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Updates for September 16th

25 Aug - The Colonial History of Texas Rangers

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by Xinachtli (*Scalawag*)

The State of Texas began as the "Republic of Texas" after the so-called Texas War of Independence, which was waged against Mexico by invading Yankee Anglos settling in Texas, with or without permission from the Mexican government. They began their war of annexation with the Manifest Destiny of stealing these lands to build their plantation slavery, enslaving Mexicans, Africans, and all other non-white Indigenous tribes, who had resided in these ancestral lands for thousands of years before the invasion.

The Texas Rangers police force was founded in 1823 to enforce colonial rule in a "for whites only" government. The continued holocaust butchery of Mexicans and all non-whites by the dialectical process of an evil, criminal Death by Demoralization is inherent in the psychological process of ethnic cleansing and erasure of a conquered, colonized people, as articulated by Dr. Frantz Fanon in *The Wretched of the Earth*. Much of this true history of settler colonialism has been buried in myths, stereotypes, and outright lies.

The Chicano revolutionary movement, although in its ebb and flow of the dialectics of social movements, has never died. It never will. Not until true justice is administered for the return of ancestral lands, for reparations for the crimes of colonialism, and for war crimes tribunals prosecuting a people's right to self-determination. One that is unchained by the interests of capital accumulation and a capitalist system that robs working-class labor power to make the rich richer and keep the poor in prison.

Chicanos have a rich, beautiful history of resisting the robbery of their homeland. From the first counter revolution of 1823 to postwar guerrilla war movements, such as the revolutionary 1915 Plan of San Diego, which called for an armed resistance by Mexican-Americans, Black-Americans, and Indigenous people, against the United States, to create an independent republic in the Southwestern U.S. Similar movements across the U.S. Southwest also produced guerrilla fighters such as Juan Cortina, Catarino Garza, Jacinto Trevino, Joaquin Murieta, Gregorio Cortez. Modern-day movements such as La Raza Unida Party, Mexican American Youth Organization, the Crusade for Justice, the National Chicano Moratorium to End the Vietnam War, and the Brown Berets. All of these revolutionaries have been targeted by the U.S. government, criminalizing critical race theory, as the ruling class fears, as it always has, the masses being taught true history. They fear youth discovering their humanity and love for revolutionary change. They are terrified of a new world with a new set of ethics based on the priorities of people's humanity as opposed to property interests based on racism, materialism, militarism, corporate greed, and oligarchy. The modern industrial fossil fuel oligarchs that are in control of government and world markets are destroying our ecosystems, drinking water, rivers, oceans, wildlife, the ozone and humanity.

Even before historian Derrick Bell wrote his brilliant theses on Critical Race Theory and investigative journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones launched The 1619 Project, exposing the true history of African plantation slavery and white settler colonialism, racial capitalism, and U.S. imperialism, political rulers in control of governments feared the oppressed masses educating themselves and falling in love with revolution. Political rulers continue to criminalize academic freedoms for fear of oppressed people breaking their chains of psychological imprisonment.

At any given time, social conditions, such as the recent student university uprisings and the repression of activist leaders leading these movements, spread into communities and can inspire globalization of the

revolutionary movement against imperialism, the head of the snake being U.S. imperialism. It is a historical, dialectical scientific process we must be conscious of, as articulated by Dr. Frantz Fanon, in his excellent treatise on the machinations of an evil system. This process is inherent in the modern-day system of class and race oppression.

We can only free ourselves through revolutionary struggle and poor people's mass mobilization. University students continuing to struggle in defense of the genocide of Palestinian people, and the world erupting in protests against the horrific police execution of George Floyd show the Power of the People. We, as oppressed people, wield power. We are interested in our true liberation from this criminal system, guaranteeing colonized peoples the fundamental right to free themselves from such a racist, criminal system by any means necessary, including popular people's revolution.

The United States empire was built on the horrific slavery of Africans. Chicanos have suffered a comparable history of colonial crimes, through robbery of their ancestral lands, lynchings, massacres by the Texas Rangers, a police paramilitary militia that still exists today in the service of police terrorism. Both are in the service of an unjust system that alienates humanity in the service of capital—a criminal system that cannot be reformed, but rather, must be dismantled, one limb at a time. And a new equalitarian system of economics and a new revolutionary value system based on a collective ethics of care, love, unity, solidarity, humanism, independence, autonomy, land, liberty, and self-determination must take its place.

What an obnoxious travesty, when a society masquerades war criminals as "heroes and patriots." They are glorified in monuments or institutions—symbols of suit supremacy. From the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame and Museum in Waco, Texas, to the Texas Prison Museum in Huntsville, which displays an electric chair named Old Sparky that executed many innocent people.

Texas has, again, become known as the snake pit of U.S. fascism. Dr. Frantz Fanon addressed the destructive evils of colonialism, but also gave a blueprint on how we can free ourselves from a criminal system through political education, decolonization, and people's rebirth for our true liberation from colonialism. Our oppressors do not want us to learn of our own history, nor the power of liberation movements. The new Trump-Musk administration has assembled an ultra-right-wing ideologue and extremist in Christopher Rufo—an opponent of critical race theory—to destroy diversity, equity, and inclusion and criminalize political free speech and any activist or political group that criticizes and opposes government repression and Zionism.

We have entered into the Twilight Zone of U.S. oligarchy fascism, which is destructive to Planet Earth and its ecosystems as well as to civilization and humanity, in the interests of fossil fuel oligarchs, controlling every aspect of the U.S. imperialist bureaucracy of racism, materialism, militarism, corporate greed, and power and control of global markets.

The Confederate Republic created a system to essentially rent prison slaves to entrepreneurs in building the economy and a new colonial government. Prison slaves built the State Capitol, the governor's mansion, and government buildings in Austin, the capital of Texas. The walls of these buildings are stained with their blood.

Today, prison units are named in honor of enslavers. Brutal prison chiefdoms carry a history of heinous crimes against the prison captive population of racially segregated prisons. Federal litigation, led by courageous people of color, jailhouse lawyers, and political activists, won epochal legal victories ordering reforms in the celebrated 1972 Ruiz v. Estelle litigation in which Texas prison inmates challenged the conditions within the Texas Department of Corrections. Unfortunately, the Texas prison system has returned to the pre-Ruiz times, and conditions remain unconstitutional, resulting in many prisoner deaths due to extreme heat conditions—the subject of more federal litigation in favor of the prisoner class. Texas prisons are disproportionately composed of people of color, in a demographics-changing state, where ethnic persons are the majority in inner cities. Political rulers in charge of prisons, parole boards, and legislative

authority fear these changing demographics. They enacted additional layers of gang intelligence special operations to surveil and target "radical prisoners" leading the prison movement inside.

The case of Daniel Perry is another prime example. Texas Governor Greg Abbott ordered his ultra-conservative Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles to send him a recommendation granting executive clemency to Perry for the murder of Black Lives Matter protester Garret Foster, who was protesting the police murder of George Floyd in July 2020. Perry had been found guilty by an Austin jury and sentenced to 25 years in prison. Before he entered prison to begin serving his sentence, Fox News aired a special segment urging Abbott to grant Perry clemency. He did. This is not new, as attorneys for BIPOC on death row have filed legal pleadings in various cases protesting the racially discriminatory policies of the governor's parole board.

In my case, there is strong evidence of scientific crime lab reports and documents that the parole board knows exist, but has ignored, since the records show his innocence. Trial juries have never been shown these exhibits, though they would have acquitted me of all alleged crimes. The political repression against me goes back to my youth, when I protested the Alpine Police murders of my 16-year-old friend Ervay Ramos on June 18, 1968. The cop, a known racist, never served a day in jail.

I have been in solitary confinement for 23 consecutive years under death by imprisonment, at the McConnell Unit in Beeville, Texas. I have repeatedly been denied parole, despite my elder age and medical conditions. My next parole review is set for December 2027. Despite such brutal repression, I remain strong and defiant in spirit and continue managing the study and struggle of groups that focus on educating prisoners on the true nature of prisons under capitalism—in a prison with deep roots in 1823 settler colonialism, white supremacy, and chattel and prison slavery.

We are in dangerous times, ruled by tyrants and deranged lunatics who are in total control of the government, the police, the military, and the C.I.A. They're creating a police state apparatus, with its new torture prison in El Salvador, where refugees, immigrants, citizens, and non-citizens will be caged if they continue to criticize and oppose this new fascist government of billionaire wolves who will destroy civilization, humanity, and Planet Earth if we don't organize against this insanity and madness and change course. We must realize these dangers and unite to create a revolutionary movement against imperialism and produce trained cadres educating communities of what we must do to fight back and build a strong united front, for the Power of the People is stronger than the power of tyrants.

2 Sept - Mumia's Vision Restored!: Vigilance is Required for Continued Treatment

Mumia received Cataract 2 laser surgery today 9-2-25 on his left eye and can now see very clearly.

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Thank you thank you thank for all your work. the press conference was amazing.

We must remain vigilant, consistent, and make sure that he sees a retinal specialist to treat his additional diagnosis that threatens his eyesight.

September 5th - Message To Detroit Conference For Palestine

I thank you, members and supporters of the Palestine Youth Movement and others gathering in Dearborn, thinking about what's happening in Gaza, in the West Bank, and beyond. Before we begin, I ask you a very simple question: When have you ever seen the level of destruction that we are seeing every day in Gaza? I would guess that no one in this audience can describe the similar level of mass slaughter and destruction of men, women, children, homes, churches, mosques, and people, in such a short period of time. That should tell us more than we want to know.

When have you ever heard about Palestinians right to self-defense? Or the human right for all human beings to defend themselves wherever they are on the planet Earth? When it comes to Palestinians, we hear

a state of exception where everything is allowed; everything except justice, except democracy, except food, except water, except life. There are prisoners struggling in the prisons in Palestine and in the United States. There was one Mahmoud Khalil who, because he led demonstrations, he was seized and thrown in the darkness of a prison cell for daring to support his own people. Thankfully, that brief entombment was lifted, and he's able to speak, and that's a wonderful thing. But there are thousands and thousands of Palestinians who every day endure military courts where their presumption of guilt precedes them before they even enter a courtroom. What kind of justice is that? Is that democratic justice? I think not.

Of course, there are prisoners throughout the United States who are Palestinian and they're fighting for their freedom against a government that has outlawed support for Palestine, for political reasons. We've talked about Israel's right to defend itself, have we not? How do you call an army that has inflicted that kind of carnage on men, women, and children; people running to try to feed themselves because of a humanitarian trap—away from their homes, isolated, hundreds, over a thousand killed, for running for bread?

When we speak about Israeli Defense Force, I wonder who speaks about an Israeli Offense Force? That would be more honest. When we think about prisoners in Palestine, we have to think about all of Palestine. It is not just in the prisons of Israel where people are confined. All of Palestine is an open-air prison in Israel because of the ever-present occupation that has denied them life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness. You know, those great things that Americans promise – and denied them everything, even life itself. The struggle must continue, and it will, as long as hearts beats around the world, as long as eyes see around the world, and as long as we love that which we call human. I thank you.

2 Sept - Panda Has Been Released From Prison

Chile: After almost three years resisting behind bars, Panda has been released from prison, with order to serve the rest of the sentence under partial house arrest and on tag.

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Rucio is still serving prison for the same action. Welcome back to the outside world Panda, we couldn't be happier for you.

2 Sept - Prairieland Defense Update

Call to support Des Revol in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, along with other updates and statements.

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Des Revol—a tattoo artist, PoC anarchist, immigrant, and all-around sweetheart—is currently facing serious charges related to a larger case of political repression in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas. But Des isn't just a victim of trumped-up political prosecution, he's a beloved artist and friend who loves nothing more than experimenting with new vegan recipes, digging into new books, looking at baby opossums and sometimes fostering them, and spending time with loved ones. As a longtime vegan dedicated to animal liberation, solidarity with nonhumans shows up in much of Des's artwork, including through his playful depictions of raccoons, cats, and other critters. Des extends this deep solidarity outward: he's a loving brother, son, and friend; he's a free-spirited dreamer who takes good care of everyone and everything around him. Now stuck in a federal prison, Des is continuing to lend solidarity by drawing pictures for other inmates to send to their families.

Des makes a mean vegan posole. The first time I met Des, he was cheffing it up in the kitchen and literally exploded red chile everywhere in a brand-new apartment LMAO!

—Kourtney

Des did my first five tattoos ever. He's the only artist I would go to, due to his comforting and inviting nature. He remembered me every time, despite his busy schedule. Every session, we would share lighthearted conversations, mostly about his love for possums haha. He's one of the best people I've ever met. My mom has also been tattooed by him. He's always been an inspiration to us.

—Emma Grace

When I met Des, we were in a place that felt like the middle of nowhere. And his presence felt so warm and kind and open. His smile at times would literally light up a room—so powerful, I can still feel it. I remember his kindness, which manifested in so many ways—offering beautiful tattoos to people with such patience and care, sharing laughs and stories, sharing his artwork. And offering a truly present ear. When I think of the term “holding space,” Des comes to mind. It is one of his many gifts. Just sitting next to him felt like a warm hug.

—Sayyida

I just want all the kitties and vegan donuts.

-Des

BACKGROUND

On July 4, 2025, around a dozen people gathered outside the ICE Prairieland Detention Center in Alvarado, Texas, for a noise demo in solidarity with immigrants and ICE detainees inside. At some point, an altercation allegedly occurred, after which an officer claimed to have sustained a minor injury. Ten people were arrested, and state and federal police then charged them with terrorism and attempted murder. Since then, another seven people have been arrested in connection with this case. The police have also terrorized friends and family members of those arrested at the protest, serving no-knock warrants, conducting house raids, and engaging in widespread surveillance.

Des was not at the noise demo. Instead, on July 6th, after receiving a phone call from his wife in jail (one of the initial ten who were arrested), Des was followed and arrested by the FBI in Denton, Texas—at first, under the pretext of a minor traffic violation. He was later charged with evidence tampering and obstruction of justice related to the Prairieland defendants. This allegation was based on a box of zines that he was supposedly moving in his truck—zines that could be found in any collective house or infoshop. Des was briefly held at the Johnson County Jail, but soon transferred to a federal prison, FMC Fort Worth.

He is also currently on an ICE hold, and has been publicly targeted and doxxed on social media by both prominent fascists and ICE. Moreover, right after his arrest, his family experienced a brutal and intimidating nine-hour FBI raid of their home. Police confiscated everything from electronics to stickers and more zines.

While Des is not being charged along with the other Prairieland defendants, his charges are tied to them. He is cited in all the other defendants’ indictments so far for alleged evidence tampering, and the state has included a photo of the supposedly incriminating box of zines. But his case will look different and is separate from the others, and he may be the only defendant who is at direct risk from ICE.

Indeed, Des is not just at risk of a lengthy federal prison sentence, which is bad enough. Even if released, he is in danger of being kidnapped by ICE and/or assaulted by fascists.

The framing of the case by the federal government should worry all of us. It is a thinly veiled attempt to crack down on resistance, whether in deed or word. The criminalization of dissent—alongside solidarity and even ideas—means that everyone risks arrest and worse as the state moves to assert authoritarian power. Resistance, including zines, is not a crime.

September 9th - Statement of Solidarity with Prairieland Defendants

We stand in solidarity with the Prairieland Defendants as community members and pursuers of a better world. In supporting them, we do it with love for their humanity, grief for their confinement, and rage for the repression they face. On July 4th, protesters gathered to make a display of noise and fireworks to express solidarity with immigrants and ICE detainees at the Prairieland Detention Center in Johnson County. In the early morning of July 5, 10 DFW comrades were arrested; since then, the other 7 defendants were arrested as part of a wave of terrifying raids and surveillance. The state’s narrative about what happened that night and in the nights that followed is dubious and full of inconsistencies.

This case matters because not only are loved ones and comrades facing horrific conditions in the Johnson County Jail but their incarceration, for over 50 days now, represents a growing pattern of movement repression. As ICE resistance amplifies, met with fascist government takeovers and ICE hiring incentives, solidarity with those stolen from their communities is ever more needed to nourish abolitionist care.

This case will almost certainly be used to justify sweeping expansion of repression not only of popular movements but all political activity in opposition to Trump and his regime. Authoritarianism can already be felt in everything from ICE fascism and complicity in the Gaza genocide to the cutting of social programs and removal of DEI initiatives in schools to the building of Cop Cities all over the country. Our communities are in need of support and defense just like the Prairieland Defendants and everyone deprived of social ties and comforts due to cruel systems of incarceration and detainment.

We stand with the DFW Support Committee as they support the Prairieland defendants, loving them through their separation from the world. We will spread the word of their struggle, build legal defense so our comrades can see a sky without walls or chains, and host community events and actions to rebuild community support, which state repression seeks to destroy. Through it all, side by side with our community members and loved ones on the inside, we will build a wall of resistance and resilience against the State's efforts to dismantle our movement.

September 9th - Statement on Release of Dario Sanchez

We are very happy to announce Dario Sanchez has been released from custody! He was arrested on July 15, 2025, on an initial charge of tampering with or fabricating physical evidence. With the support of his attorneys, his bail was reduced to a lower amount that his family was able to afford. However, Dario has been released home with extremely burdensome conditions, including a GPS ankle monitor and court supervision of all his internet and phone activity with limitations on what types of content he is allowed to access. Additionally, he is now the first defendant to be formally indicted. He was indicted on August 28, 2025, on state charges, one for tampering with or fabricating physical evidence and a second, new charge of hindering the prosecution of terrorism.

Dario's case demonstrates the dramatic overreach by state and federal authorities in this case. Dario has never been to Johnson County, let alone the Prairieland Detention Center. His home was violently raided, he was held in an isolated cell for over a month, and his life has been turned upside down all based on the accusation that he removed someone from Signal and Discord chats. This is unreasonable, absurd, and clearly demonstrates that the state is not seeking justice but attempting to spread fear.

While we are overjoyed that Dario has been released from the miserable conditions of Johnson County Jail, we are saddened and enraged knowing so many others are still locked up. The struggle for freedom for all 17 defendants will be protracted, and we will need all the support we can get. Thank you to everyone for your love and solidarity so far!

September 10th - Statement on Support for Thomas

Due to information that we have learned from court documents, the DFW Support Committee has decided to stop supporting one of the defendants, John Phillip Thomas.

3 Sept - Casey Goonan Kicks Off Hunger Strike in Solidarity with T. Hoxha

In the UK, Palestine-related pre-trial prisoner T Hoxha was on a hunger strike over her conditions, and was joined by US prisoner Casey Goonan, who's next hearing is scheduled for September 23rd. T Hoxha has since had her demands met and both have ended their hunger strikes.

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A recent post to social media reported:

An immediate transfer of care for T Hoxha to a hospital in Northampton Healthcare Trust must be actioned. It is now day 21 of her hunger strike and medical neglect by your prison has since resulted in fever, persistent headache

on the left side of her head, vomiting after taking vitamins, continued jaw pain, shedding hair and skin discoloration. Her condition is now considered in the “danger zone” by an advance nurse practitioner.

That an advanced nurse practitioner was not made aware of her case until Day 17 is incredibly improper practice for the treatment of prisoners on hunger strike, failing to begin a food refusal log until Day 5 of the hunger strike and failing to appropriately maintain this since as well as, the failure to provide consistent regular medical attention, providing electrolyte sachets and monitoring have proved HMP Peterborough to be incapable of fulfilling their duty of care to prisoners in their custody.

T has simply demanded her rights to fair treatment as an unconvicted prisoner of conscience. We are aware of the methods by which her rights are being removed by your prison as means of intimidation and isolation.

Another Sodexo prison, HMP Bronzefield, is currently in the media and public discourse due to two deaths, an assault and forced excessive lock up of prisoners last month. Given this, I am certain that HMP Peterborough will be soon also be investigated for direct medical neglect and abuse of authority in light of the seriousness of this matter.

The medical necessity of socialization is a fact. Depriving T of the right to maintain correspondence with her community, or prevent her contribution to the improvement of your prison through work and classes indicates a concerted effort by the prison, you, to silence and allow physical harm to come to a prisoner in your care.

Casey also issued the following statement upon launching his hunger strike in solidarity, writing:

Today I learned about T Hoxha, a Pal Action prisoner in the UK who is on day 16 of their hunger strike at HMP Peterborough. As of 4pm eastern time, August 26, 2025, 2 out of 3 of her demands have been met, but she is still on strike to demand that the prison release the mail they have been withholding from her.

As captives imprisoned for our participation in the Palestinian liberation movement in the west, we have a responsibility to each other across borders to pursue our lives in prison with the same steadfastness as the Palestinian Prisoners movement held captive in ‘Israeli’ prisons.

The states we have been captured by are the enablers of the Zionist entity’s accelerated genocide of Palestinians, as well as the ongoing genocides of black and indigenous people whose lands they continue to occupy.

As the Western left continues to move from crisis to crisis, avoiding their responsibilities to Palestine, we are all that we have. By “we,” I am referring to people facing repression for their support for Palestine, the people who are truly sacrificing. Such as T Hoxha, who has suffered through 16 days of starvation just to get her mail.

The Palestine solidarity movement in the west cannot abandon people like her who have risked their lives and continue to do so in resistance to the intolerable condition of genocide.

As of today, one of my cellmates and I are on hunger strike at Santa Rita jail until her demands are met.

Solidarity with T Hoxha and all prisoners of the Palestine Solidarity movement!

Raze the walls!
Liberate all prisoners of the settler empire!

6 Sept - Freedom for the Five Prisoners of San Juan Cancuc, Chiapas

Mexico: Statement calling for the freedom of the five prisoners of San Juan Cancuc, Chiapas from the working group No Estamos Todxs

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To the EZLN.

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To our compañerxs of the Sixth.

To our compañerxs who defend human rights.

To those who fight against prisons, both from the inside and on the outside of them. And, above all, to our five comrades imprisoned in San Juan Cancuc and their families.

More than three years ago, we learned of the injustice committed by the Mexican state and this bad government when they arbitrarily detained our five comrades from San Juan Cancuc. A few months after their arrest, we had the honor of beginning to accompany them. It has been more than three years of getting to know them and their families; of having deep conversations; of sharing Sunday meals and laughter; of listening to their dreams shattered since they were imprisoned; of feeling anger, but also hope. Throughout this time, they have shown us the steadfastness of their quest for justice and the dignity of their struggle for freedom.

We have to state clearly: we have never doubted their innocence. Their real “crime” in the eyes of the bad government is being poor, indigenous, and, above all, defenders of the land and territory. Over the past three years, we have witnessed the bad government’s constant contempt for them. They have faced two trials riddled with violations of due process, demonstrating that this government does not seek justice. Their judicial process is a clear example of what has been denounced for years: the fabrication of guilt, a key part of a system where the “justice” of the Mexican state produces its own guilty parties, in which it is no longer necessary to commit a crime to be accused, detained, and sentenced.

During these years of accompanying and fighting for the freedom of our five comrades, we have opened up different fronts: legal, political, and organizational. The demand for justice has been taken to different authorities and locations. As a result, in September 2023, the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention visited Mexico and Chiapas. After receiving information from various sources, the Working Group issued an opinion requesting that the Mexican government immediately release our five comrades; grant them the effective right to compensation for damages; and conduct a thorough investigation of the responsible authorities, in accordance with international law. The struggle on all these fronts continues.

That said, the purpose of these words that arise from our collective and militant heart is to echo up there, where contempt for those of us who live, organize, and fight down here is nested: we will not stop standing together and fighting alongside our imprisoned comrades and their families. Each day that passes is one day less of justice, one more day of separation between our comrades and their families, and one more day that we will continue to fight. Their innocence has already been proven time and time again. More and more voices are crying out for justice; organizations, collectives, and individuals in many corners of the world are joining this cry. Let it be clear: we will not stop fighting for a single day until we see our comrades free.

We invite everyone listening to join this struggle, in whatever way, time, and form suits each person, organization, or collective. We also want to let you know that in the coming days we will share new proposals for action. Therefore, we ask you to stay tuned to the campaign for the freedom of our five comrades.

We know that what is happening to them is not an isolated case. Prisons are always full of those of us who live at the bottom of the pyramid, while those at the top are never to be seen there. That is why we continue to strive for other forms of justice and for the end of prisons.

6 Sept - Why thousands in jail suffer without treatment

It's a struggle most states are dealing with and few have managed to solve: Where to place people who have been arrested or charged with a crime, who aren't mentally fit for court?

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by Cary Aspinwall (*The Marshall Project*)

Back in 1960, the U.S. Supreme Court found that anyone accused of a crime must understand the charges they face and be able to rationally assist in their own defense. Someone who does not meet that criterion is eligible for "competency restoration" treatment — usually medication and therapy to help them regain

understanding. In the most severe cases, a court can issue a permanent finding of incompetence. Numerous states have long backlogs of criminal defendants waiting for "competency restoration" before they can be tried in court.

Each state does this in its own way, but most have one thing in common: Court-ordered mental health treatment beds remain scarce. There are waitlists in Oklahoma, Nevada, Florida, Pennsylvania, and numerous other states.

The result is that some of the sickest and most vulnerable defendants languish in jail cells, while waiting for a treatment space. A man in Missouri died in jail after waiting for more than six months for treatment. More than 100 people are currently waiting for treatment at Rikers Island in New York, according to a recent lawsuit.

In Texas, Sonja Burns just wants officials to stop putting people like her twin brother in jail. He has cycled in and out of incarceration, hospitalization and homelessness because he is living with a serious mental illness, traumatic brain injury, autism spectrum disorder and seizure disorder. She became an advocate — hounding state and local officials for accountability, data and better care options that meet a wider range of needs, but said she is frustrated by how little seems to change.

At one point, the wait list for competency restoration in Texas grew to more than 2,700 people. A state audit in Texas found at least 54 people died waiting for treatment between 2018 and 2023. On paper, the state appears to have made strides, decreasing the waitlist by a few hundred people, working to increase the number of "forensic" treatment beds — those reserved for treatment mandated by the criminal courts. In reality, there is still a shortage of treatment beds, Burns said.

"The nightmare across the country is the forensic waitlist," she said.

In Oklahoma, a class-action lawsuit on behalf of those who suffered in jail without treatment was settled last year. Yet just as the state was about to be forced to implement fixes, the agency in charge of mental health services announced it had a budget gap of nearly \$30 million — leaving advocates concerned about whether anything would change. The state legislature fired the head of the agency, and a new leader is trying to sort out the mess.

Paul DeMuro, a lawyer for the plaintiffs in Oklahoma, said the previous administration did worse than nothing following the settlement. "They claimed to have been developing a plan and programs and putting people in charge of things — and they weren't," he said. "They did absolutely nothing."

People with mental illness in Oklahoma jails continue to languish, while the state faces canceling hundreds of mental health care contracts.

In Nevada, some criminal cases this summer have been dropped because the competency restoration waitlist is so long. As of mid-August, 175 people remained on the waitlist, according to the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services. Daniel Vezmar, a spokesman for the agency's division of public and behavioral health, said officials were working to free up treatment beds and divert people "with low-level charges to the civil mental health system and preserving the limited forensic beds for individuals with more serious charges."

Florida has a law that mandates criminal defendants can't be jailed for more than 15 days while waiting for a treatment bed. But while forensic commitments of people who have mental illness have surged 74% since 2020, reported Florida Politics, the number of treatment beds has remained at 3,000 in the same period, so there are now hundreds of people waiting much longer than the 15-day limit.

It's one of many ways that people with mental and behavioral health issues wind up falling through the cracks of the criminal justice system. Last year, my colleague Christie Thompson reported on how often people having a mental health crisis sought medical help, but ended up in jail anyway.

Meanwhile, President Donald Trump issued an executive order in late July to allow involuntary commitment for the unhoused — which experts say could only make things worse for some overflowing state psychiatric hospitals.

The shift that is happening nationwide away from civil commitment treatment beds toward forensic treatment is a huge part of the problem, said Jerri Clark, a research and advocacy manager for the Treatment Advocacy Center. The nonprofit studies the criminalization of people with serious mental illnesses and advocates for increased use of civil commitment as treatment.

"Basically, it's a systemic movement of resources away from preventing tragedy to requiring tragedy," Clark said. "It's the same population. It's the same people. It's just where are we going to serve them: Before they've been criminalized or after they've been criminalized?"

A nationwide shortage of public defenders also worsens wait times in jails, she said, and not all lawyers paid to represent indigent defendants are trained to recognize the signs of severe mental illness.

"They're the ones who file the petition with the court to have an evaluation to begin with," Clark said. If a defendant has a public defender who doesn't have training in recognizing serious mental illness, "they may not realize the incompetence of their client."

Clark said she hesitates to say whether any states are doing "better" than others, because there are problems everywhere. But in New York, every county has an assigned coordinator for assisted outpatient treatment — so families at least have someone to call when there is an issue. Similarly, Mississippi — which has a history of lengthy wait times — launched a statewide program last year with a forensic "navigator" to help keep people with mental illness out of jail and opened a new maximum security state hospital.

No system is perfect, but anything is better than using jails to house people with serious mental illnesses, she said.

"Punishment is never going to magically create insight for someone who is deeply unwell," Clark said. "You cannot punish someone out of their delusional thinking."

8 Sept - Hopeful News, Hard Truths, and Ways You Can Help

On Labor Day, major cities were alive with the sound of feet on the ground, demonstrating the majority of people who want to see us rise together and build a better world for everyone, not for the profit-seeking bloodlust of the vampiric one percent and their puppet president.

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by Priscilla Grim

Though we are all living in uncharted territory, it's essential to understand that the idea of militarily occupying major U.S. cities and building "cop cities" in the name of "public safety" did not appear out of nowhere. These projects emerged from a regime shaken by the mass uprisings for George Floyd in 2020—aware of worsening material conditions and determined to crush dissent against a system subjugating us all. The capitalist regime recognizes the collective power of people in the streets and knows the colonialist-capitalist experiment is nearing its end.

We are witnessing the dying screams of capitalism, expressed through a renewed form of genocide that has existed since Europeans first landed on the shores of Turtle Island. The same colonial policies that fueled

the murder of Indigenous peoples are now echoed in the violence we see in Gaza and broader Palestine, and in the United States, where history repeats itself, history that inspired the crimes of Nazi Germany.

The truth is, the methods of Hitler's holocaust were based on the genocidal "founding" of the United States. If nature is to heal, if liberation and repair are to occur, we must start with the truth of how we arrived at this point and how the crimes of the American Regime extend, to this day, across the world and even into the African continent, presently and specifically in Congo and Sudan.

In 2023, I was inspired to travel to Atlanta to join the Stop Cop City 5th week of action because I was outraged by the plan to build Cop City, despite hours of testimony by residents to the Atlanta City Council rejecting it. The plan proposed bringing urban warfare to the residents of a Black neighborhood in which the sounds of gunfire daily assault children from a shooting range a few blocks away from their school. I was outraged by the murder of Tortugueta, an environmental activist, shot over 50 times while seated with their hands up—bullets creating stigmata from the sins of policing. After camping two days in the Weelaunee Forest, I am now one of 61 people charged with "conspiracy" and one of the 42 people charged with "Domestic Terrorism."

It is ludicrous that while people are brutalized and dying in police interactions and behind the bars of incarceration, those who are fighting for a world in which care and compassion are centered are accused of "terrorism" and "racketeering." Ludicrous, outrageous, and brutally on brand for a country born in the blood of indigenous martyrs.

Since I Last Wrote, I Have Hopeful News To Share

I am almost able to pay rent for September, and I am now overflowing with work while slowly but surely catching my finances up. Waking up to email alerts about turn-off notices while dodging calls from the landlord has been very stressful this year, but I am starting to see a way forward. I am here because of you. THANK YOU. Please help me keep going. I still have at least a year left in this process of punishment.

I can now travel. Restrictive bond conditions prevented me from being able to safely travel outside of New York State. During that time, my beloved tio (uncle) had an all-consuming health crisis, ending in his death this spring. The judge allowed me time to go to Tennessee for his memorial, but I would have liked to be with him in the last year he was alive. His last days were agony, and I blame the state of Georgia.

One of the people arrested on the same night I was, March 5th, 2023, had her domestic terrorism charges dropped. This is the MOST hopeful news I have. Jamie had the exact same arrest warrant as I did, as all of us who were arrested and incarcerated that night.

Today in Atlanta: A Pretrial Motions Hearing

Today, Monday, September 8, a pretrial motions hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Fulton County Superior Court, Courtroom 4D, for four of the 61 Stop Cop City defendants charged under Georgia's sweeping RICO indictment. Defendants Francis Carroll, Spencer Liberto, Jamie Marsicano, and Alexis Papali have filed more than 60 motions—including to dismiss charges and suppress evidence—that could shape the outcome of all 61 cases. RICO expert Don Samuel will also argue demurrers on behalf of Atlanta Solidarity Fund defendants, challenging the indictment as legally inadequate and unconstitutional. This comes after a series of prosecution missteps, including violations of discovery deadlines, breaches of attorney-client privilege, and the dismissal of related charges.

The hearing is expected to take several days and will be livestreamed by the Atlanta Community Press Collective.

For over two years, dozens of people and I have had our lives put on hold under charges rooted in opposition to Cop City, even as the facility was completed despite mass public resistance, protests, and a petition effort with over 116,000 signatures that city officials refused to honor.

8 Sept - Judge blocks Georgia law banning gender dysphoria treatment in prison

Last week, a federal judge preliminarily blocked a Georgia law prohibiting people in state prisons from receiving treatment for their gender dysphoria, and ordered immediate briefing on whether to enjoin the law permanently.

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via *Center For Constitutional Rights*

"GDC's decision to impose a blanket ban on gender dysphoria treatment and forcibly detransition those in its custody is cruel, unusual, and indefensible. GDC already knows that trans people in custody have a constitutionally-protected right to healthcare because, together with Ashley Diamond, I've sued them about this issue twice before," said senior staff attorney Chinyere Ezie.

9 Sept - Judge Finds Attorney General Can't Bring RICO Charges in Cop City Case

A Fulton County judge found Tuesday that Georgia's attorney general lacked authority to bring racketeering charges against protesters named in the sprawling Cop City RICO case, calling into question the foundation and future of the massive legal effort to criminalize a movement.

MORE:

by Sean Summers (*Unicorn Riot*)

While Judge Kevin Farmer has not yet issued an official ruling cementing his decision, his finding that the attorney general's office doesn't have the authority to bring Racketeering Influenced Corrupt Organization, or RICO, charges in this case effectively derails the prosecution's strategy of connecting protesters to a conspiracy against Cop City and the state itself.

Farmer indicated from the bench that he intends to dismiss conspiracy and related arson charges. If such a ruling comes down, the new vastly reduced case would only include five defendants accused of domestic terrorism, down from the 61 people currently named in the indictment.

In 2023, Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr brought a far-reaching RICO indictment against dozens of opponents of Atlanta's recently built Public Safety Training Center, more commonly known as Cop City.

For years, a diverse movement organized to stop the expansive police training facility from being built in a wooded area south of metro Atlanta. Using a blend of tactics ranging from petition drives to sabotage, the movement to "Stop Cop City" brought national attention to the issue of policing and power in Georgia and beyond. As protests and actions took place, the state and federal government began to charge movement participants criminally, including with domestic terrorism and racketeering.

But on Tuesday, more than two years into the legal process surrounding the case, Judge Farmer found that the Attorney General lacked authority to charge the defendants under the state's RICO statute.

Under Georgia's RICO legislation, in order for the attorney general to bring a RICO indictment the person indicted must be "dealing with or for the state" when committing the alleged offense. Defense attorney Andrew Hall successfully argued that his client, and others named in the indictment, were not dealing with or for the state, thereby requiring special permission from the governor for the attorney general to bring RICO charges.

"At this time, I do not find the attorney general had the authority to bring this RICO case," Farmer said from the bench Tuesday morning.

“The mechanisms were in place, and steps just weren’t followed,” Farmer said of Carr’s failure to get permission from the governor to bring the RICO indictment against the movement to stop Cop City.

All day Monday and into Tuesday morning, lawyers representing four of the 61 defendants in the conspiracy case brought against Cop City protesters argued a list of motions to dismiss various parts of the massive indictment that implicates their clients.

One motion, brought by attorney Andrew Hall, argued the state erred when it indicted his client under the state’s RICO statute.

Hall asserted that Thomas Jurgens, who was arrested at a music festival opposing Cop City on March 5, 2023 while acting as a legal observer for the National Lawyers’ Guild, was wrongfully implicated in the conspiracy as he was not “dealing with or for the state” as part of his alleged crime.

On that basis, Hall asked the court to dismiss the only count against his client in the indictment for lack of prosecutorial authority. Judge Farmer ultimately agreed with the argument, finding that the attorney general’s office should have sought permission from the governor to bring the RICO indictment.

Farmer, while deliberating from the bench, questioned whether he should dismiss the entire indictment on these grounds or just dismiss the RICO and subsequent arson charges. While the original indictment included numerous other counts of money laundering, those were each dropped last year, leaving only the RICO, domestic terrorism and arson counts at the time of Tuesday’s hearing.

Farmer made clear that the attorney general’s office had the authority to pursue the domestic terrorism charges even if the other two counts are dismissed.

While Farmer is likely to dismiss the first and third counts in the indictment, namely RICO and arson charges, the second count of domestic terrorism may stand.

The state may appeal Farmer’s ruling, in which case the issue would return to court, but barring an appeal the RICO charges will not proceed.

10 Sept - Text from subversive prisoner Marcelo Villarroel

Chile: One year after the departure of Tortuga and Belén. Words from subversive comrade Marcelo Villarroel

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via Dark Nights

The daily struggle and resistance against imprisonment in centers of extermination and isolation would not be possible without the fertile bond of insurrectionary complicity between different comrades in different parts of reality.

In high-security and maximum-security cells, in the furtive mountains, in cities and metropolises riddled with techno-surveillance, on the paths of the struggle to live free... there is always one of us, one who does not adapt or surrender to the vicissitudes of domination, and that is where we find Tortuga, on that path of subversive antagonism, and Belén, walking freely through Anarchy.

We walk with our dead, our prisoners, and our fugitives. This is not a slogan but pure reality. We walk with our lights and shadows that feed the eternal fire of our rebellion. We walk with a firm step, seeking change by first changing ourselves, even if it costs us.

We walk without lowering our arms and we resist, we persist, and nothing stops us, not even the death that inevitably embraces us on this long road.

A fraternal and complicit embrace to all those whom nothing and no one can stop. To those who organize, to the imprisoned comrades who wrote, and to all those who resist with dignity in prisons and cages.

One year after the departure of Tortuga and Belén, we will continue to sow chaos and anarchy!
With all our fallen brothers and sisters and comrades!
Subversive anarchist prisoners and Mapuche prisoners out of jail now!
Until we destroy the last bastion of prison society!
As long as there is misery, there will be rebellion!

10 Sept - Words from the comrades imprisoned in the Susaron Case

Chile: Written in memory of Lupi, Tortuga, and Belén.

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As prisoners known to be opposed to order, we feel it is our duty to send our love and fond memories to three individuals who are no longer with us on this earthly plane, and to their loved ones: Tortuga, Lupi, and Belén.

We were fortunate to have known all three of them.

Tortuga, in countless days of insurrectionary expansion of the anarchist seed, giving precious moments of propaganda, music, and questioning.

Belén, in the heat of the same struggle and direct action. We all knew how she bravely and fiercely put her words into practice, and she was always greatly respected for it.

And Lupi, when we went to welcome him with our comrades from Carreta Anárquica in Santiago 1, when he was imprisoned. We tried to give him a warm and supportive welcome: bringing him delicious food and warm clothes, laughing for a while in the face of misfortune. Seeing firsthand how, despite the nervousness and fear that comes with entering prison for the first time, he maintained a stoic and proud consistency in his words and actions. We met him in prison and will never forget his innocent and beautiful energy, the light he carried above his head despite the dire circumstances.

For all of them, honor, fire, gunpowder, and flames! To remember them without these elements would be disrespectful.

Let's bring theory into conflict: let ideas set fires.

In our colorful and dangerous hearts live the comrades who are no longer with us physically. But we, the masterless, know that they walk beside us in danger and calm.

Fire to the existent, and may memory wreak havoc.

10 Sept - Statements for Running Down the Walls

We've been receiving messages for participants of Running Down the Walls and are including some below.

MORE:

RAY LUC LEVASSEUR

As a former political prisoner and recipient of mutual aid I send you greetings from unceded Wabanaki land (aka "Maine"). When Running Down the Walls first kicked off in September, 1999, I was fifteen years into 20 years of imprisonment and stuck in a segregation cell. I was isolated and lonely but I never felt alone because every day in those cages I felt the very real support of folks like you gathered here today.

Solidarity is our greatest weapon. Solidarity in resistance. Solidarity in the struggle for liberation Solidarity moving forward. Mutual aid is an essential part of this solidarity. Mutual aid is about survival pending liberation. And not just about survival, but surviving with our humanity intact.

Each step you take today for OUR imprisoned brothers and sisters is a step-in movement building that values life and freedom. I have much appreciation for your commitment. I will join you September 21 from 3,000 miles away, doing 5K along the banks of the Passagassawakeag River (aka "the Passy).

Free Them All - Mumia Abu Jamal, Bill Dunne, Oso Blanco, Jessica Reznicek, Casey Goonan! Free Hakiym! and Free Palestine!

OSO BLANCO

Greetings, brothers and sisters, on this beautiful day. It's time to push for the limits and run down the walls. I love this event, and I hope to be free one day to run alongside you all. But for now, I'm praying from the inside of these ugly death camps, sending you all my energy, prayers, and words. Be strong at all times and especially today. Envision in your mind's eye those walls being taken down forever. Remember East Berlin, Germany, where there is evidence that it can be a manifest reality. It can be real! I love you all. You all are my heart. I thank you all and love you very much. We all can make it happen.

JOSH HARPER

I just wanted to take a quick moment to send my love and respect to everyone participating in this year's Running Down The Walls. As the fascist grip tightens on the entire planet, we need to remind those already incarcerated and everyone who may join them that we will speak their names, honor their sacrifices, and send whatever aid we can. Remember: despite this rising tide of war, repression, and ecocide—we are not beaten, our friends are not forgotten, and the struggle continues. With all of our efforts these walls may yet be brought down.

PEPPY & KRYSTAL

Greetings from behind the layered walls of imprisonment, where we are captives in rebellion seeking collective liberation. We are each braving the forces of fascism, and although we may not know all that confines you, we hear and meet your calls for freedom. May we all draw strength today from the future we are building, the necessity of the times we are in, and from the memories of our fallen.

Our comrades in Athens once declared boldly, "The passion for freedom is stronger than their cells", and we wholeheartedly profess the same.

Between the rage and sorrow of our forced separation and more importantly the separation of vecinos all around you, we know undoubtedly that social media posts, yard signs, and performative protests are no longer enough. We need revolutionary commitment - a refusal of debilitating despair and comfortable delusions. We need examinations of uncomfortable complexities and contradictions to resolve doubt and cast off the chains of a shallow past.

When you take to the pavement today, know that we are with you. Our liberation bound together with great love because without it, our dreams would have no meaning. Today we move with you; in motion, imagination, and spirit: great strikes against defeat! Although we have yet to abolish these prisons where pain goes to burrow, multiply, and explode, we remain hopeful because from the shadows of these margins, humans brave daring acts of subversion.

We are able to live with our losses without succumbing to misery because of your unwavering comradeship.

Running Down The Walls creates social and political bonds that make visible our existence and our shared struggle in this threatening world. We are honored to run with you because "a wall is just a wall" after all, let's run those shits down!

30 Aug - Updated version! Starting an Anarchist Black Cross group: a guide

Just in time for this year's International Week of Solidarity with Anarchist Prisoners, comrades have revised the zine Starting an Anarchist Black Cross group: a guide.

MORE:

You can download the zine as a pdf and as a booklet for printing: solidarity.international/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/ABC-Zine-2025.pdf

17 Sept - No Cop City, No Cop World: Lessons From the Movement

WHAT: Discussion

WHEN: 6:00pm, Wednesday, September 17th

WHERE: Brooklyn Law School (Subotnick Center) - 250 Joralemon Street

COST: FREE

MORE:

Priscilla Grim will be included in this important conversation on the movement anthology No Cop City, No Cop World: Lessons from the Movement at this year's Brooklyn Book Festival. I am included with editors, Kamau Franklin, Mariah Parker, Micah Herskind, and Brooklyn Law School Professor Jocelyn Simonson. We will discuss the fights for environmental justice, police abolition, and Indigenous sovereignty that converged in Atlanta in a valiant effort to halt a \$120 million police training compound—and explore how these lessons relate to parallel struggles worldwide, including in New York City.

20 Sept - Books Through Bars NYC Prison Book Drive

WHAT: Book Drive

WHEN: 1:00pm, Saturday, September 20th

WHERE: Our House Grows - 315 East 16th Street, Brooklyn

COST: FREE, but bring books! (See needs below)

MORE:

live music by Adam Turay! screen-printing shirts!

Books must be paperback and in good or new condition:

no highlighting, underlining, margin notes, stains, or spiralbound

Needed Genres:

- comics, manga, graphic novels
- trade, business, personal finance
- how-to, drawing, art, coloring
- Spanish language, bilingual dictionaries
- wicca, paganism, santeria, occult
- workout and yoga guides
- history. especially Black, Indigenous, + South American
- tabletop RPG guides
- puzzles, wordfind, crossword
- music history + biographies
- genre fiction: true crime, thriller, romance, fantasy + sci-fi

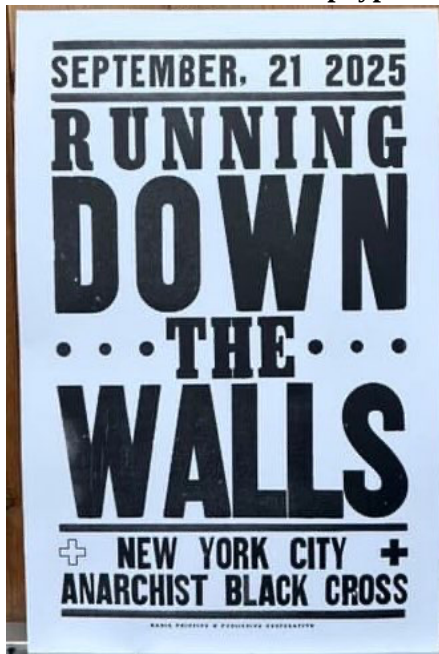
21 Sept – Running Down the Walls

WHAT: Running Down the Walls – 5k Run/Walk/Jog/Bike/Hang

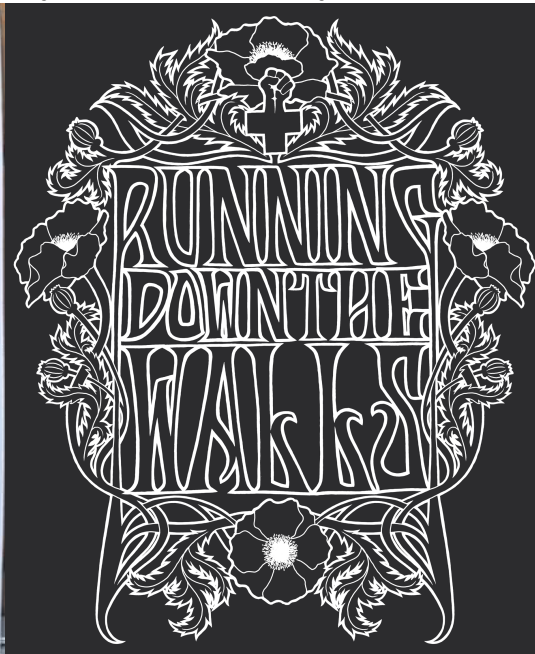
WHEN: 2:00-7:00pm, Sunday, September 21st, 2025

WHERE: Prospect Park– Lincoln Road/East Lake Drive, east of the Terrace Bridge (see the below map for exact location)

COST: \$20 registration, participants encouraged to get sponsors (includes vegan BBQ afterwards, with COVID precautions for serving!); \$30 includes a limited letterpress poster; \$50 includes the poster and an exclusive t-shirt. Donate at paypal.me/nycabc or venmo.com/nycabc



Letter-press Poster



T-shirt

NYC Anarchist Black Cross (NYC ABC) is excited to announce Running Down the Walls 2025—the 26th Anniversary of Running Down the Walls since it was started by ABCF-LA. We are looking very forward to gathering as a community. For the last couple of years, we’ve had an amazing time and successful fundraisers. Please stay tuned to our website, sign up for our newsletter, and follow us on instagram (@[nycabc](https://www.instagram.com/nycabc)) or bluesky ([nycabc.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/nycabc.bsky.social)) for updates.

Every year, prisoners and supporters of political prisoners organize solidarity events with Running Down the Walls. In previous years, we’ve had runs in Albuquerque (NM), Arcata (CA), Ashland (OR), Bellefonte (PA), Boston (MA), Buffalo (NY), Chico (CA), Denver (CO), Elmore (AL), Inez (KY), Los Angeles (CA), Marion (IL), Minneapolis (MN) New York (NY), USP Navosta (TX), Pelican Bay (CA), Phoenix (AZ), Tucson (AZ), Seattle (WA), and Toronto, Ontario. This year we hope to expand the amount of runs in prisons and other cities, as well as increase the amount of funds raised for community projects. NYC ABC’s goal with this year’s run is \$4,500. You can donate online by going to venmo.com/nycabc: @[nycabc](https://www.instagram.com/nycabc)

This year’s run will take place on Sunday, September 21st, 2025 at 2:00 pm in solidarity and conjunction with runs that will take place in cities and prison yards across the country at the same time. Stay after to enjoy a vegan BBQ, served taking every COVID precaution!

REGISTER AS, OR SPONSOR, A PARTICIPANT

To raise our goal of \$4,500 we need your support.

- Promote – print and distribute flyers and posters to friends and local businesses, your doctor’s office, laundromat, food co-op, wealthy benefactor, et cetera.
- Run/walk/bike/roll in the 5k – We need participants who can run/walk/bike/roll the 5k and are able to collect financial pledges—from friends, family, coworkers, to offer as donations to the run. Download the brochure, complete with registration and sponsor form right at nycabc.wordpress.com.

- Volunteer for the run – We need folks who are willing to promote the run and bike the route as street medics.
- Donate online at venmo @nycabc
- Donate to the run/sponsor a participant – If you are not able to attend, but want to support this fundraising effort, please mail donations to:

NYC ABC

Post Office Box 110034

Brooklyn, New York 11211

Your donation of \$20 or more entitles you to the celebratory picnic after the event., \$30 or more includes a limited edition, letter-press poster, \$50 or more includes the poster and an exclusive t-shirt.

Each year, we split proceeds between the Anarchist Black Cross Federation's **Warchest Program** and a local organization. This year, local funds are going to the legal defense for **Priscilla Grim**.

The Warchest Program:

The Anarchist Black Cross Federation (ABCF) has initiated a program designed to send monthly checks to those Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War who have been receiving insufficient, little, or no financial support during their imprisonment. The Warchest program was initiated in November 1994. Its purpose is to collect monthly funds from groups and individual supporters, and send that money to Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War (PP/POW) via monthly checks. From its inception, the ABCF warchest has dispensed over \$235,000 to political prisoners. Currently, there are 13 imprisoned comrades who receive a monthly stipend as part of the program; they are Abdul Azeez, Alex Stokes, Hanif Bey, Jamil Al-Amin, Jessica Reznicek, Joe-Joe Bowen, Kamau Sadiki, Peppy, Malik Smith, Marius Mason, Oso Blanco, Ronald Reed, and Xinachtli (FKA Alvaro Luna Hernandez).

Priscilla Grim Legal Defense:

In August 2023, an unprecedented indictment against 61 individuals involved with Stop Cop City was launched— the largest political RICO trial in U.S. history. This sweeping and punitive move targets folks associated with the movement to Stop Cop City—a militarized police training compound planned for Atlanta's Weelaunee Forest, including Priscilla Grim, a long-time cultural worker and media organizer.

supportpriscilla.org

From the Q train, get off at the Prospect Park stop. Walk to Lincoln Road and turn right into the park. We'll be about 700 feet away.

24 Sept - Little Red Barns

WHAT: Book Talk

WHEN: 12:30, Wednesday, September 24th

WHERE: Pratt Institute, East Hall Room 312, Brooklyn

COST: FREE

MORE:

Pratt Presents Will Potter discussing his 10-year investigation of factory farms, climate change deception, and fascism.