

Free Mumia Abu-Jamal! End the Racist Death Penalty!

What You Can Do Now

Mumia Abu-Jamal is an innocent victim of a corrupt state! Innocent death-row journalist and political prisoner, Mumia Abu-Jamal, has been denied justice by a corrupt and vindictive system. District, State and Federal courts, up to and including the US Supreme Court, have denied Mumia the basic right to prove his innocence. A mountain of evidence has gone completely unheard! Framed for a crime he didn't commit by cops, prosecutors, courts and politicians from both political parties, Mumia's only crime was to stand up and speak out against the crimes of corrupt, racist police, and the imperialist state that backs them up. The crimes committed against this brave "voice of the voiceless" are crimes committed against all of us.

Mumia is not alone--others face the same official murder! Innocent people have been put to death by the state. In *Herrera v Collins*, the US Supreme Court said it was wrong to execute the innocent, but then they did it anyway, showing that **innocence is no defense!** Under the law, evidence of innocence may not be admissible, even after a grossly unfair trial. The victims of this lynch-law system are often--but not exclusively--black. **Kevin Cooper** could not possibly have committed the murders he was accused of, but police framed him because he was a black prison escapee, and the victims were white. One judge said, "California might be about to kill an innocent man," but that was in a dissent from a ruling *against* Kevin! **Troy Davis** was framed in Georgia on the basis of false testimony from the likely murderer. Other witnesses were pressured by police to lie. **Oscar Grant** was shot in the back while face down on a subway platform--executed by a cop without any trial at all! And in 2004, an innocent white man, **Cameron Todd Willingham**, was put to death in Texas on charges of arson-murder, when, it turns out, there was no evidence of arson at all! And these are just a few examples. We must fight back against this unjust, racist system because... *You* could be next!

Mumia Abu-Jamal needs your help now!

Mumia has run out of appeals against his unjust conviction. Now, even more than before, **we cannot rely on the courts to free Mumia!** Mumia is a class-war victim, and it will take a class war to free him. We need mass mobilizations such as that of 1995, which helped stop a death order against Mumia! We need labor actions, such as the West-Coast port shut down to free Mumia by longshore workers in 1999, or the teach-ins the same year by Oakland teachers! And we need *your* help to build support and initiate actions!

Get the facts! The web site of the Labor Action Committee To Free Mumia Abu-Jamal, www.laboractionmumia.org, has an archive of legal briefs and other documents showing how Mumia was framed. For a complete debunking of the frame up against Mumia, see *Murdered by Mumia?! Get the Real Story...*, at the Indybay site, <http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2008/02/26/18481774.php>. Information on Kevin Cooper can be found at www.savekevincooper.org. Information on Troy Davis can be found at <http://www.amnestyusa.org/death-penalty/troy-davis-finality-over-fairness/page.do?id=1011343>.

Spread the word! Mobilization begins with convincing others you work with to take action. Download, print out and distribute flyers and other information from the sites mentioned above.

Get books and buttons! Order *The Framing of Mumia Abu-Jamal*, by crime writer J Patrick O'Connor, or get Mumia's brilliant new book, *Jailhouse Lawyers*. Each book is available from us for our cost, \$10, plus \$1 shipping. Buttons are available from the LAC for \$1 each, or 50 cents each for batches of 10 or more. See address below.

Pass a resolution in your local union or organization! See below for a sample resolution...

Donate money! Send donations, and payment for books and buttons, to: the Labor Action Committee To Free Mumia Abu-Jamal, PO Box 16222, Oakland CA 94610.

Organize! Organize a discussion group in your union, organization or neighborhood. Organize a protest demonstration in your town or city to get the word out. Call us for speakers, and/or support for demonstrations (contact info below)

Sample Resolution to support Mumia Abu--Jamal and other innocent victims of the criminal injustice system

This resolution was passed by the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) 2009 convention.

(Change the wording to reflect your union or organization)

2009 Convention Resolution on Racist Oppression and the Death Penalty

Whereas, the ILWU and the militant wing of the American labor movement, the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) grew out of the class struggles in the 1920's and 1930's mobilizing against anti-worker and racist oppression, notably the cases of San Francisco labor organizer Tom Mooney and the 9 black Scottsboro Boys of Alabama, falsely accused of rape, and

Whereas, police, courts and laws have historically been used against working people in our struggle to organize unions and fight back against racist oppression, and

Whereas, the ILWU has a long-standing principle of opposition to racism and to the death penalty, a vestige of slavery, which is the ultimate form of government oppression, and

Whereas, African Americans, Latin Americans and other people of color are disproportionately imprisoned on death row across the country facing execution, and

Whereas, Mumia Abu-Jamal, Troy Anthony Davis, Kevin Cooper, Leonard Peltier and the San Francisco 8 are some of the most prominent victims of these government frame-ups, Jamal and Davis accused of killing police and Peltier of FBI agents on an Indian reservation, and

Whereas, the U.S. Supreme Court recently denied the appeal of Jamal, while Davis and Cooper lost before federal appeals courts, and

Whereas, Martina Correia, sister of Troy Davis, spoke passionately this year at ILWU Local 10's Black History month rally against racist repression and has now initiated a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of executing an innocent person,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the ILWU reaffirms our opposition to the death penalty, supports Martina Correia's lawsuit and demands freedom for these victims of government repression, just as we did for Tom Mooney and the Scottsboro Boys in the wake of the Big Strike of '34, on this the 75th anniversary of that momentous struggle.

Funds Needed for Mumia's Legal Defense!

Although Mumia's legal appeals are essentially at an end, funds are still needed, as the State is still appealing to reinstate his death sentence.

Please give generously!

Pay to: National Lawyers Guild Foundation

Earmark your check: Mumia Abu-Jamal

Send to: Committee To Save Mumia Abu-Jamal
PO Box 2012, New York NY 10159

Order Books and Buttons!

The Framing of Mumia Abu-Jamal,
by crime reporter J Patrick O'Connor (2008)

Jailhouse Lawyers,
by Mumia Abu-Jamal (2009)

Each book, \$10 + \$1 shipping = \$11

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