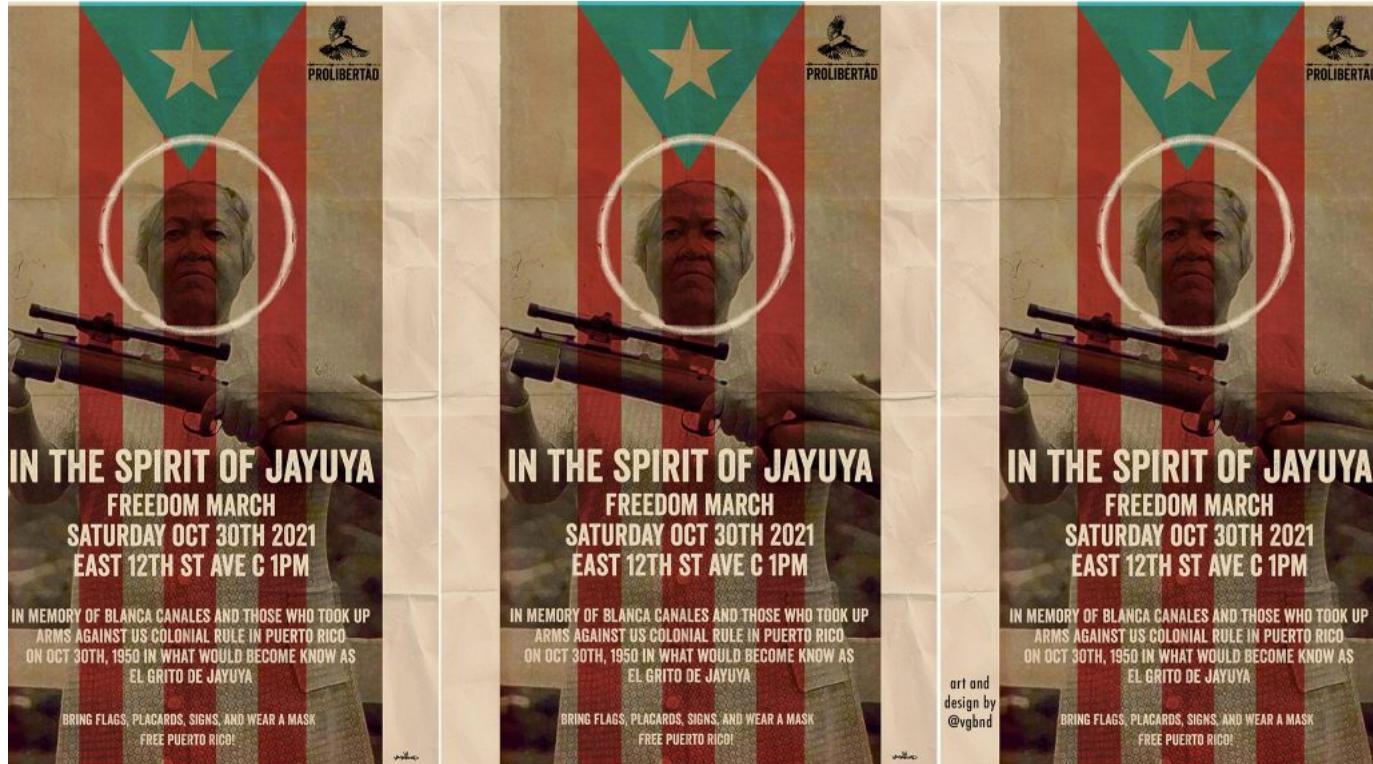


# New York City: March for Puerto Rico in the Spirit of Jayuya, Oct. 30

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021 AT 1 PM  
IN THE SPIRIT OF JAYUYA  
200 Avenue C, New York

On October 30th, 1950 Blanca Canales lead a revolutionary uprising taking up arms against US colonial rule in Puerto Rico in the mountain town of Jayuya. That day would become known as El Grito De Jayuya, (The Cry Of Jayuya).

On October 30th, 2021 supporters of Puerto Rican independence will take to the streets demanding Puerto Rican independence and an end to US colonial rule. Bring your flags, instruments, signs, placards, and wear a mask. We meet on the corner of 12th Street and Avenue C in the Lower East Side of NYC at 1pm. There will be speakers, poets and a special announcement by Pro-Libertad.



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## **NYC, Oct. 22: Free Assange event!**

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# What's Next for Julian ASSANGE?

Will revelations of the CIA plots to kidnap or kill Assange and of the key FBI prosecution witness admitting he lied have an impact on the October 27-28 UK extradition hearings? Julian's life and the future of a free press rest on this case.

Julian's father and brother, John and Gabriel Shipton and editor at The Grayzone Max Blumenthal join us remotely with attorneys Margaret Kunstler and Deborah Hrbek for discussion. The event will be live-streamed on the People's Forum YouTube channel.

**7pm Friday, October 22**

The People's Forum  
320 West 37th Street

Get your ticket here:  
[whatsnextforassange.eventbrite.com](https://whatsnextforassange.eventbrite.com)

A \$10 suggested donation at the door will go to Assange's legal defense fund. No one turned away for lack of funds.

**Protest the media  
blackout of the bombshell  
CIA and FBI stories at the  
NY Times building.**

620 8th Ave (between 40th-41st streets)  
**4:30 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 26**

Organized by:  
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# **Alex Saab's statement before being extracted from Cape Verde by United States regime (letter)**

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*Editorial note: This letter was read — with tears in her eyes — by Camila Fabri, Alex Saab's wife, during a demonstration in repudiation of the second kidnapping of the Venezuelan diplomat from Cape Verde by the U.S., held in Plaza Bolívar of Caracas on Sunday, October 17, attended by a crowd of indignant Venezuelans.*

**Statement of Alex Nain Saab Moran (translation from Spanish by Alex Saab's legal team), October 16, 2021.**

My name is Alex Nain Saab Moran, with Venezuelan diplomatic passport number 045778720. I am a special envoy with diplomatic immunity [officially granted by] the Russian Federation and the Islamic Republic of Iran since April 2018 and Venezuelan alternate ambassador to the African Union [since December 2020].

I was hijacked by Cape Verde on June 12, 2020, when my flight stopped to refuel on a special humanitarian mission to continue to the Islamic Republic of Iran by order

of my President Nicolás Maduro Moros.

I was kidnapped without an arrest warrant as required by law in Cape Verde and without an Interpol warrant, in a country that has no extradition treaty with the US, and they disregarded my diplomatic immunity which was even claimed by Venezuela immediately.

I was tortured physically and psychologically by the US and Cape Verde, with the consent of the government of Donald Trump, and members of the government of Cape Verde such as Minister Landim, Prime Minister Ulysess Correia da Silva, Carlos Reiss head of national security, Paulo Rocha Minister of Government and the director of the Sal prison Mr. Correia, for 8 months with the economic support of the United States, Juan Guaidó and the former head of security of Narnia Ivan Simonivis, until the international pressure, of Your Government and the decision of ECOWAS to move me to house arrest could not be delayed anymore.

The house arrest was a farce since I always remained locked up as in prison and watched 24 hours a day by an average of 50 military men who were the ones who handled the keys to the house in which I had no privacy or access to telephone or letters. I had to do everything through only one lawyer, Dr. Pinto Monteiro who was the only one authorized to visit me, the whole team of international lawyers was deported several times as soon as they landed in Cape Verde.

In Cape Verde, a country that is a lackey of the empire, corrupt and coward, all my human rights were violated. They violated their own laws, deadlines, terms, at the whim and orders of the United States. Now the constitutional court has decided to violate 12 constitutional points that were impossible to violate and have authorized my extradition.

I hold the US government and the extremist opposition government of Narnia fully responsible for my integrity, for my life, in the prison to which they are taking me.

I will face the trial with total dignity and asserting my diplomatic immunity as a servant of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela since April 2018.

I wish to make it clear that I have nothing to collaborate with the United States, that I have not committed any crime in the US or in any other country, that I will not lie to favor the US against President Nicolás Maduro or his government; a government totally dedicated to the welfare of its people and which is going through an inhumane blockade by the United States that wants to take over the wealth of the country. Let us surround our president and our government with a human shield and let us not allow ourselves to be defeated. They will never come back!

I declare that I am of sound mind, that I am not suicidal, just in case they assassinate me and say I commit suicide, which I would never do.

I love my wife Camila and my children Shadi, Isham, Jad, Mariam Rose and Charlotte more than my own life.

I ask you to be strong and always stay united.

United We Shall Overcome! Always have faith in God.

Source: [Orinoco Tribune](https://www.orinocotribune.com/2021/10/12/letter-from-venezuelas-foreign-minister-justin-trudeau/)



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# Our future vs. neoliberalism

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In country after country around the world, people are rising up to challenge entrenched, failing neoliberal political and economic systems, with mixed but sometimes promising results.

Progressive leaders in the U.S. Congress are refusing to back down on the Democrats' promises to American voters to reduce poverty, expand rights to healthcare, education and clean energy, and repair a shredded social safety net. After decades of tax cuts for the rich, they are also committed to raising taxes on wealthy Americans and corporations to pay for this popular agenda.

Germany has elected a ruling coalition of Social Democrats, Greens and Free Democrats that excludes the conservative Christian Democrats for the first time since 2000. The new government promises a \$14 minimum wage, solar panels on all suitable roof space, 2% of land for wind farms and the closure of Germany's last coal-fired power plants by 2030.

Iraqis voted in an election that was called in response to a popular [protest movement](#) launched in October 2019 to challenge the [endemic corruption](#) of the post-2003 political class and its subservience to U.S. and Iranian interests. The protest movement was split between taking part in the election and boycotting it, but its candidates still won about 35 seats and will [have a voice](#) in parliament. The party of long-time Iraqi nationalist leader Muqtada al-Sadr won 73 seats, the largest of any single party, while Iranian-backed parties whose armed militias killed hundreds of protesters in 2019 lost popular support and many of their seats.

Chile's billionaire president, Sebastian Piñera, is being [impeached](#) after the Pandora Papers revealed details of bribery and tax evasion in his sale of a mining company, and he could face up to 5 years in prison. Mass street protests in 2019 forced Piñera to agree to a new constitution to replace the one written under the Pinochet military dictatorship, and [a convention](#) that includes representatives of indigenous and other marginalized communities has been elected to draft the constitution. Progressive parties and candidates are expected to do well in the general election in November.

Maybe the greatest success of people power has come in Bolivia. In 2020, only a year after a U.S.-backed right-wing [military coup](#), a [mass mobilization](#) of mostly indigenous working people forced a new election, and the socialist MAS Party of Evo Morales was returned to power. [Since then](#) it has already introduced a new wealth tax and welfare payments to four million people to help eliminate hunger in Bolivia.

## **The ideological context**

Since the 1970s, Western political and corporate leaders have peddled a quasi-religious belief in the power of “free” markets and unbridled capitalism to solve all the world’s problems. This new [“neoliberal”](#) orthodoxy is a thinly disguised reversion to the systematic injustice of 19th century laissez-faire capitalism, which led to gross inequality and poverty even in wealthy countries, famines that killed [tens of millions](#) of people in India and China, and horrific exploitation of the poor and vulnerable

worldwide.

For most of the 20th century, Western countries gradually responded to the excesses and injustices of capitalism by using the power of government to redistribute wealth through [progressive taxation](#) and a growing public sector, and ensure broad access to public goods like education and healthcare. This led to a gradual expansion of broadly shared prosperity in the United States and Western Europe through a strong public sector that balanced the power of private corporations and their owners.

The steadily growing shared prosperity of the post-WWII years in the West was derailed by a combination of factors, including the 1973 OPEC oil embargo, Nixon's freeze on prices and wages, runaway inflation caused by dropping the gold standard, and then a second oil crisis after the 1979 Iranian Revolution.

Right-wing politicians led by Ronald Reagan in the United States and Margaret Thatcher in the U.K. blamed the power of organized labor and the public sector for the economic crisis. They launched a "neoliberal" counter-revolution to bust unions, shrink and privatize the public sector, cut taxes, deregulate industries and supposedly unleash "the magic of the market." Then they took credit for a return to economic growth that really owed more to the end of the [oil crises](#).

The United States and United Kingdom used their economic, military and media power to spread their neoliberal gospel across the world. [Chile's experiment](#) in neoliberalism under Pinochet's military dictatorship became a model for U.S. efforts to roll back the "pink tide" in Latin America. When the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe opened to the West at the end of the Cold War, it was the extreme, neoliberal brand of capitalism that Western economists imposed as "[shock therapy](#)" to privatize state-owned enterprises and open countries to Western corporations.

In the United States, the mass media shy away from the word "neoliberalism" to

describe the changes in society since the 1980s. They describe its effects in less systemic terms, as globalization, privatization, deregulation, consumerism and so on, without calling attention to their common ideological roots. This allows them to treat its impacts as separate, unconnected problems: poverty and inequality, [mass incarceration](#), environmental degradation, ballooning debt, money in politics, disinvestment in public services, declines in public health, permanent war, and record military spending.

After a generation of systematic neoliberal control, it is now obvious to people all over the world that neoliberalism has utterly failed to solve the world's problems. As many predicted all along, it has just enabled the rich to get [much, much richer](#), while structural and even existential problems remain unsolved.

Even once people have grasped the self-serving, predatory nature of this system that has overtaken their political and economic life, many still fall victim to the demoralization and powerlessness that are among its most insidious products, as they are brainwashed to see themselves only as individuals and consumers, instead of as active and collectively powerful citizens.

In effect, confronting neoliberalism — whether as individuals, groups, communities or countries — requires a two-step process. First, we must understand the nature of the beast that has us and the world in its grip, whatever we choose to call it. Second, we must overcome our own demoralization and powerlessness, and rekindle our collective power as political and economic actors to build the better world we know is possible.

We will see that collective power in the streets and the suites at COP26 in Glasgow, when the world's leaders will gather to confront the reality that neoliberalism has allowed corporate profits to trump a rational response to the devastating impact of fossil fuels on the Earth's climate. Extinction Rebellion and other groups will be [in the streets](#) in Glasgow, demanding the long-delayed action that is required to solve

the problem, including an end to net carbon emissions by 2025.

While scientists warned us for decades what the result would be, political and business leaders have peddled their [neoliberal snake oil](#) to keep filling their coffers at the expense of the future of life on Earth. If we fail to stop them now, living conditions will keep deteriorating for people everywhere, as the natural world our lives depend on is washed out from under our feet, goes up in smoke and, species by species, dies and disappears forever.

The Covid pandemic is another real world case study on the impact of neoliberalism. As the official death toll reaches [5 million](#) and many more deaths go unreported, rich countries are still [hoarding vaccines](#), drug companies are reaping a [bonanza of profits](#) from vaccines and new drugs, and the lethal, devastating injustice of the entire neoliberal “market” system is laid bare for the whole world to see. Calls for a “[people's vaccine](#)” and “vaccine justice” have been challenging what has now been termed “vaccine apartheid.”

## Conclusion

In the 1980s, U.K. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher often [told the world](#), “There is no alternative” to the neoliberal order she and President Reagan were unleashing. After only one or two generations, the self-serving insanity they prescribed and the crises it has caused have made it a question of survival for humanity to find alternatives.

Around the world, ordinary people are rising up to demand real change. The people of Iraq, Chile and Bolivia have overcome the incredible traumas inflicted on them to take to the streets in the thousands and demand better government. Americans should likewise demand that our government stop wasting trillions of dollars to militarize the world and destroy countries like Afghanistan and Iraq, and start solving our real problems, here and abroad.

People around the world understand the nature of the problems we face better than we did a generation or even a decade ago. Now we must overcome demoralization and powerlessness in order to act. It helps to understand that the demoralization and powerlessness we may feel are themselves products of this neoliberal system, and that simply overcoming them is a victory in itself.

As we reject the inevitability of neoliberalism and Thatcher's lie that there is no alternative, we must also reject the lie that we are just passive, powerless consumers. As human beings, we have the same collective power that human beings have always had to build a better world for ourselves and our children – and now is the time to harness that power.

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# How Washington suppresses free speech from Ukraine to Iraq

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President Zelensky promised to plant a billion trees in Ukraine. The “servant of the people” lied to the people, as he always does. He has not yet planted any new trees or corrupt rulers. But we, the activists of the Red Association [Червоні], together with representatives of other left-wing organizations, decided to help him fulfill at least one of his promises.

We planted trees — the Alley of Freedom of Speech named after Taras Protsyuk.

Taras was known as a wonderful person, a participant of the student movement and a journalist who objectively covered the “Ukraine without Kuchma” action and

events in hot spots around the world. He was killed during the armed aggression against Iraq, along with his Spanish counterpart Jose Couso. A U.S. tank [fired on a hotel](#) in Baghdad where these reporters worked. Even though the U.S. Armed Forces Command knew that there were representatives of the international media in the building.

The investigation lasted for years, but no one was punished for this crime — one of the many war crimes in the Middle East, which were later exposed to the world by [Julian Assange](#), [Edward Snowden](#), [Chelsea Manning](#). And now they are trying to forget about Taras Protsyuk as fast as possible. Best not to let these memories upset the “strategic partners” from Washington, who recently made another unfortunate mistake while fleeing from Kabul, and fired a missile at Afghan civilians.

However, nowadays it is difficult to surprise Ukrainians with stories about the death of journalists. In recent years, such tragedies have become commonplace. However, their causes are usually not investigated — even in the most high-profile cases. And the killers themselves are not punished, despite the fact that law enforcement officers named them — as was the case with the murders of Oles Buzyna and Pavel Sheremet.



We recall the names of media workers who died in Ukraine. We want to perpetuate their memory with the trees planted on the Alley of Freedom of Speech, so that it lives for future generations of Ukrainians. And we demand a swift and fair investigation of these crimes.

We also want to recall publications killed by censorship — illegally closed TV channels and blocked Internet sites that have fallen victim to shameful political censorship. Their closure should also be considered a crime against Ukrainians, as political censorship is prohibited in Ukraine, and the [Constitution guarantees](#) citizens the right to freely disseminate information.

In fact, the country no longer has freedom of speech. Opposition outlets are

destroyed by extrajudicial sanctions by the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine, and disloyal journalists are persecuted with impunity, intimidated, beaten, thrown in jail, and forced into political emigration. This situation is absolutely unacceptable, and we have recalled this by planting our trees — the sprouts of a free future that Ukraine deserves.

Why did we plant them near the U.S. Embassy in Kiev? Not just because Taras Protsyuk was once hit by a shell from an American tank.

We understand that this building is the source of power in modern Ukraine, which has fallen into colonial dependence on external forces and influences.

That is why there is a war going on in our homeland; they are trying to draw it into the NATO military bloc and tighten the noose around our necks with the debt that our children and grandchildren will have to pay.

That is why Ukraine has become a global training center for far-right movements. This is now recognized even in America, because the U.S. Department of Justice together with the FBI is investigating the [war crimes](#) of American Nazis committed in Donbass against peaceful Ukrainian citizens.

Therefore, we call on U.S. diplomats to respond to the mass systemic violations of freedom of speech that are taking place in our country with the tacit consent of the U.S. State Department. Because if there is such a reaction, it will definitely be heard in Zelensky's office.

And then, perhaps, trees will be planted in Ukraine, not journalists.

Vladimir Chemeris

*Translated by Greg Butterfield*

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# **A Dialogue on Cuba's Heroic Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Oct. 21**

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October 21, 2021



## A Dialogue on Cuba's Heroic Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic

**Thursday  
Oct. 21st**  
at 8:00pm (ET)  
5:00pm (PT)



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, AT 8 PM ET / 5 PM PT  
A Dialogue on Cuba's Heroic Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic  
Online Event

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>> Welcome

- **Sean O'Donoghue** - Table de Concertation et de Solidarité Québec-Cuba

>> Speakers

- **Dr. Agustín Lage** - Founder and longtime director of the Cuban Center of Molecular Immunology (CIM). A member of the Cuban Academy of Sciences and the US National Academy of Sciences, Dr. Lage led the CIM into becoming one of the world's top Institutes for biotech and medical research. He completed his post-graduate work at the renowned Pasteur Institute in Paris, France. Doctor in Medicine, Ph.D. in Medical Sciences, Full Researcher, Coordinator of the Technical Council for Biotechnology Projects in Cuba.

- **Dr. Samira Addrey** - 2020 graduate of the Latin American School of Medicine (ELAM) in Cuba. She was born and raised in Accra, Ghana before migrating to the United States at the age of nine with her family. She is currently the Coordinator of the ELAM program for IFCO/Pastors for Peace

>>> Moderators

- **Dr. Leni Villagomez Reeves** - former United Farm Workers volunteer who attended UC Berkeley and UCSF. She worked at Valley Childrens Hospital for many years doing pediatric emergency medicine. Dr. Villagomez Reeves is active in Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, where she co-chairs its national Cuba and the Bolivarian Alliance Committee, and with the Pastors for Peace Friendship Caravan to Cuba and the Saving Lives Campaign.

- **Alison Bodine** - Social justice activist, writer and researcher in Vancouver, Canada who has been working in solidarity with Venezuela and Cuba for over 15 years. Alison has traveled to Cuba over a dozen times since 2006. She is coordinator of the Fire This Time Movement for Social Justice Venezuela Solidarity Campaign and on the editorial board of the Fire This Time Newspaper. She is author of the

book “Revolution and Counter-Revolution in Venezuela” (Battle of Ideas Press, 2018).



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# **The NFL's racism, misogyny and homophobia exposed**

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In early October, email messages from Jon Gruden, an NFL head coach for 15 seasons, were leaked in the media. On Oct. 11, Gruden resigned as head coach of the Las Vegas Raiders because of what was in the leaked emails.

While Gruden was an ESPN analyst from 2011 through 2018, he frequently spewed racist, homophobic and misogynistic slurs in messages to Bruce Allen, the president of the Washington football team, and other NFL league executives. The leaked emails were from 2011, during the preseason lockout imposed on the players by team owners. In them John Gruden used a racist stereotype to describe DeMaurice Smith, the executive director of the NFL Players Association.

Gruden used homophobic and misogynistic language to disparage Michael Sam, a gay player drafted by the St. Louis Rams in 2014, and Roger Goodell, the NFL commissioner, for welcoming Sam. He also criticized Goodell's efforts to reduce concussions, condemned the use of women as referees and said that Eric Reid

should be fired for joining Colin Kaepernick, the former San Francisco 49ers quarterback, in protesting racism and police terror by kneeling during the national anthem.

Jon Gruden also used derogatory language to describe some NFL owners and coaches as well as the journalists who cover the league. Jon Gruden and Bruce Allen, with some others, exchanged nude pictures of women, including one photo of two Washington Football Team cheerleaders.

## **Washington Team investigated**

How did all this come to light? It came to light because of an investigation into the Washington Football Team and its owner, Daniel Snyder. The Washington Football Team was fined \$10 million by the NFL after a year-long investigation. The investigation found that the team had cultivated a culture of sexual harassment, bullying and intimidation.

The investigation was not about Gruden. Daniel Snyder and the Washington Football Team have a history of racism and misogyny, starting with the previous team name of more than 80 years that was finally dropped in 2020 because it was a slur toward Native Peoples, as well as the organization's mistreatment of its cheerleaders.

In the summer of 2020, The Washington Post published a report that described the pervasive sexual harassment, bullying and abuse at the Washington Team.

That's when NFL Commissioner Goodell instructed league executives to look at the emails of Daniel Snyder and others over the summer. Those emails included Gruden's racist, sexist, and homophobic exchanges with Snyder. Goodell got a summary of the findings this month, and the league sent the Raiders some of the emails written by Gruden.

On Oct. 8, after The Wall Street Journal reported on Gruden's emails about the

Players Association Director, Smith, the Raiders owner, Mark Davis, issued a statement calling the remarks “disturbing.” Gruden apologized and was allowed to keep his head-coaching job for the Raiders. Two days later, just before the Chicago Bears game, Gruden held a team meeting to pre-emptively address the situation. Gruden was trying to maintain his head-coaching job. But the next day the New York Times reported a more detailed account of Gruden’s emails. Two days later Gruden resigned.

One might ask why Gruden was allowed to resign instead of being fired? In addition, why haven’t other NFL owners, executives and coaches who were also exposed in the emails been fired or reprimanded? Gruden deserves to be fired but the fact is that his resignation has served to cover up the bigger problem.

### **No justice for Kaepernick, Reid**

With high-ranking NFL executives demonstrating their true views in the email messages about players standing up for justice, it is no surprise that Kaepernick and Reid are deemed throughout the league as persona non grata.

After the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis sparked weeks of militant national protest, the NFL was finally embarrassed into changing its position on issues of race such as the Black Lives Matter movement. Goodell came forward, after being called out by players, to say what he had previously avoided: “Black Lives Matter.” He apologized for not doing so before and vowed that the NFL would change.

It was because of the mass movement against racism that Jon Gruden is now out, even though he wasn’t fired but instead was forced to resign.

In the wake of the protests and civic unrest of 2020, the league continues to make a big deal of its supposed commitment to supporting women, LGBTQ2S people and

particularly African Americans. This year, the NFL kept up the practice of painting feel-good phrases like “End Racism” in end zones and of allowing players to wear approved slogans like “Black Lives Matter” on the back of helmets.

Even though the league gives lip service against racism, the numbers demonstrate the NFL’s hypocrisy. Black players make up close to 70% percent of the NFL rosters, including most of the league’s biggest stars. However, there are only five Black general managers of teams. There are no Black team owners with majority shares. In addition, only three out of 32 head coaches are Black, even though there were eight head coach vacancies from last season.

Ironically, the Raiders under the ownership of Al Davis was one of the most progressive teams in the league. In 1989, the Raiders hired Art Shell, the first Black head coach in the league’s modern era. The Raiders also hired the first Latinx head coach, Tom Flores, in 1979. The Raiders in 1997 also hired Any Trask, the first woman to become an executive for a NFL team.

After the hiring of Art Shell 32 years ago, not much has changed. Powerful, wealthy white men have by far the most control over professional football. How they act, whom they appoint and hire, what they say — and in this case the casual jokes and demeaning put-downs — underscore the lie of the league’s public relations displays. These are the men who make the day-to-day decisions in football. And those emails are where the NFL owners’ culture was exhibited.

The league may try to spin and make John Gruden to be just one bad apple but the truth is, the whole NFL ownership and management is rotten to the core.



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# **National Day of Mourning 2021, Plymouth MA**

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Since 1970, Indigenous people & their allies have gathered at noon on Cole's Hill in Plymouth to commemorate a National Day of Mourning on the US Thanksgiving holiday. Many Native people do not celebrate the arrival of the Pilgrims & other European settlers. Thanksgiving Day is a reminder of the genocide of millions of Native people, the theft of Native lands and the erasure of Native cultures. Participants in National Day of Mourning honor Indigenous ancestors and Native resilience. It is a day of remembrance and spiritual connection, as well as a protest against the racism and oppression that Indigenous people continue to experience worldwide.



## **NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING**

**Thursday, November 25, 2021**

**12 Noon - Cole's Hill (above Plymouth Rock)**

**Plymouth, Massachusetts**

Join us as we continue to create a true awareness of Native peoples and history. Help shatter the untrue image of the Pilgrims and the unjust system based on racism, settler colonialism, sexism, homophobia and the profit-driven destruction of the Earth that they and other European settlers introduced to these shores.

Dedicated to Moonanum James, Bert Waters, others who have returned to the ancestors.

Solidarity with Indigenous struggles throughout the world!  
We welcome all our relations crossed by the US border & ICE.

In 2021, while some supporters will attend in person, we will also livestream the event in Plymouth and have substantial additional online content, with messages from many struggles as well as music.



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**United American Indians of New England (decolonizing since 1970)**  
[info@uaine.org](mailto:info@uaine.org) [www.uaine.org](http://www.uaine.org) [facebook.com/groups/UAINE](https://facebook.com/groups/UAINE)

Facebook event: <https://bit.ly/NDOM2021>

Donate: <https://gofund.me/bf557f97>

Masks required! No social, but light box lunches available.

#MasksUpMayflowersDown #NDOM2021

#NoThanksNoGiving #FreeLeonardPeltier #KeepItInTheGround

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021 AT 12 PM – 3 PM

National Day of Mourning 2021, Plymouth MA

Cole's Hill

2021 National Day of Mourning 11.25.21 12 noon Cole's Hill, Plymouth, MA (hill above Plymouth Rock)

E-mail: info@uaine.org

Website: <http://www.uaine.org>

## ORIENTATION

Masks Up! Mayflowers Down!

## WHAT IS NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING?

An annual tradition since 1970, Day of Mourning is a solemn, spiritual and highly political day. Many of us fast from sundown the day before through the afternoon of that day. We are mourning our ancestors and the genocide of our peoples and the theft of our lands. NDOM is a day when we mourn, but we also feel our strength in action. Over the years, participants in Day of Mourning have buried Plymouth Rock a number of times, boarded the Mayflower replica, and placed ku klux klan sheets on the statue of William Bradford, etc.

## WHEN AND WHERE IS NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING?

Thursday, November 25, 2021 (U.S. “thanksgiving” day) at Cole's Hill, Plymouth, Massachusetts, 12 noon SHARP. Cole's Hill is the hill above Plymouth Rock in the Plymouth historic waterfront area.

## WILL THERE BE A MARCH?

Yes, there will be a march through the historic district of Plymouth. Plymouth agreed, as part of the settlement of 10/19/98, that UAINE may march on National Day of Mourning without the need for a permit as long as we give the town advance notice.

**PROGRAM:** Although we very much welcome our non-Native supporters to stand with us, it is a day when only Indigenous people speak about our history and the struggles that are taking place throughout the Americas. Speakers will be by invitation only.

For those who cannot attend in person, THIS YEAR'S NDOM WILL HAVE LIVESTREAMING DIRECT FROM PLYMOUTH AS WELL AS MESSAGES FROM INDIGENOUS STRUGGLES IN MANY HOMELANDS!

We will also have a tribute to Moonanum James, Bert Waters and others who have returned to the ancestors.

Please note that NDOM is not a commercial event, so we ask that people do not sell merchandise or distribute leaflets at the outdoor program. Also, we ask that you do not eat (unless you must do so for medical reasons) at the outdoor speak-out and march out of respect for the participants who are fasting. Finally, dress for the weather!

**SOCIAL:** There will be NO sitdown pot-luck social this year due to COVID-19, but we will have small box lunches available for hungry travelers after the march.

**TRANSPORTATION:** If you cannot get to Plymouth, you can watch online! UAINC is not making arrangements for transportation.

**DONATIONS:** Monetary donations are gratefully accepted to help defray the costs of the day and of UAINC's many other efforts during the year:  
<https://gofund.me/bf557f97>

**FOR UPDATES:** Please join and check the UAINC facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/UAINC> for updates on National Day of Mourning this year. Our website [uainc.org](http://uainc.org) will be updated, but not as quickly or frequently as the facebook group.

COVID-19 has hit Indigenous communities very hard, and we want to ensure that no one gets sick from attending National Day of Mourning. Everyone must wear a mask covering their mouth and nose - no exceptions!



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## **NYC rally for Aafia Siddique - Wed., Oct. 20, 3 p.m.**

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# Rally in Support of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui

Wednesday, Oct. 20th, 3:00 PM EDT  
12 East, 65th Street  
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Outside the:  
**Pakistan Consulate**



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In front of the Pakistani Consulate, 12 East 65th St., New York in a rally to free Dr. Siddiqui.

In 2003, Dr. Aafia was kidnapped in Pakistan and sentenced to life in prison in a notoriously unjust trial. Wear yellow to the rally!

Click below to learn more about Dr. Aafia.

[Learn more about Dr. Aafia Siddiqui!](#)



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## **Biden kidnaps Venezuelan diplomat: #FreeAlexSaab now!**

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The Biden administration on Oct. 16 kidnapped Venezuelan diplomat Alex Saab from

the West African country of Cape Verde, in blatant violation of international law. Under U.S. pressure, Saab had already been imprisoned and tortured in Cape Verde for 16 months.

“On a flight chartered by the [U.S.] Department of Justice, in which the Cape Verdean authorities had no control that could guarantee the safety of the Venezuelan diplomat, because they do not have a bilateral extradition treaty with the North American nation, Alex Saab arrived Saturday night and was transferred to a high-security prison in Miami,” teleSUR reported.

Saab is Venezuela’s Deputy Ambassador to the African Union, as well as an official representative to negotiations with the right-wing opposition planned in Mexico. Under the Vienna Convention, he has diplomatic immunity from arrest, even in wartime.

None of that matters to the representatives of the arrogant, racist U.S. empire, which is willing to starve and deprive millions of Venezuelans of medicines during a global pandemic, using sanctions aimed at destroying the pro-socialist Bolivarian government of President Nicolas Maduro.

Saab was expected to appear in a Miami court for arraignment on Oct. 18. In protest of the kidnapping, the Venezuelan government suspended negotiations with the U.S.-backed opposition. Jorge Rodriguez, leader of the Bolivarian government delegation, declared the decision “an expression of our deepest protest against the brutal aggression against the person and the investiture of our delegate Alex Saab Moran.”

The kidnapping of Ambassador Saab is yet another example, if one is needed, that in international affairs Joe Biden is ploughing full steam ahead with the warmongering policies he inherited from Donald Trump. On Venezuela, like China, there is not a whisker’s difference between these imperialist politicians.

## **Venezuela denounces attack**

The Venezuelan government [issued this statement](#) Oct. 16:

“The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela condemns the United States Government’s kidnapping of Venezuelan diplomat Alex Saab, in complicity with Cape Verdean authorities, who tortured him and arbitrarily held him prisoner for 491 days, without an arrest warrant of due process, in violation of the laws of Cape Verde and the Vienna Convention. This crime was condemned by the United Nations and various countries around the world.

“The information has been confirmed by the diplomat’s family members who were recently forbidden to enter the country.

“As is widely known, Alex Saab is a permanent representative of our government at the Dialogue Table being held in Mexico with the Venezuelan opposition, through the facilitation of the Kingdom of Norway and the accompaniment of the Russian Federation and the Kingdom of the Netherlands; therefore this crime is also an attack against the good development of the negotiations.

“The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela deplores this serious violation against the human rights of a Venezuelan citizen, who is invested as a diplomat and as a representative of our country to the world. This fact sets a dangerous precedent for international law.

“We hold the authorities of Cape Verde and the Government of President Biden responsible for the life and physical integrity of Alex Saab and as a sovereign nation we shall reserve the actions we will take accordingly.

“We are grateful for the solidarity of the noble people of Cape Verde and Africa, as well as the U.S. and world social movements, who have raised their voices in rejection of this crime. The struggle for the dignity of this innocent man, who is

protected by international law, shall continue and intensify.”

## **Negotiating food for the people**

Saab was arrested by Interpol and Cape Verdean authorities on June 12, 2020, during a stopover to refuel on the island nation. He was on his way to visit Iran — another country whose independence causes U.S. bosses and politicians to foam at the mouth — to secure food and medical aid for the Venezuelan people.

President Maduro pinpointed the reason for Saab’s arrest on Sept. 23: “They kidnapped Alex Saab and have done everything possible to destroy the Local Supply and Production Committees,” known by the Spanish acronym CLAP, which provides food assistance to more than 7 million Venezuelan families affected by U.S. sanctions.

The arrest warrant against Saab is based on U.S. Treasury Department claims that the CLAP program is a “money laundering operation.” The U.S. has presented no evidence to back up its charges, winning delays each time it was due to back up the charges in court.

“The Swiss government, after a two-year investigation into Saab’s transactions with Swiss banks, concluded on March 25 that there was no money laundering,” noted the Orinoco Tribune.

But an Oct. 1 article in the “capitalist tool” Forbes magazine revealed that U.S. officials hope to force Saab to “shed light on Venezuela’s post-sanction economic work.”

This means U.S. officials hope to force Saab to reveal information they can use to undermine the solidarity networks that have developed between Venezuela and some of the three dozen other countries living under illegal U.S. sanctions — which include an estimated one-third of the world’s population.

Forbes reported, “Much to the annoyance of the Trump and Biden administrations, Saab, a creative and capable businessman, found a way to navigate Venezuelan trade in sectors like food, oil and gold between the cracks of U.S. oversight.

“For many in Venezuela, this [Saab’s activities] is not criminal — Saab is a hero, and his efforts overseas are the actions of a man trying to feed and house the hungry and homeless.”

Readers are urged to see Roger D. Harris’ [comprehensive report at Orinoco Tribune](#) for more details.

## **Acts of war**

The [United Nations](#), the [Economic Community of West African States](#), the [African Bar Association](#), and governments around the world called on Cape Verdean authorities to release Saab and protested that there was absolutely no legal basis to extradite him to the U.S. More than 15,000 people signed an international petition to free the Venezuelan diplomat.

This is far from the first time Washington has illegally kidnapped foreign leaders and officials. Saab’s extradition immediately brings to mind the March 1, 2004, kidnapping of Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide by U.S. soldiers, who deposed him in a coup d’etat and put him on a plane to South Africa.

In recent years the U.S. has escalated these attacks.

[Simon Trinidad](#), international representative of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia-People’s Army (FARC-EP) and an official member of the negotiating team at peace talks in Havana, was extradited to the U.S. Despite all bogus drug trafficking charges being dropped after three trials, Trinidad was nevertheless convicted of “conspiracy” and is today imprisoned under the torturous Special Administrative Measures (SAMS) at a Federal prison in Colorado.

Then there was the years-long siege of journalist and WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange at the Ecuadorian Embassy in London. Assange similarly has been tortured in isolation by British prison authorities and [faces extradition to the U.S.](#), even though the charges used to justify his arrest were dropped long ago.

And there are more cases related to the fight against sanctions, where foreign nationals are charged with violating provisions of the (illegal) U.S.-imposed sanctions on countries it seeks to destroy. Such was the case of Meng Wanzhou, a Chinese businessperson who was detained in Canada for nearly three years before finally winning the right to [return home to China](#) in September.

And of course, there was the Trump regime's illegal [seizure of the Venezuelan Embassy](#) in Washington, D.C., in 2019, including the arrest of four embassy defenders.

[Sanctions are an act of war](#). So are violations of the international and the universally recognized rights of diplomats. The U.S. empire's political gangsters carry out these lawless and vile acts because, they laugh to themselves, "Who will dare to stop us?"

We must dare — to struggle and to win.

Free Alex Saab! Free all political prisoners of U.S. imperialism — domestic and international!

