

Justice for Mumia Abu-Jamal! Stop His Execution!

For 19 years, Mumia Abu-Jamal has been on Pennsylvania's death row, convicted of killing a Philadelphia police officer in what Amnesty International has called an unjust trial. He is the world's best known death row prisoner because he has continued his life's work as a revolutionary journalist, exposing injustice, even as the government has demanded his death and his silence. He has become a symbol of opposition to the U.S. death penalty, one of 3600+ sentenced to death, most without decent legal representation. His current petition to the federal courts may be the decisive moment in his fight for justice.

Mumia's lawyers have filed an appeal with the federal government, citing 30 ways in which he was denied a fair trial in Pennsylvania. Soon a federal court judge in Philadelphia will decide Mumia's appeal. The judge has refused to accept four amicus briefs filed by prestigious groups which give even more arguments on his behalf. New federal laws make it harder for those on death row to get the federal courts to overturn unjust convictions. Yet Mumia's case draws international attention because the issues raised in his case highlight the systemic flaws in a racially biased system of capital punishment.

The justice system can only be forced to give justice when we refuse to accept injustice. Following the presidential elections, there has been a national wave of executions. No more Gary Grahams (Shaka Sankofa). It must stop here.

For more information, read the Amnesty International report on Mumia's case at www.amnestyusa.org/abolish/reports/mumia/, and go to: www.mumia.org, www.freemumia.org, www.freemumia.com, www.mumia2000.org, or www.refuseandresist.org, or call the International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal at 215-476-8812.

Organize now to be with Mumia in Philadelphia on his first day in federal court. Watch for the date on www.j4mumia.org. Reproduce this flyer and help distribute one million copies.

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Here's Why You Must Act

THE WITNESSES: Key trial witnesses were coerced by the police to give false testimony against Mumia.

THE JUDGE: Mumia was sentenced to death by a judge who has sent more people to death than any other U.S. judge.

THE JURY: 11 qualified Black people were kept off the jury, illegally denying Mumia a jury of his peers.

THE PROSECUTOR: suppressed evidence and used statements from Mumia when he was in the Black Panther Party as an argument for the death penalty.

THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY: didn't interview a single witness, and discussed with the judge and prosecutor how to make a conviction hold up on appeal.

THE DEFENDANT: was not allowed to defend himself, denied an advisor at his table, and then barred from the courtroom.