

What You Have Just Seen is REAL

People in this country imprisoned for taking an active stand against racism and US imperialism are being subjected to conditions that could only be classified as psychological torture. Special "control units" designed to isolate and break political prisoners and POW's are an integral part of the US "justice" system.

In 1986, the women's control unit at Lexington was built as a prison inside a prison. The same mind control and sexual abuse techniques developed in Ireland and West Germany are being used to separate women from their support networks and break their will to resist.

At present, there are three women at Lexington; Alejandrina Torres, serving 35 years on seditious conspiracy charges because she chose to struggle for the independence of her nation, Puerto Rico; Susan Rosenberg, doing 58 years for her support of the New Afrikan and Puerto Rican Movements, and Silvia Baraldini who is serving 43 years for conspiracy (under RICO) in relation to the Brinks case.

Right now, in this country, there are over 100 political prisoners, over 25% of them are women. Their "crimes" include providing sanctuary to Central American refugees, anti-nuclear and anti-imperialist activities, struggling for self-determination, self-defence against sexual abuse, resisting Grand Juries etc. The existence of control units is a clear violation of human rights and an attack on the entire progressive movement. As women and activists, we must pressure the prison authorities to shut them down.



What You Can Do

Write a letter or send a telegram to the Warden:

Warden
P.O. box 2000
Lexington, Kentucky, 40512

Send a copy of your letter to:

Norman Carlson, Director
Federal Bureau of Prisons
320 1st St., N.W.
Washington, DC

In your letter include the following:

1. Protest the treatment that the women in Lexington are receiving
2. Demand their immediate transfer to general population
3. Call for the closure of all Control Units
4. Demand an end to the selective harassment of Political Prisoners and POW's

For more information contact: Committee to Shut Down Lexington
Control Unit
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