

"Every generation should have a moral assignment, and one of ours must be justice for Mumia Abu-Jamal"

-Ossie Davis



"When a cause comes along and you know in your bones that it is just, yet refuse to defend it, at that moment you begin to die. And I have never seen so many corpses walking around talking about justice."

-Mumia Abu-Jamal

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A DECEMBER 6, 2005 3RD CIRCUIT COURT RULING HAS PUT MUMIA'S CASE ON THE LEGAL FAST TRACK!



NOW IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO FIGHT FOR JUSTICE FOR MUMIA ABU-JAMAL!



**JOIN IN ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT SOCIAL JUSTICE FIGHTS OF OUR TIME!
FIGHT TO SAVE THE LIFE OF THIS INNOCENT MAN!**

Who is Mumia?

Mumia Abu-Jamal is an innocent man, a political prisoner, who has been on Pennsylvania's death row for over 24 years. He was targeted for his revolutionary journalism which he uses to illuminate issues of injustice internationally, such as poverty, police brutality, the unjust courts, war, racism and much more. Mumia is a committed supporter of the MOVE Organization. He has accurately reported on the Philadelphia police's brutality against MOVE, which in turn fueled the hatred that authorities have shown towards Mumia.

In 1981, he was framed for the murder of a Philadelphia police officer. His trial has become notorious internationally for its blatant racism and bias. For example, the prosecutor argued that Mumia's teenage years in the Black Panther Party showed that the murder was premeditated.

A broad international movement has formed in support of Mumia.

Celebrities such as Danny Glover, Ossie Davis and Susan Sarandon; world leaders like Nelson Mandela, Danielle Miterand (former First Lady of France) and Fidel Castro; governing bodies such as the Japanese Diet, 22 members of the British Parliament, and the European Parliament have all recognized the injustice in this case and have called for a new trial at the very least.

Mumia's case is a unifying point for many struggles because it concentrates issues vitally important to our future, such as police brutality, the death penalty, persecution of political dissent, and the continuation of racism in the US. From death row, Mumia continues to speak out for all who are oppressed through his journalism. He has published many books, and his weekly columns are heard on radios and are published throughout the world. His case is one of the most important social justice fights of our time!

Evidence of Innocence

There is so much evidence of Mumia's innocence that it takes books to document. Here are a few examples:



- The man photographed on left, Arnold Beverly, has confessed to the murder for which Mumia is on death row. He has passed two lie detector tests but the courts refuse to let him testify.

- Five witnesses saw another man flee the scene but only one witness testified at trial.

- The police failed to do the routine

hand swab test to see if Mumia had fired a weapon.

- The lead prosecution witness, a prostitute named Cynthia White, changed her story many times. No other witness even saw her at the crime scene.

- Many witnesses later came forward to testify that they had been threatened or coerced by the police into lying to frame Mumia.

- Court Stenographer, Terri Maurer-Carter overheard the trial Judge, Sabo say "Yeah, and I'm going to help them fry the nigger." He was referring to Mumia and he said this during the course of the trial, out of session.

The 12/6/2005 Ruling

On December 6, 2005 a ruling was made by the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals reversing two critical Federal Court decisions in Mumia's case. They granted "certificates of appealability" to Mumia to challenge two additional issues. One issue is the defense alleged race and judicial bias in the 1995 PCRA proceedings. The second is the 1982 trial summary remarks of the state's lead prosecutor, Joseph McGill, who told the jury, "If you find the Defendant guilty, of course, there would be appeal after appeal and perhaps there could be a reversal of the case, or whatever, so that may not be final."

The case is now on the legal fast track. On January 17 the State of Pennsylvania has to present its opening brief. Thirty days later the defense must respond; followed by a series of rebuttals. The 10-person court will then issue a decision or set a date for a hearing and oral arguments. The Third Circuit could either order a new trial on all issues, send the case back to the Federal



District Court to re-hear the issues, have a new PCRA hearing, give Mumia life in prison without parole, or totally deny the appeal and a death warrant could then be signed.

This decision shows the power of this movement. The State has been trying to murder Mumia for 24 years and this movement has steadily pushed them back. People must not think the fight is over though. The State does not intend to give Mumia justice, only our work to keep pressure on the courts will achieve that. Not long ago this government executed Frances Newton despite evidence of innocence. Just one week after the 3rd Circuit ruling for Mumia, Tookie Williams was executed in California despite evidence of innocence and a massive movement to save his life. The reality is that they can still throw the appeal out and set an execution date. The case is on the fast track which means that things will happen very quickly. Now more than ever is the time to fight, the time to organize. Mumia's life, our freedom depends on it!

Your Help is Needed!

Now, more than ever, you are needed in this movement! Time is running out!

- 1) **Educate** - Contact the International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal and receive copies of flyers and information books to distribute
- 2) **Stay Updated** by checking the website or calling our info number regularly. Email ICFFMAJ@aol.com and get added to our email list. Be ready to come to Philadelphia or set up demonstrations in your area at a moments notice.
- 3) Encourage your local **bookstores to order and stock Mumia's books**. Organize book readings or have Mumia's regular **commentaries** read or published. To hear commentaries go to www.prisonradio.org
- 4) Go to open mic's, poetry readings, political events and **speak out** about Mumia, the death penalty and political prisoners.
- 5) **Donate** funds to the movement! Send funds to: The National Black United Fund, 40 Clinton St., Newark, NJ 07102 - Checks must be earmarked "Mumia Organizing."
- 6) **Start your own local coalition** for justice for Mumia and let us know.