general, but as a “democratic” institution for the extermination of the armed movement. The organizers, masquerading as libertarians in the political arena, bring the butcher’s cradle to welcome the slaughterhouses. Now, it is reasonable that the sculptor of the counter-revolution will not mock the relatives of the victims for subjecting the judges to “procedural torture”, as he did against an armed militant, but he is here to validate the class-political competence of state judges to render justice, to punish the illegality according to bourgeois institutions, to define objectivity, to conduct a “fair trial”. Assistance in the depoliticization of counter-revolutionary trials is a vanguard in assisting in the conversion of the politicization of social anger, towards assimilation into the institutions of the regime and its defusement. A person who acts on the position that he has “closed his accounts” with revolutionary political ideas and ridicules the revolutionaries at a time when the judicial priesthood of anti-proletarian, anti-social and counter-revolutionary terrorism is fighting with dignity, can today intervene in the mass movement for state-capitalist massacres, only to de-revolutionize the issues at hand. To cause confusion, to instill loyalty and discord in the social movement, to introduce embankments to the common prospective path for the overthrow of genocidal class domination. His position next to the regime’s institutional complex then and now, a position that at that time called for the condemnation of the “guilty” of the revolutionary social struggle having first separated the armed and the unarmed ideas, today is a position of covering up the radical class-political causes of the political massacres, the “why?”, and the self-disguise of the institutional network of their legitimacy and cover-up. Because the truth that the people are looking for comes only

through their subversive struggle, while reinvestment in universally discredited bourgeois institutions only brings terrorist silencing orders and new massacres.

The organizing political group should have known, if not in its entirety, the identity of the parastate journalist in question, since some of its cadres participated in procedures of support in the trial of the Holargos case – Revolutionary Self-Defense Organization. Those in the know, by placing the whistleblower among the bloody people of the social movement, have consciously assumed responsibility for an upgrade of provoking conflicts within the movement, something that the whistleblower had attempted. Nice social federalists! If they had at least a little honesty, they would not have called the apologist of the regime's terrorism who wears the mask of the movement, they would have called directly Theodorikakos (former KKE), who rushed to embrace the murderers of Nikos Sambanis, they would have called Floridis (former PASOK), the rapporteur of the last penal code, they would have called the proud fascist Voridis.

It should be noted, apart from the prominent political hospitality of the sycophantic reporter in the lively dialogue of the resisting social subject, his name decorated with militant rhetoric was projected in the eminently open and federalist structure of the libertarian movement, in Athens Indymedia. The media's management team cannot control the history of every person for whom a well-known political figure takes responsibility. Federalism is built on mutual trust. However, this raises political responsibilities and requires prudence. The depravity of opportunist arbitrariness must find its wall.

Parenthetically, the OmniaTV channel participates in the same event, members of which had been at the forefront of the reproduction of the imperialist and governmental terrorist propaganda of anti-health fascism and biotechnocratic colonialism on the social body. Fascism always has two legs: one of the traditional right and one of social democracy.

Bourgeois democracy does not prevent anyone from becoming the tail of the PASOK-SYRIZA party. It is the duty of anarchists not to allow the current insurrectionary movement to be driven in the teeth of reformism. The dirty reactionary strategy that exploits the libertarian struggles has a future only along the lines of parainstitutionalism and will sink with it. The revolutionary organization of anarchists is the only hope of a way out of the shackle and the slaughterhouse.

Together with those who come forward in search of justice against state and parastate crimes. Not even an inch of social ground for the reformist gravediggers.

There is no peace without justice

21 Apr - Alexander Snezhkov has been in hole for over 58 days

Russia: Disturbing news continues to come from Penal Colony No. 10 (IK-10) in Krasnokamensk, Zabaykalsky Krai, where one of the defendants in the "Chita anarchists' case," Alexander Snezhkov, is imprisoned.

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by Anarchist Black Cross Moscow (*avtonom*)

Since the third decade of February and up until today—over 58 days now—he has been held in hole (SHIZO, a punitive isolation ward). And this is not the limit, as the colony staff have reportedly told him. According to them, Alexander is “a very interesting character and not the kind of person he wants to appear to be.” Apparently, Sasha is not destined to be just an average person quietly serving his time.

For the first few weeks in SHIZO, Alexander was kept in complete isolation. Later, another inmate joined him—someone decent and interesting to talk to. This significantly improves Alexander's experience in SHIZO.

The support group for the Chita anarchists believes that the administration of IK-10 is carrying out an order from the FSB to exert pressure on Alexander. He is not being allowed to adjust peacefully to life in the colony; every effort is being made to make his stay there harder. By fabricating more reports of alleged "violations" and continuing to keep the anarchist in SHIZO, the administration is doing everything to have Alexander transferred to SUS (Strict Detention Conditions), the harshest regime in a general-regime colony.

We call on everyone to write letters to Alexander and send photographs. These greatly support him and help him withstand the pressure from the prison administration.

22 Apr - New book about founding of Anarchist Black Cross

If you have not seen this yet, be sure to get a copy of this new book about the history and founding of the ABC.

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From Cop City to the Dakota pipelines and Jane's Revenge to numerous struggles worldwide, anarchist organizers are relentlessly targeted by the state today as they have been for over a century.

Shadows in the Struggle for Equality is the firsthand account of Boris Yelensky, an activist of the Anarchist Red Cross (later the Anarchist Black Cross), during the Russian revolutionary movement from 1905 through 1917, and the subsequent Leninist/Stalinist repression.

Written with great humility and compassion, Yelensky recalls his fifty years of tireless organizing to aid victims of state oppression and injustice, beginning with a vivid sketch of the history of the Russian revolutionary movement and the critical role played by anarchists. He then provides the rich history of the Anarchist Red Cross spanning the time from the Revolution to his settling in the US where he dedicated his life and his book "to the Fighters for Freedom, Humanism and Justice, to those who endeavored to help these fighters by applying the principle of mutual aid."

In telling why an anarchist relief organization became necessary, he calls attention to a neglected aspect of revolutionary history—the sabotage and discrimination of many social-democrats against their fellow-prisoners and in the outside relief organizations. Of the vast sums collected all over the world, from czarist times up through the 1950s when the book was written, very little reached the anarchist prisoners.

With newly translated material, and over a dozen beautiful illustrations by N.O. Bonzo, this stunning edition of Shadows in the Struggle for Equality will serve to inspire a continuation of solidarity and support for those who are incarcerated in the struggle for freedom, humanism, and justice.

Order at: pmpress.org/index.php?l=product_detail&p=1725

23 Apr - Michigan Activists Raided

Update on FBI raids that happened on April 23rd.

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This morning, FBI, state and local police raided the homes of several pro-Palestine activists throughout SE michigan. They were acting on search warrants requested by MI AG Dana Nessel. Some of our comrades were detained for questioning but have since been released. However, six comrades have had all of their devices taken (laptops, ipads, and phones), and one comrade had a family car taken.

Pro-palestine organizers are taking necessary digital security and other safety precautions, including removing folks from chats and documents. No passwords were given and all those whose houses were targeted have been connected with lawyers.

This is an extremely concerning escalation of AG Nessel's campaign of repression of pro-Palestine activism, please take digital security measures such as removing biometrics from your devices, using password protection for communication apps. Stay tuned for more updates on next steps, information on digital security can be found at ssd.eff.org

24 Apr - New Distro Materials in Support of Peppy and Krystal

Announcing new materials to distro in support of two Pittsburgh based community activists facing repression.

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by Free Peppy and Krystal (*It's Going Down*)

Peppy and Krystal are two Pittsburgh community activists who have been the subject of government repression and need your support. Read more about their case: freepeppyandkrystal.blackblogs.org/case-summary

On January 6th, 2025, Pep was sentenced to serve 60 months in BOP. After that, he will be on supervised release for 3 years. Krystal was sentenced to 3 years of probation and 80 hours of community service. Pep and Krystal were jointly sentenced to pay \$50,225.03 in restitution.

This half-sheet, double-sided flyer is meant to be printed off on 8.5" x 11" sheets of paper. They should work well to print off in color or black and white and hand out at events or have a stack out when tabling!

25 Apr - Government Admits It Had No Warrant for Mahmoud Khalil

Trump Administration Makes False Claim Khalil Was Poised to Flee, Despite Video Showing Him Cooperating

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In filings in the case of Mahmoud Khalil submitted to immigration court yesterday and federal court today, the Trump administration admitted he was taken without any kind of warrant and made new, false claims that Mr. Khalil had refused to cooperate with ICE agents and told them he was going to leave the scene to justify the agents' actions. The government's new version of events is contradicted by previous descriptions and video taken by his wife, Dr. Noor Abdalla, who was eight months pregnant at the time.

Said Marc Van Der Hout of Van Der Hout, LLP, who is representing Mr. Khalil along with his partner Johnny Sinodis, "In DHS' filing in immigration court this week, we learned for the first time that the DHS agents who arrested Mahmoud lied to him: they wrote in their arrest report that the agents told him that they had an arrest warrant, but DHS has now admitted in their filing that that was a lie and that there was no warrant at all at the time of the arrest. The government's admission is astounding, and it is completely outrageous that they tried to assert to the immigration judge – and the world – in their initial filing of the arrest report that there was an arrest warrant when there was none. This is egregious conduct by DHS that should require under the law termination of these proceedings, and we hope that the immigration court will so rule."

The filings were made in response to an April 23rd deadline set by the judge in Mr. Khalil's immigration case in Jena, Louisiana. The judge in his federal case in New Jersey asked for copies of the filings to be submitted to him today.

Mr. Khalil also submitted an application for asylum that is sealed due to the sensitive nature of the information that could affect his safety in the future.

In the federal court, Mr. Khalil's legal team is continuing to seek bail, an order compelling the government to return him to New Jersey, and a preliminary injunction (PI) that would immediately release him from custody and allow him to reunite with his family in New York while his immigration case proceeds. If

granted, the PI would also block President Trump's policy of arresting and detaining noncitizens who have engaged in First Amendment protected activity in support of Palestinian rights.

On March 8, the Trump administration and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) illegally arrested and detained Mr. Khalil in direct retaliation for his advocacy for Palestinian rights at Columbia University. Shortly after, DHS transferred him 1,400 miles away to a Louisiana detention facility — ripping him away from his wife and legal counsel. His legal team is arguing that his arrest and continued detention violate his constitutional rights, including rights to free speech and due process, and that they go beyond the government's legal authority.

ICE denied Mr. Khalil's request to be at his wife's side as she went into labor this past weekend, causing him to miss the birth of their son on Monday, April 21.

26 Apr - New Writing From Kostantinos K.

Greece: Please read the latest from anarchist political prisoner Kostantinos K.

MORE:

via Act for Freedom Now!

"To govern you is to watch you. To inspect you, to spy on you, to direct you, to encase you in laws, to regulate you, to record you... To control you, to measure you, to weigh you, to censor you, to order you... It means to tax you, to drink your blood... To terrorize you, to beat you, to disarm you, to strangle you, to imprison you, to try you, to condemn you, to deport you... This is government, this is its justice, this is its morality."

-Pierre-Joseph Proudhon

As long as we experience modern totalitarianism, as long as the blades of domination cripple us, solidarity will heal our wounds like medicine. Even if they bury us, like seeds we will sprout, here and there, irregularly. In the most barren soils. We will bloom at unspecified times where they least expect it. Contaminating the fields of modern states.

On 12/11/24, I was sentenced to 6 months of pretrial detention. From the first days in prison, I submitted a request for release, which was rejected 40 days later. I submitted a second request and after waiting two months, I received a negative response, while at almost the same time, the case was scheduled for trial on May 2. This, in my opinion, is a ploy, as they rushed to set the court date without me having time to make a third request. Because in this case, for bureaucratic reasons, the procedures regarding the file would cease and therefore the result would be that I would be released due to the end of the term. However, I am quoting this as a note. I believe it is more important to mention what these responses of the judicial councils were regarding my requests. These are 30 pages of unfounded allegations and successive leaps of logic. In them, a ridiculous story unfolds where, given my guilt, they argue that the methodology and characteristics of this action demonstrate a person capable of committing more similar crimes, taking into account my particular personality, which they refer to again and again.

They talk about my disrespect for the authorities, to conclude that I have an overwhelming desire to harm them. They write once again about the books and publications of anarchist content that were found in my house, in order to strengthen the above repeated narrative of the very dangerous anarchist. They even quote part of the text that announced the action of October 11, which I am accused of. At that point, it writes about the beatings of young people by the cops in the city of Messolonghi. After this quote, they initially resort to the frivolous argument that these are incidents that only someone who knows the local police could know about. Claiming in essence that I am responsible for the specific text. Of course, in the second response, this claim is absent. It had been replaced with the equally arbitrary conclusion that I did the deed and bragged about it to third parties in the anarchist space who made the publication in question. All of this confirms how well the judicial scum know how to throw accusations into the air without any substantive basis. On 2/5 I am on trial in Messolonghi for placing an explosive device in front of the AT, facing charges of arson by intent, explosion by intent, possession of explosives and damage to another's property.

The political background of this case is clear. I perceive this particular persecution as a direct attack on my person and on the way I choose to exist as a political subject. Not as an isolated situation, but as part of the hunt for consciences that the state has unleashed with the aim of crushing every trace of reaction even in thought. The dystopian present is growing. People are being taken to courtrooms because they possess stickers, posters and gadgets. The uniformed thugs of the Greek National Police (ELAS) are bursting into the homes of female students on charges of writing slogans, activists are being remanded in custody under ridiculous pretexts and the pit of repression is deepening. The state is death, it is the robbery of our breath, the debauchery, the suppression of human dignity. Nothing is accidental. This is its essence and it wants us expendable, if not dead.

However, unfortunately for the masters, with great stubbornness bars bend, walls fall, kingdoms crumble. The dynamics of the struggle are not suppressed. I still remember the fearful discussions of the cops who guarded the entire AT (cops' station) area during my detention. Then I felt very strongly what it is like for fear to change sides. Nothing is in vain. Every moment of practical questioning of this rotten world is a punch to the body of power, a hammer blow to the knees of bourgeois justice, a blow to the foundations of confinement. Anarchy lives and will pass over them. The small streams of disobedience will transform into a rushing river. The anti-state struggles continue unmediated so that we can breathe, so that we can look each other in the eye, so that we can see the sun brighter, for the cause. Through the streets of denial, a new world will blossom.

A huge thank you from the bottom of my heart to all those who have been involved in any way with my persecution. Your solidarity gives me indescribable strength. Struggle is life and life is in the struggle.

Freedom for the comrades detained in connection with the Ampelokipi case. Honour to the anarchist Kyriakos Xymitiris.

27 Apr - Absolution of the anarchists accused in the trial of Massa

Italy: On April 8th, 2025, the sentence was pronounced in the ongoing trial in Massa against four anarchist comrades indicted for the publication of the internationalist anarchist fortnightly 'Bezmotivny.'

MORE:

via *Dark Nights*

The defendants – who were involved in the operation together with six other comrades for whom the proceedings remained at the investigation stage – were charged with incitement to commit crimes and apologia of crimes and offences of terrorism (art. 414 of penal code, paragraphs 1, 3 and 4) with the aggravating circumstance of the purpose of terrorism (art. 270 bis 1, penal code), for the publication of the about sixty issues of 'Bezmotivny', and of offence to the honor or prestige of the president of the republic (art. 278, penal code), concerning a specific article ('Soffiare sul fuoco', published in 'Bezmotivny', year I, issue 17, October 25th, 2021).

All the defendants were acquitted of the charge of multiple aggravated incitement to commit crimes 'because the fact does not exist', whereas Luigi was sentenced to eight months, without the application of recidivism, for offending the honor or prestige of the president of the republic (the other three defendants were also acquitted of this charge 'for not having committed the fact'). The request for compensation by the State attorney's office was also denied.

At the end of the indictment held at the previous hearing on April 1st, public prosecutor Manotti of the DDAA ('Anti-Mafia and Anti-Terrorism District Directorate') of Genoa had requested 7 years' imprisonment for Gino, 6 years for Luigi (with the revocation of the suspended sentence for a previous conviction imposed on him by the court of Ravenna) and 5 years and 6 months each for Gaia and Paolo, while the State attorney for the presidency of the council of ministers had requested compensation of half a million euro.

1 May - Burning the Flags of All Nations

WHAT: Protest

WHEN: 12:00pm, Thursday, May 1st

WHERE: UN Plaza, New York City

COST: FREE

MORE:

At noon on May 1, 2025 people will gather at the UN Plaza in New York City (and elsewhere around the world, sharing through social media and on Zoom), to protest rampant right-wing nationalism by Burning the Flags Of All Nations!

This event will be autonomous, horizontalist (no politburo, no central organizing committee), perhaps anonymous (make a mask of the flag you will carry?), and based solely on the self-directed initiative of collective or individual participants. Bring your flags!

In New York, we will assemble near Grand Central Station starting around 11:15 AM for a short march to the United Nations Plaza, where 192 or more participants will engage in this protest action of symbolic free speech (legal — at least for now! — in the US).

This event will memorialize the late Michael Brownstein (1943–2024), author of the poetic manifesto “Lets Burn the Flags of All Nations.”

3 May - Free Noise

WHAT: Open Mic

WHEN: 6:00pm, Saturday, May 3rd

WHERE: Interference Archive - 314 7th Street, Brooklyn

COST: \$5 suggested donation, but pay what you can.

MORE:

An open mic for queer/trans people and their music, poetry and performance. Come one, come all!

Email milesellisor@gmail.com to perform.

Collected donations will be split between the Archive and G.L.I.T.S. (Gays & Lesbians Living In A Transgender Society).

4 May - Rock Against Racism

WHAT: Concert

WHEN: 2:00pm, Sunday, May 4th

WHERE: Washington Square Park (Across From the Garibaldi Statue), New York City

COST: FREE

MORE:

Bands include: Ricanstruction, Rebelmatic, Adixion, Mark Dillon & The Roots Revival, Frida Kills, Carlos the Chords, and surprise artists and speakers. Brought to you by Rock Against Racism NYC and The Shadow.

4 May - It's Safer in the Front

WHAT: Presentation

WHEN: 7:00pm, Sunday, May 4th

WHERE: Tiny Raccoon Books, 277 Railroad Avenue, Sayville, Long Island

COST: FREE

MORE:

Join us for this interesting and timely event. Both books mentioned will be for sale during the event.

As the Trump administration clamps down on freedom of speech and deports people without due process, many people are understandably inclined to seek safety by avoiding confrontation. But this does not always work.

Drawing on the books "No Wall They Can Build" and "From Democracy to Freedom," a participant in the publishing collective CrimethInc. discusses the new threats that are emerging under the second Trump administration and how we can organize to keep each other safe.

"When it comes to both individual and collective self-preservation, it can be wiser to act assertively at the beginning, while it is still possible to influence the course of events. Even if this goes badly, it can be better to bring the conflict to a head immediately, before one's adversary becomes more powerful. If nothing else, this strategy has the virtue of making it impossible to lull oneself into a false sense of security while the threat increases."

10 May - Ben Morea: Full Circle - A Life In Rebellion

WHAT: Book Launch

WHEN: 7:00pm, Saturday, May 10th

WHERE: P.I.T. - 411 South 5th Street, Brooklyn

COST: FREE

MORE:

Including reading and discussion with Ben Morea about his new book.