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Baltimore: Solidarity with Haitian Refugees, Sept. 29

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EMERGENCY WEEK OF ACTIONS FOR HAITIAN REFUGEES

***Biden: Halt Your Racist Border Patrol
Stop the Whippings and Racist Deportations NOW!***

From September 24 – October 2

BALTIMORE – WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29 6 PM GATHER CITY HALL

100 Holliday Street, March to ICE offices

List your city or group's action and sign on to the national call (see Facebook event information)

We must act in the loudest way possible to oppose this outrage. The Haitian people are owed reparations, not Guantanamo detention camps and jails, not whips & horses.



WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29, AT 6 PM – 7:30 PM

Baltimore Event – Solidarity with Haitian Refugees

100 Holliday Street, Baltimore

Emergency Week of Action for Haitian Refugees

National Call:

Biden: Halt Your Racist Border Patrol

Stop the Whippings and Racist Deportations NOW!

Progressive organizations and activists in solidarity with Haitian refugees will hold protests around the country demanding the Biden administration end state terror at the border and deportations. In Texas, refugees face life-threatening conditions and brutal racist terror by U.S. policies and Klan-like Border Patrol agents.

We demand:

- Immediate firing and prosecution of all those responsible for the whipping and hate speech used against Haitian refugees, witnessed by and documented in the videos of various news organizations, including Al Jazeera;
- Provide permanent shelter and health care, including access to COVID-19 vaccinations, to all arrivals at the border;
- Extend Temporary Protection Status indefinitely for those facing deportations;
- Provide asylum to all arrivals;
- End the use of Title 42 to deny humane immigration policies and its racist and selective use of justifying the denial for the majority of non-European peoples;
- Reparations not deportations!

Add your endorsement here: <https://forms.gle/GGMuiujx6u4SDJX49>

Please consider doing an action, regardless of size, during this week. Pick an ICE office, Federal Building, City Hall, or stand at a busy intersection with signs. Every action is important. This is an emergency!

Under the direction of the Biden Administration, Border Patrol agents — as if playing in a movie scene from “Roots” or “12 Years A Slave” and bringing to life some of the worst atrocities of the Antebellum South — have been caught on video whipping Haitian refugees while invoking Donald Trump’s words about their country being a “sh..hole country.”

You would think that this shocking display of white supremacy and criminal racism would bring at least a defensive reaction from the Biden Administration — but no serious condemnation, prosecution or firings have occurred. President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris maintain a deafening silence. This means that the

horror the world has witnessed will continue, and possibly escalate, if no response is felt from the people of this country and the world condemning such actions.

To add insult to injury, we now learn that Biden plans to use the illegally occupied U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for mass detention of Haitian refugees, just as George H.W. Bush administration did, using the excuse of the HIV health crisis.

What we've witnessed is part of the racist immigration policies from both the Democratic and Republican administrations. In this case, it reflects the rarely used public health law Title 42, enacted by former President Donald Trump. Trump attempted to use the law to justify his administration's desire to end the basic international human right of seeking legal asylum under the cover of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Biden, who pledged a more humane immigration policy during his election campaign, is now fighting to keep the policy alive, also using the excuse of the pandemic. Many physicians and immigrant organizations have countered this argument. Creating safety protocols and offering vaccinations would be far easier and cheaper than further militarizing the border and flying hundreds of refugees back to Haiti on a daily basis, as is being done today.

As with all refugees and migrants coming from the Americas to the U.S., they are escaping conditions in their countries created by the economic and militarized warfare of the U.S. — ensuring agricultural and political dominance to maintain the profits of multinational corporations here. And, in the case of Haiti, the colonial relationship of economic sabotage and denial of any real democratic process continues from 1915, when the first U.S. occupation and massacre of Haitians began, up to today. In fact, the Haitian refugees coming today are escaping the devastation of an earthquake in a country with little emergency safety and health infrastructure and engulfed in political turmoil from a recent presidential assassination that, either indirectly or directly, resulted from U.S. influence.

The Haitian people have a proud history of helping to bring about an end to colonialism in Latin America with their military and political assistance to liberators like Simón Bolívar. After inspiring slaves all over the world in 1804 by defeating Napoleon and becoming the first successful slave revolution, Haiti's first constitution was copied throughout Latin America as an example of democracy. The Haitian war

of liberation against the French helped secure vital territory for the ruling class of the U.S. in the 1800s. So the Haitians are owed.

Instead of deportations and denial of their humanity, the U.S. should immediately end its violations of international human rights and end the selectively brutal racism in regards to people of African descent, including the treatment of Haitian people, with the denial of their history of great political and economic contributions to the Americas.

The signers demand:

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Initial Endorsers:

Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice - Los Angeles; Unión del Barrio; Puerto Rican Alliance; United American Indians of New England; UPWARD; National Young Lords Organization; BAYAN-SoCal; American Indian Movement (AIM) - SoCal; Occupy ICE - LA, Socialist Unity Party; Christopher Silvera, Secretary-Treasurer, Teamsters Local 808 - New York; Clarence Thomas, author, "Organizing In Our Own Name: Million Worker March"; Peoples Power Assembly; Moratorium NOW! Coalition - Detroit; Michigan Emergency Committee Against War & Injustice (MECAWI); Wisconsin Bail Out the People Movement.

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