

Defend activists and organizers under attack! Defend Black lives!

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Protesters arrested during police riot in Tallahassee, Fla. Sept. 5.

As the anti-racist uprising of 2020 roiled “business as usual” in cities across the U.S., many protesters have been hit with severe charges after being arrested for offenses that would normally be considered violations or misdemeanors. Many arrestees are facing possible sentences of years in prison or even life sentences.

In a dangerous attack on our right to protest, Attorney General William Barr in a recent conference call with U.S. attorneys across the country even encouraged sedition charges be widely used against anti-racist protestors. Sedition means conspiracy and intent to overthrow the U.S. government and can result in 20 years in prison.

The Socialist Unity Party has issued an appeal to all revolutionary left organizations and activists to unite in defense of those facing repression from the capitalist state and its allies in the white supremacist-fascist movement. (Read the appeal in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).)

Please share widely. This list will be updated regularly. If you know of a case that should be added, send details to info@struggle-la-lucha.com.

Here are some important cases and actions that your organization or you as an individual can help to publicize and defend:

Philadelphia

An uprising against racist police terror swept through Philadelphia after cops killed Walter Wallace Jr. on Oct. 26. By the following day, Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf had deployed the National Guard to occupy the city to “protect businesses.”

On Oct. 28, federal troops raided the home of Anthony “Ant” Smith, a well-known Black community activist, teacher and member of the Philly Coalition for REAL Justice. Smith was jailed for several days without being allowed to speak to an attorney or post bail. He faces multiple federal charges.

According to the Philly Coalition for REAL Justice, “On Oct. 28, federal officers arrested Smith on trumped-up charges related to resistance activities that occurred earlier this summer during the rebellion after the police murder of George Floyd. These types of bogus charges parallel the racist police tactics that have led to the

incarceration of countless Black liberation leaders. They must be urgently resisted.”

For information on how to support Ant Smith and others arrested in Philadelphia, email phillyforrealjustice@gmail.com; Facebook: PhillyforREALjustice; and Twitter: @PHLRealJustice.

Detroit area

Police in Shelby Township, Mich., a Detroit suburb, charged five protesters with felonies (resisting arrest, obstruction, assault) after arresting them for stepping off the sidewalk during a protest on Oct. 24. Police came with riot shields, batons and attack dogs to threaten peaceful protesters in scenes reminiscent of Birmingham 1963. The Shelby 5 are Jessica Nadeau-Mayer, Tristan Taylor, David Mitchell, Samantha Phillips and James Deininger.

“These arrests and charges are an egregious violation of First Amendment rights,” according to Detroit Will Breathe, one of the groups that organized the protest. “Shelby Township’s Chief of Police Robert Shelide, Michigan’s own Bull Connor, has made statements calling protesters ‘vicious subhumans’ and threatened to put them in body bags. This racist rhetoric is shocking to the conscience, and even more so when backed up with action by the officers who work for him, like we saw last week. Macomb County Prosecutor Jean Cloud has chosen to pursue these charges, showing that she clearly stands with Jim Crow racism and the suppression of the right to protest. We demand that Jean Cloud drop these charges immediately!”

Readers can help by calling Macomb County Prosecutor Jean Cloud at (586) 469-5696 and Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel at (586) 469-7001 to demand that charges be dropped against the Shelby 5. You can also send protest emails to officials when you sign the petition to [“Drop the charges against the Shelby 5!”](#)

Louisville

In Louisville Sept. 24, cops trapped and corralled marchers protesting the state's refusal to charge the cops who murdered Breonna Taylor. They arrested 127 people and surrounded a church where protesters had gathered, refusing to let them leave.

Among the arrested were State Rep. Attica Scott and her daughter Ashanti. Representative Scott was targeted by the cops, who shouted, "Circle her," as she and her daughter tried to enter the church.

Scott, the only Black woman in the Kentucky legislature, is the author of [a bill to abolish no-knock warrants](#) in the state, Breonna's Law. She is charged with inciting to riot. That's the same level of felony as the wanton endangerment charge against former cop Brett Hankison, who fired into the wrong apartment when his partners were murdering Breonna Taylor.

Cops absurdly accuse Scott and other protesters of trying to burn down a public library. "I have no idea where that came from and I'm quite frankly offended and disgusted that they would try to accuse me of setting fire to the library when I'm one of its biggest champions," Scott said. "And this is the library in my district, District 41. That makes absolutely no sense."

San Diego

Denzel Draughn, a well-known San Diego anti-racist activist and supporter of the African People's Socialist Party, was arrested Aug. 28 at a demonstration in solidarity with the movement in Kenosha, Wis., calling for justice for Jacob Blake, who was shot seven times in the back by police. Draughn is charged based on the ridiculous claim that he pepper-sprayed nine cops. He is facing 19 felony charges as a result. The allegations stem from an incident when a group of demonstrators tried to defend themselves against a violent police assault. Ten people were arrested, but Draughn has been singled out for the harshest treatment. At the request of San Diego cops, his bail is set at the outrageous amount of \$750,000 — an amount

usually reserved for kidnapping or murder.

- Watch: [Interview of Muambi Tanga of the African People's Socialist Party about Denzel Draughn case](#)
- Donate to \$ParrishDavis on CashApp, @Parrish-Davis on Venmo or the Dede McClure Community Bail Fund:
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-us-raise-funds-to-support-our-community>

Denver

On Sept. 17, police agencies in the Denver area arrested anti-racist organizers in a coordinated assault. Terrance Roberts of the Front Line Party for Revolutionary Action was arrested, as well as Whitney Lucero and Trey Anthony Quinn. So was Russell Ruch in a parking lot at a Home Depot. Five police cars surrounded and arrested Lillian House while she was driving. That afternoon, SWAT teams arrived at Joel Northam's home and arrested him. Eliza Lucero was also arrested. These last four are members of the Party for Socialism and Liberation. All five are organizers of protests to demand justice for Elijah McClain, who was brutally murdered by the Aurora Police Department. After days in jail, they've been bailed out. They face multiple felony charges and years in prison in an obvious frameup aimed at stopping the movement for justice for Elijah McClain.

- Over 500 people march on the Colorado capitol in Denver on Sept. 19.
- Sign the petition to drop the charges:
<https://www.pslweb.org/dropthecharges>
- Donate here to the legal and political support campaigns for these organizers: <https://www.pslweb.org/donate4denver>

Tallahassee, Fla.

On Sept. 5, Tallahassee police and Leon County sheriffs attacked a peaceful Black Lives Matter demonstration. After pulling a Black woman organizer from her car,

300 police attacked around 75 to 100 protesters. Fourteen were arrested on the spot and five more have been arrested since, including members of the Students for a Democratic Society and the Freedom Road Socialist Organization. The majority are facing multiple charges, including felonies, that could result in fines of \$10,000 and 10 years in prison. Others face up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine for each misdemeanor they're charged with. The demonstration was to protest a grand jury decision not to indict the police officers who murdered Tony McDade, Mychael Johnson and Wilburn Woodard. The three were gunned down by Tallahassee police in March and May of this year.

- Call State Attorney Jack Campbell at (850) 606-6000, or email saotech@leoncountyfl.gov
- Click the "File a Complaint" button on the Tallahassee Police Department webpage at <https://www.talgov.com/publicsafety/tpd-compliment.aspx>
- Go to the GoFundMe page to help with the legal fund: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/community-supportfor-blm-protestors-in-tally>

Portland, Ore.

The battle against police racism is raging in Portland. Nightly demonstrations have entered their fourth month. Since the end of May, hundreds have been arrested. In August, hoping to quell the protests, incoming Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schmidt dropped charges against protestors. Demonstrations to challenge systemic racism, arrests and brutality continued, and charges have become more severe. On Aug. 27, a [news release by the U.S. Attorney's District of Oregon office](#) announced that it is going ahead with prosecutions of 100 people who have been arrested since May, many by Trump's federal officers. Seventy-four of them are facing felonies that could result in prison sentences of years. A Sept. 5 [NPR audit](#) of the felony charges concludes that the actions protestors were accused of and arrested for were minor and should never have resulted in felonies.

- Call the District Attorney's office at (503) 727-1000 or comment on the U.S. Attorney's Office District of Oregon website by emailing usaor.webmaster@usdoj.gov to demand that charges be dropped against anti-racist protesters.

Oklahoma City

In Oklahoma, where the entire Black community of Tulsa was burned down in 1921, and where a white supremacist attack killed 168 people in 1995, Oklahoma County District Attorney Lewis Prater has charged three teenagers, Malachai Davis, Haley Lin Crawford and Sydney Lynch — as well as two other participants in protests against the police murder of George Floyd — with terrorism. The bond amounts for a dozen other arrestees are between \$200,000 and \$1 million. The harshest treatment has been directed at those arrestees who are African American. Terrorism convictions could mean years or even decades in prison for charges that should have been misdemeanors. In May, DA Prater refused to charge cops who killed Isaiah Lewis during a mental health crisis in September 2019. When 42-year-old Derrick Scott was in custody of Oklahoma City cops in May 2019, he told them he couldn't breathe and asked for his medicine. The cop's response was "I don't care." Scott died soon afterward, but Prater brought no charges against those cops either. In August of this year, James Harmon was shot in the head by cops, also in Prater's jurisdiction, and there is no indication that charges will be brought against the cops who killed him.

- Call DA Lewis Prater's office at (405) 713-1600 and demand that he drop all charges against anti-racist protesters and bring charges against killer cops.

Salt Lake City

In Salt Lake City, a group of protestors are charged with felony criminal mischief. District Attorney Sim Gill added a "gang enhancement," which could mean life

sentences for seven people who were protesting Gill's decision not to file charges against two SLC cops who shot Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal in the back and killed him. Gill justifies the gang enhancement by saying that the activists conspired to splash red paint and break the windows of a building. The gang enhancement is an inherently racist feature of the criminal justice system, and the fact that it is being used against people protesting police murders of people of color is a further travesty of justice. More than 30 others in Salt Lake City have been hit with serious charges stemming from recent anti-racist demonstrations, including some felonies.

- Call District Attorney Sim Gill's office at (358) 468-7600 to demand he drop charges against anti-racist protesters.

Miami

Jonathon Gartrelle, a leading gay, African American, anti-racist activist in Miami, is charged with strong-arm robbery and escape — both felonies — as well as two misdemeanors. Jonathon is accused of removing two Trump flags from parked vehicles and dropping them on the ground while counterprotesting at a pro-Trump caravan. Gartrelle himself was hit by an SUV, which drove away and was not pursued by the cops, who are falsely claiming that Gartrelle declined to press charges. Gartrelle wanted to press charges but refused to go with them in a police cruiser to fill out a report at a precinct.

- Sign the petition:
<https://www.change.org/p/miami-police-department-justice-for-jonni>
- Call Miami-Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez-Rundel at (305) 547-0100 to demand that she drop charges against Jonathon Gartrelle.

[An appeal to revolutionaries: We must defend each other from state attack](#)

[Llamado a los revolucionarios: debemos defendernos unos a otros del ataque estatal](#)

New York City

In a case that many interpret as one of the earliest expressions of the White House war on Black Lives Matter protesters, two young attorneys are facing charges brought against them by the NYPD/FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force, charges that carry a minimum sentence of 45 years and a maximum of life imprisonment.

Colinford Mattis is the son of Jamaican parents. Before being arrested, he represented low-income women in family court. Urooj Rahman is the daughter of Pakistani parents, who, until the arrest, worked as a lawyer defending tenants at Bronx Tenant's Court. Both have come to be known as "people's lawyers."

Mattis and Rahman are accused of burning a police van at a demonstration just days after the police murder of George Floyd. The van was empty, already had all its windows broken out and was covered with spray paint. They were bailed out of jail after being arrested, but prosecutors appealed, their bail was revoked, and they remain in jail as of today.

According to a [Sept. 16 BuzzFeed article](#) about the case, "Many local prosecutors were stunned by the severity of the charges." Were this not part of the Trump/Barr all-out war on anti-racist protesters, the charges would have been "local," and at worst would have meant a one-year sentence.

Follow the links to support the defense funds for [Colinford Mattis](#) and [Urooj Rahman](#).

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Baltimore Sept. 19: MARCH 4 | STAND 4 Breonna Taylor March

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4 W North Ave, Baltimore

On March 13, 26-year-old Breonna Taylor was killed in her sleep by plain-clothed Louisville police officers who used a battering ram to enter her home unannounced, and illegally, with a “no-knock” warrant. Not only were the officers at the wrong address, the man they were there to arrest had already been taken into custody earlier that day.

Breonna Taylor was an EMT who dreamed of becoming a nurse, servicing two different hospitals during the pandemic. She was a hero taken from us too soon and her murderers are still at large and in positions of power. She was dedicated to saving others and she deserves our full commitment to bring her, and her family justice.

Black women continue to be killed without consequence and it is essential that we come together RIGHT NOW to demand accountability. We must also march for those who can not, as the LMPD has recently suppressed the people of Louisville’s first amendment right to protest.

Please join the Q4BL Team based in Baltimore, as we organize a protest to demand justice for Breonna Taylor. On Saturday 9/19/20, we invite your organization, and city to demonstrate with us.

We wish to express the collective outrage of the people of the United States toward the system that failed Breonna, by marching together across each major city, and delivering a list of demands to each city’s government officials.

Our list (provided below) includes the firing of Attorney General Daniel Jay Cameron who is endorsed by, and protects the interest of the Kentucky Fraternal Order of Police, while blatantly disregarding the interest of the citizens of Louisville. We encourage each organizer to draft their own list with demands specific to the needs

of their communities based off the #8cantwait campaign (<https://8cantwait.org>), and to include the first three items on the list below.

Each organization is responsible for determining the route and time of their march. Our march will take place in Baltimore at 1 PM, eastern standard time. We also encourage you to forward this invitation to any other social justice organizations in your area who you think would be interested. The more, the mightier! A flyer will be provided by Q4BL to be used by each organization for continuity and to unify all participants under one banner (March 4 | Stand 4 Breonna,) for one cause.

Please contact us with any questions/comments/suggestions! We hope you can join!

Baltimore's List of Demands:

- * Arrest the murderers of Breonna Taylor (Jonathan Mattingly, Brett Hankison and Myles Cosgrove.)
- * Fire the Attorney General of Kentucky Daniel Jay Cameron, who protects and serves the LMPD, not the citizens of Louisville.
- * Abolish all no-knock warrants across the United States. No knock warrants were implemented during the Nixon administration and allows the legal murdering of Black people by the police.
- * Require all police officers to participate in thorough de-escalation training.



Denver Sept. 19: Drop the Charges! Solidarity with Arrested Anti-Racist Organizers

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2020 AT 12 PM MDT

Drop the Charges! Solidarity with Arrested Anti-Racist Organizers

Colorado State Capitol

On Thursday, September 17, police agencies in the Denver area arrested anti-war organizers in a coordinated assault. Those arrested included leaders in the struggle demanding justice for Elijah McClain, who was brutally murdered by the Aurora Police Department. They are still in jail, with the exception of one person. They are facing multiple felony charges and years in prison in an obvious frame-up aimed at stopping the movement for justice for Elijah McClain.

Russell Ruch was arrested while in a parking lot at a Home Depot. An hour later, five

police cars surrounded and arrested Lillian House while she was driving. In the afternoon, S.W.A.T. teams arrived at Joel Northam's home and arrested him. Eliza Lucero was also arrested. All four are members of the Party for Socialism and Liberation. Also arrested were Terrance Roberts, co-founder of the Frontline Party for Revolutionary Action, and others may have also been arrested.

They are facing multiple serious felony charges and many misdemeanors including the bizarre and ludicrous charge of "kidnapping," all because they have organized large Black Lives Matter protests. This is a major political attack on the whole movement and the PSL. We will mount a mass campaign to defeat these phony charges and win their freedom. This attack on the Denver anti-racist movement and the PSL is part of a concerted national assault on the Black Lives Matter movement, an attack driven directly from the White House, from Governor's mansions, and from local police chiefs and police departments around the country.

We will not be afraid! We have the power of the people on our side! Stand up, fight back!

Join us for a rally and march beginning at the west steps of the State Capitol building in Denver at noon on Saturday, September 19.



Los Angeles: Abolish ICE and Forced Sterilization, Sept. 24

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Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 4 PM PDT

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services
300 N Los Angeles St

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Hosted by International Indigenous Resistance, Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice - L.A., Gabriela Los Angeles, Occupy Ice L.A.

Join us Thursday September 24th at 4pm! It's time for us to fight back and speak out against the inhumane treatment that our relatives in detention centers are experiencing.

"The reports of hysterectomies performed on women detained in Irwin County without their full consent are deeply alarming. According to the report, some women were reportedly unsure why the procedure was performed, or they were not fully informed of what procedures would be performed on them.

"Unfortunately, the United States has a history of forced sterilization, including of Indigenous women, Black women and other women of color, incarcerated women, and intersex people. In addition to a violation of a person's rights to health and safety & sexual and reproductive rights, forced sterilization can constitute a crime against humanity under international law.

"No one should be sterilized without their full consent, and people should be not be detained for seeking asylum."



New York Sept. 19: Stop Police Crimes! Withdraw Federal Troops! Community Control NOW!

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Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM EDT

Union Sq S, New York

The New York Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression is joining the call to action to demand:

- An End to All Police Crimes

- An End to all Federal Troops Snatching up Protesters
- And for Community Control of the Police!

We've seen time and time again the domestic troops set upon the people who have a right to protest, exist in their neighborhoods and go about their daily lives.

The police need to be held accountable.

Killer cops must be fired, charged, and indicted. We must demand an end to police violence now!

We will be holding a speakout with tabling and handing out flyers about the Civilian Police Accountability Council (CPAC). Stop by to learn about the campaign and sign a postcard for your city councilperson to demand CPAC NOW!

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If you're interested in organizing with us, please email nyaarpr@gmail.com



This Sunday, Sept. 20, is the U.S. debut of “Mi Primera Tarea”

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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20

SILVIO & EL PODER DE A LA PALABRA
A Tribute to the legendary Silvio Rodriguez

[TICKETS](#)



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Sunday, September 20

starting at 5pm Pacific | 7pm Central | 8pm Eastern

[TIME ZONE CONVERTER](#)

the program will repeat so viewers in time zones overseas can view

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LINKS TO WAYS TO WATCH

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On HotHouse's [web site](#)





Sept. 19 Commemorate the 60th anniversary of Pres. Fidel Castro's Historic NY Visit, including his visit to Harlem and meeting with Malcolm X

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You are invited to a Zoom Webinar to Commemorate the 60th Anniversary of President Fidel Castro's Historic NY Visit -

including his invitation to Harlem, Meeting with Malcolm X, and Address at the UN General Assembly!

**Saturday, September 19, 2020
7:30 - 9:30 p.m. (EDT)**



[Register in advance for this webinar](#)

(After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information for joining the webinar.)

Your webinar host is **ROSEMARI MEALY** — Author of *FIDEL & MALCOLM X: Memories of a Meeting*



with Co-host,



NANCY CABRERA — Member, Executive Committee-NY, Casa de Las Americas

Please join us to hear from the following presenters retelling Fidel's historic visit, and learn from our special guests speaking to us from Cuba:



AMBASSADOR RAÚL ROA KOURI

Former Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cuba

Ambassador Roa played a key role in negotiating the 1960 Cuban Delegation's stay in Harlem.

— Also —

Joining us from Cuba will be a Representative (TBD) of the Cuban Institute for Friendship With The People (ICAP).

Many other voices will be featured, including an interview with
Honored Veteran and US/Cuba Solidarity Activist,

ARNALDO GOENAGA BARRÓN, Sr.

*Who was Director of NY July 26th Movement and part of the 1960 security team
for Fidel and the Cuban Delegation.*



AMBASSADOR ANA SILVA RODRIGUEZ

Charge de Affaires, Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations



JOE KAYE

*Author: The Crime of Impunity - The Crime of Punishment.
Veteran NY Activist. Joe Kaye was part of thousands of onlookers
who welcomed Fidel and the Cuban Delegation to Harlem.*



PROFESSOR LISA BROCK

*Author: Between Race and Empire: African Americans and Cubans Before the
Cuban Revolution.*



W. PAUL COATES

*Founder, Black Classic Press (1978) and BCP Digital Printing
(1995). Former African American Studies Reference and
Acquisition Librarian at Howard University's Moorland-
Spingarn Research Center. Paul Coates led the 2018 Black
Publishers Delegation to Cuba.*

Plus, Video Messages from:

- **RAMAYA BRATHWAITE:** Granddaughter of the late Harlem Activist, Elombe Brath. Founder, Patrice Lumumba Coalition.
- **A GRADUATE (TBD)** of the IFCO-Havana Elam Medical School Scholarship Program.
- **LOURDES (LULU) GARCIA-GONZALEZ:** Life-long fighter for Puerto Rican Independence has a rousing Cultural Presentation. Lourdes is a former member of the National Committee of the Venceremos Brigade.

This program is supported by:



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Philadelphia: Justice for Frankie Diaz March, Sept. 17

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Please Join March for #Justice4FrankieDiaz !

Philadelphia Victim of Corrections Homicide

Thursday, Sept 17, Starts 10 AM at

**Philadelphia Municipal Courthouse, 1301 Filbert St, then
marches to 1401 JFK Blvd and then to 3 S. Penn Plaza**

Family members and supporters will begin by attending Frankie Diaz's scheduled court appearance at 10 am (with some supporters convening outside) at the Philadelphia Municipal Courthouse (1301 Filbert St). The hearing is expected to be quick as the former defendant is now deceased.

Following the court hearing a rally and press conference will convene outside the courthouse. Next the supporters of Frankie Diaz will lead a march to the offices of Tumar Alexander at 1401 JFK Blvd where protesters will demand immediate answers. Mr. Alexander is Interim Managing Director of Philadelphia who is responsible for Philadelphia corrections operations.

Then, marchers will head to Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner's office at 3 S. Penn Plaza calling for a speedy investigation and indictments and effective prosecution of all those culpable in Frankie Diaz's murder.

More info: 908-881-5275 or e-mail evadiaz400@yahoo.com

Sponsor: Justice for Frankie Diaz Committee

Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM EDT

1301 Filbert St, Philadelphia

Eva Diaz, mother of Frankie Diaz who died after blunt force injuries at Philadelphia Detention Center will lead a march of family members, friends and supporters demanding answers and justice for Frankie Diaz. While Philadelphia Corrections is stonewalling against family demands for answers, some details of the circumstances surrounding Frankie Diaz's death that are known are provided in the interview with

Eva Diaz below.

PROTESTERS PLAN PRESS CONFERENCE AND MARCH TO TUMAR ALEXANDER'S AND DA LARRY KRASNER'S OFFICES

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Purpose of Thursday March

According to Eva Diaz, "The purpose of our march is to demand information from the prison system that they are withholding and refusing to provide. We want the prison authorities to come clean and admit that my son was murdered in their custody. We also want to know where were the Correction Officers when my son was murdered. We want to increase awareness of the injustice that resulted in my son's murder. We are a concerned family that has not gotten any response at all from the prison authorities since my son was killed. It begs the question: Are they unwilling to provide the information because the Philadelphia Detention Center authorities have

some direct culpability or are they negligent in overseeing the activities there and thus lacking true knowledge of how Frankie was killed under their watch. Either way, the system failed and my son was murdered.”

Participants need to wear masks and practice safe distancing.

Press Release Link:

<https://decarceratenj.blogspot.com/2020/09/mother-to-lead-justice4frankiediaz.html>



Washington, D.C.: DMV Martial Law Vigil and Speak-out, Sept. 20

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Sunday, September 20, 2020 at 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM EDT

United States Capitol

Washington D.C., DC 20515

Ferdinand Marcos' declaration of Martial Law on September 21, 1972 began 14 years of brutal dictatorship, a time of pervasive human rights violations – arrests, disappearances, torture, and killings. 48 years later, the Philippines is witnessing another reign of terror and dictatorship. Duterte's signing of the Anti-Terrorism Law has unleashed Marcos-like, fascist attacks on human rights, democracy, and justice.

But the story of martial law and the history of the Filipino people is not just one of terror. It is the story of unmatched courage, solidarity and fierce resistance.

On Sunday, September 20, 2020, Malaya Movement DMV, BAYAN USA DMV and Allied are coming together for a candlelight vigil and speak-out themed "Never Again to Martial Law! Continue Our History of Resistance Against Dictatorship!"

Here are the details for the vigil:

Sunday September 20, 2020, 5:30 PM

Outside the US Capitol Building

National Mall side, near the Peace Monument

Practice social distancing & wear a mask!

Our day of action will include a candlelight vigil and speak-out to commemorate the lives lost from Marcos to Duterte's regime and celebrate our rich history of continued resistance against tyranny.

This vigil is part of Malaya Movement and BAYAN USA's National Day of Action Against Duterte's Dictatorship.

Speakers and performers can sign up at tinyurl.com/MLspeakersignup



New York: Never Again to Martial Law Rally, Sept. 20

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SEPTEMBER 21
PEOPLE POWER
COALITION

NEVER AGAIN TO MARTIAL LAW RALLY!

SEPTEMBER 20, 2PM
@ PHILIPPINE CONSULATE
556 5TH AVE, NEW YORK, NY



@MALAYA.NORTHEAST | MALAYAMOVEMENT.NE@GMAIL.COM

#MARCOSNOHERO #NEVERAGAIN #NEVERFORGET

Sunday, September 20, 2020 at 2:00 PM EDT

New York City

September 21st marks the 48th anniversary of the Declaration of Martial Law by late Philippine fascist dictator Ferdinand Marcos. 34 years after Marcos was overthrown by the People Power Movement, the current Duterte fascist regime has decided to mirror Marcos' legacy with increasing state violence and oppression against the Filipino people.

Responding to the call to defend human rights and democracy, Filipinos all over the Philippines and overseas are rising up to protest Duterte's violent rule. In the US Northeast, Malaya Movement Northeast, US Pinoys for Good Governance, Kabataan Alliance, the International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines, BAYAN-USA Northeast and many others have come together to form the September 21st People Power Coalition to contribute to the growing outrage at the Duterte regime.

Join us in our protest action in front of the Philippine Consulate at 5th Avenue in NYC as our various organizations and community members commemorate and honor the lives lost during Marcos' Martial Law and condemn the continuation of this legacy by Duterte and his cronies.

Our voices as overseas Filipinos were helpful in overthrowing the Marcos dictatorship then—we can help [#OustDuterte](#) now!!!

- WHAT: Never Again to Martial Law Rally
- WHEN: Sunday, September 20, 2020, 2pm
- WHERE: Philippine Consulate of NY, 556 5th Ave, New York, NY
- HOSTED BY: September 21st People Power Coalition
- INFO: malayamovement.ne@gmail.com

