

## **DON'T LET YOUR ANGER COOL DOWN! - AFTER 29 YEARS ON DEATH ROW - FREE MUMIA NOW!**

For 29 years a journalist has been locked up on death row - because he dared to speak the truth.

For 29 years a human being has been isolated from his family – because prisoners have no rights in his country.

For 29 years an Afro-American has been threatened with death – because the death penalty is the last resort of a social system doomed to downfall.

The prisoner's name is Mumia Abu-Jamal; he is locked up in the US state of Pennsylvania, near a place called Waynesburg. He is in a state-run prison factory where forced labor annually produces about 50 million dollars in profit. In the middle of this factory is a high security section where nearly 250 human beings wait, in almost totally isolation, for their lives to be terminated. Confined to cells six square meters in size they are certain of only one thing: that they will never depart from these buildings alive. Some of them already know the date on which they are to die.

While 80 percent of the US-population is of European descent, the majority of those living in the forgotten death rows in maximum security prisons are Afro-Americans, Native Americans, Hispanos or people of Asian descent. Only 34 percent of the prisoners belong to the majority population group.

It is the same picture in factory prisons spread all over the United States. The prison industrial complex is one of the largest domestic branches of the US economy. Control over almost totally unpaid labor was the historic motor for the early development of the North American colonies. Slavery, though officially permitted when the USA was founded, was officially abolished in 1865. But all the same it still exists - within the prison industry. No country in the world has more prison inmates than the USA, neither in percentage terms nor in actual numbers. And the death penalty represents an ultimate threat to guarantee that a fearful population keeps quiet.

Mumia Abu-Jamal was sentenced to death on a framed-up charge of killing a policeman. The real reason was because he was committed to reporting on racism, police violence and politicians' corruption. He has continued this activity up to the present and, despite his isolation in prison, he is able to reach millions of people. He thus lends a voice to all those otherwise ignored by the media. Now, however, after protests were able to save his life for decades, the government is again trying to force through his execution. A very similar political frame-up policy has been used against Leonard Peltier because of his commitment to the American Indian Movement (AIM) and against the Cuban Five, who tried to prevent terrorist acts directed, with the support of secret agencies of the USA, against Cuba. According to human rights groups more than 100 people are currently in US-prisons because of their political views. Some anti-repression groups believe the number is over 4000.

We know of all the sterile cells where those whose only crime was often an inability to afford a proper legal defense, are now awaiting a violent death. We know what strength is lent to those in such sterile walls of death by letters, reports of solidarity activities, or visits. We stand together with Mumia Abu-Jamal and all the others threatened by execution. No country has the right to murder prisoners!

**LET US TAKE TO THE STREETS TOGETHER AND MAKE CLEAR TO THE USA EMBASSY  
THAT WE WILL ACCEPT ONLY ONE SOLUTION:**

**FREEDOM FOR MUMIA ABU-JAMAL!**

**FREEDOM FOR ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!**

**WORLDWIDE ABOLISHMENT OF THE DEATH PENALTY!**

*Demonstration:* Saturday, December 11, 2010 at 2.00 PM

Starting at Heinrichplatz in Kreuzberg, Berlin! concluding at the USA Embassy at Brandenburg Gate.