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## No U.S.-Israel war on Iran!

Israel's aggression against sovereign Iranian territory—its bombing of Iran's Consulate in Damascus, Syria, on April 1—was an attempt to expand its genocidal assault on Gaza, which it is losing, to a regional war against Iran with the participation of U.S. imperialism.

Since Israel's aggression killed 16 Iranians, including General Mohammad Reza Zahedi, a senior commander in Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps, the Israeli regime made a response by Iran not only justifiable but inevitable.

Nevertheless, Iran's first response was diplomatic. Teheran appealed to the United Nations Security Council, under Article 7 of the U.N. Charter, seeking to condemn Israel's aggression and to punish the Benjamin Netanyahu regime for its aggressive war move.

Only after this reasoned request failed to get an equally reasonable response from the international body—a body dominated by U.S. imperialism since its inception in 1945—did Iran exercise its inherent right under Article 51 of the U.N. Charter to directly respond to Israel's attack on their sovereignty.

Iran even warned the world of its pending action for days, including informing

the countries Iranian drones would fly over. Only then did Iran take direct action, targeting multiple Israeli military bases.

Israel and the U.S. claim their militaries intercepted almost all of the hundreds of drones Iran fired and there was little to no damage. But both Israeli and

U.S. military and government officials are known serial liars, capable of creating any scenario that serves their interests. These regimes are fully confident that the imperialist-controlled media, including the New

York Times, Washington Post and the West European corporate media, will report any story they are fed by the Pentagon or the Israeli regime as if it were true.

As we all learned since the phony Bay of Tonkin battle in 1964, the myth of the Kuwaiti allegedly babies killed by Iraq in 1990, as well as the "weapons of mass destruction" lie in 2003, fact-checking can wait for years, if it happens at all.

It's important for people intent on learning the truth, especially for people within the United States, to read the statements from those fighting for liberation from imperialism. In this case, we must

read what sources inside Iran and what analysts independent of imperialism have to say. (See statement below.)

Iranian sources have said that the drones that were intercepted were inexpensive decoys. Apparently the U.S. government spent an astounding \$1.1 billion of taxpayer dollars just to repel these decoy drones.

According to Iran, seven hypersonic missiles, used against the most well-protected bases Israel has, including the Nevatim air base, all got through—making this attack more successful than expected. The F-35 fighter jets used to bomb Iran's Consulate in Damascus were kept at the Nevatim air base.

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Palestinians in Ramallah, occupied West Bank, cheer Iran's response to Israel, April 13, 2024.

#### Iran's solidarity with Palestinians

According to an April 14 article in TelesurEnglish, all missiles launched from Iran were named after Gaza to show that the action was in support of the Palestinian people. The Electronic Intifada and Al Jazeera broadcast clips of Palestinians in Gaza and in Jordan, along with Iranians and Iraqis, cheering as they witnessed Iran's missiles filling the sky. Hezbollah also carried out strikes against Israel from southern Lebanon.

Hundreds of Palestinians tore down a section of the apartheid wall that separates

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## Iran on military action against Israel

The following statement no. 2 was issued by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps on April 13, 2024, and published on Resistance News Network:

After more than 10 days of silence and neglect by international organizations, particularly the United Nations Security Council, to condemn the aggression and criminality of the Zionist regime in attacking the Consular section of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Damascus as part of targeting our country's territories and the martyrdom of seven legal advisors of the country without punishing the criminal regime according to Article 7 of the United Nations Charter, in response to these crimes and in execution of previous warnings and securing Iran's

rightful demands and in order to punish the aggressor, using its strategic intelligence capabilities, missiles, and drones, the military institution attacked targets of the Zionist terrorist army in the occupied territories, successfully hitting and destroying them.

Within the strategic policies of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard declares the following:

1. Warning the terrorist government of the U.S. that any support or participation in harming Iran's interests will result in a decisive and regrettable response by the armed forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Furthermore, the U.S. is held responsible for the evil actions of the Zionist regime, and if this child-killing

regime is not restrained in the region, it will bear the consequences.

2. With emphasis on the policy of good neighborliness with neighbors and countries in the region, any threat by the U.S. terrorist state and the Zionist entity from any country will be met with a reciprocal and proportionate response from the Islamic Republic of Iran to the source of the threat.

We assure the heroic people of Iran that the Islamic Revolutionary Guard and the other armed forces in the country will stand until death in defense of national interests and will neutralize the efforts of enemies to destabilize the security and peace of the people.

This statement was lightly edited.



Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps seal

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Thousands of pro-Palestine protesters outside New York Stock Exchange, Manhattan, April 15 as part of Global Strike for Palestine. Marchers then took the subway to Brooklyn's Borough Hall despite heavy police threats, brutality and arrests.

# Arizona’s abortion ban: ‘Control and upholding white supremacy’

The following statement was made by Monica Simpson, Executive Director of SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective, protesting the April 9 abortion ban in Arizona. The statement is posted at SisterSong’s Facebook page.



To invoke Nina Simone’s infamous lyrics, it’s not just “Mississippi goddam,” now it’s Arizona goddam too.

Today, Arizona’s Supreme Court ruling upheld a Civil War-era total abortion ban. This ruling ignores the will of the people in Arizona and denies their bodily autonomy.

It is also proof that our systems are broken. Medical professionals in Arizona can now be punished with two to five years in prison for providing an abortion. Criminalizing medical care is harmful not only to doctors, but also to pregnant people and their support systems. Arizona’s law was originally passed in 1864, before the last slave in the country was freed and before women could own property. Abortion bans were never about health care, they were always about control and upholding white supremacy culture. We won’t stop fighting for Reproductive Justice — “by any means necessary.” □

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the Israel-occupied West Bank and Israel during Iran’s military actions.

Workers World recognizes and supports Iran’s right to take these actions, which are both self-defense and defense of all oppressed people in the region fighting for liberation. Any risk of a wider regional conflict lies squarely with Israel and its backers, U.S. and NATO imperialism, especially following Israel’s repeated aggression against Iran, Syria, Lebanon, and against Palestinians in the territories Israel illegally occupies.

For decades, Israel has violated nearly every article of the U.N. Charter with its occupation of Palestinian lands, and illegal expansion of Israeli settlements. It has ignored every effort in the U.N. General Assembly and Security Council to limit its racist, settler-colonial occupation of Palestine and blatant goal of annihilating the Palestinian people.

It is no surprise that after Iran’s defensive action, the arrogant Israeli regime immediately appealed to the U.N. Security Council to intervene on behalf of Israel, the aggressor. It did this despite Israel’s repeated criticism of the U.N. for condemning Israel’s genocide in Gaza, condemnations that the Israeli regime continues to ignore.

As part of the axis of resistance to Israel and world imperialism, Iran has every right to provide weapons to those fighting for liberation.

### Israel learned from U.S. imperialism

We should point out here that the U.S. military has set the example for Israel’s arrogant aggression on sovereign diplomatic territory when, during the U.S./NATO war against Yugoslavia in 1999, the Pentagon bombed the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade.

Iran’s defensive response on April 13 marks the first time Iran responded directly to an imperialist attack on its territory. Iranian leaders have shown they have the capability to hit back should Israel again commit aggression against Iran. The unprecedented global solidarity for the liberation of Palestine since the Al-Aqsa Flood of October 7 has awakened a worldwide appreciation that Iran’s role in the axis of resistance is one of solidarity with the embattled and oppressed people of Palestine.

The movement in the United States that has taken on the task of stopping Israel’s genocidal war on Gaza should also perceive Iran’s action as part of that movement to defend the people of Gaza and say to both the Netanyahu and Biden regimes: “NO war on Iran!” □

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Workers World Party is a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist party inside the belly of the imperialist beast. We are a multinational, multigenerational and multigendered organization that not only aims to abolish capitalism, but to build a socialist society because it’s the only way forward!

Capitalism and imperialism threaten the peoples of the world and the planet itself in the neverending quest for ever-greater profits.

Capitalism means war and austerity, racism and repression, attacks on im/migrants, misogyny, LGBTQ2S+ oppression and mistreatment of people with disabilities. It means joblessness, increasing homelessness and impoverishment and lack of hope for the future. No social problems can be solved under capitalism.

The U.S. is the richest country in the world, yet no one has a guaranteed right to shelter, food, water, health care, education or anything else — unless they can pay for it. Wages are lower than ever, and youth are saddled with seemingly insurmountable student debt, if they even make it to college. Black, Brown and Indigenous youth and trans people are gunned down by cops and bigots on a regular basis.

The ruthless ruling class today seeks to wipe out decades of gains and benefits won by hard-fought struggles by people’s movements. The super-rich and their political representatives have intensified their attacks on the multinational, multigender and multigenerational working class. It is time to point the blame at — and challenge — the capitalist system.

WWP fights for socialism because the working class produces all wealth in society, and this wealth should remain in their hands, not be stolen in the form of capitalist profits. The wealth workers create should be socially owned and its distribution planned to satisfy and guarantee basic human needs.

Since 1959, Workers World Party has been out in the streets defending the workers and oppressed here and

worldwide. If you’re interested in Marxism, socialism and fighting for a socialist future, please contact a WWP branch near you. □

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# Workers unite for Palestine

By **Betsey Piette**  
Philadelphia

Over 200 workers and union members held a spirited rally and demonstration of international solidarity on April 13 in a “Which side are you on? Workers March for Palestine.” The march began in West Philadelphia’s Clark Park, crowded with farmers market shoppers and a weekly community flea market. It ended outside Ghost Robotics, a facility hosted by the University of Pennsylvania, responsible for producing robotic weapons used in Gaza and on the U.S./Mexico border.

The historic march, initiated by the Philadelphia Palestine Coalition (PPC), was endorsed by Healthcare Workers for Palestine — Philadelphia, Labor for Black Lives, The NewsGuild of Philadelphia Local 10/Communication Workers of America (CWA) Local 38010, Philadelphia Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, Philadelphia Tenants Union, Philly Industrial Workers of the World, Unity Caucus, Service Employees Union (SEIU) Healthcare Pennsylvania and Workers World Party.

Teachers, artists, truck drivers, theater performers, municipal workers, health care workers, concession workers and baristas joined forces to demonstrate solidarity with Palestine.

Flan, with the PPC, opened by reading demands from Palestinian unions. On Oct. 16 over 30 Palestinian unions and worker organizations called for concrete solidarity from workers around the world. A May Day appeal from the Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions reiterated this message.

Retired postal worker Joe, representing Workers World Party, noted that this rally would not have been possible a year ago: “It was only after the October 7 intifada that many of us paid a lot more attention to the struggle for a free Palestine. There are now more opportunities and potential to build greater worker solidarity with Palestine.”

He noted: “Polls say the majority of people want a ceasefire — and the majority of the population are workers, likely many of your co-workers. Many may want an end to the occupation and a free Palestine, but we need to organize that awareness into collective action — the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions movement or persuading your union locals to be the first to call on their members to vote ‘uncommitted’ in the Pennsylvania primary. As workers united, in unions or not, we can do a lot to disrupt Zionist propaganda and the U.S. war machine, paid for by our taxes.”

Representing the Unity Caucus,



Workers for Palestine march through Clark Park farmers market. Philadelphia, April 13, 2024.

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composed of members of various city unions, Sunita, a librarian, and member of District Council 47, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 2187, said: “The last 75 years have been full of historical ‘untruths.’ Anti-Muslim propaganda by the rich and powerful is used not only against the people of Palestine but against the working class as a whole.

“When is it justifiable to bomb entire hospitals, to strip doctors down to their underwear for the world to see? These are heinous war crimes and violations of international law.

“Israeli genocide is targeting those who care for others, who shine light on problems, in effect to silence opposition,” she stated. “This is the reason we unionize — so our community has collective



Workers March for Palestine crossing Grays Ferry bridge. Philadelphia, April 13, 2024.

“They act as if all we have earned, what we have fought for, is theirs. They use our tax money for wars, while we need services like libraries, schools and more. Why are the University of Pennsylvania’s tax-free endowments funding military technology like Ghost Robotics?”

Concessions workers employed by Aramark at local sports arenas have been on strike since April 9. Carlton, with UNITE HERE Local 274, Stadium Workers Union, told those gathered: “We are experiencing our power as workers, very much like Palestinian workers experience theirs.”

Following the opening rally, demonstrators marched around Clark Park and eventually onto Woodland Avenue, stopping at 46th Street for a second rally. Nayla, with Healthcare Workers for Palestine, spoke of being in Gaza and seeing doctors operating in the dark and surgical procedures done without anesthesia.

power not just over working conditions but for our patients. Since October 7, I have worn a pin for Palestine on my uniform every day.”

Hannah, with the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers, and Jax, a labor and tenants organizer with Philly IWW, also spoke before the march proceeded over the Grays Ferry Bridge to Pennovation, Ghost Robotics’ headquarters.

## Strong show of public support

As the marchers turned onto the Grays Ferry Bridge, oncoming traffic was blocked and backed up quickly, so organizers went over the lane barriers to distribute fliers to drivers in stopped cars. The response was tremendously positive, with almost every driver opening their windows to get leaflets. Many smiled and raised fists of solidarity, while the marchers kept chanting for Palestine. The experience revealed how much support there is for the Palestinian struggle for freedom.

Outside Pennovation on Grays Ferry, Cindy Lou read a prepared statement from Maddy with the campaign to Shut Down Ghost Robotics. “The tools used to dispose, displace and destroy homes

in Gaza were produced 6,000 miles away, right here at Pennovation,” they explained. “Ghost Robotics produces the robotic dogs used there, at the cost of \$165,000 each.”

“This has been a powerful display of unity today and, as a health care worker and union member, I’m proud to be a part,” said Karim with SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania. “The Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) have been targeting health care workers since October 7, with over 400 attacks on Gaza’s health care system. Gazans can’t access lifesaving care — something I experienced at a rural hospital in Pennsylvania after it was bought by a big corporation and eventually closed.

“Why do Black and Brown people have to die trying to access life-saving care, while the U.S. spends billions every year paying for free, universal health care for Israelis? Why doesn’t this government pay for free health care for people in Pennsylvania?”

“They don’t fix the roads, our neighborhoods are stripped of good-paying jobs, but somehow money is always available to build the war machine being used in Gaza. If we stick together, as workers we have the power to stop this genocide,” Karim concluded.

Maijoi, a member of Starbucks Workers United and the PPC stated: “The fact that Starbucks finally agreed to meet with our union was not due to their ‘good will’ but the result of the boycott of Starbucks over Palestine and the threat to their bottom line. We won’t let Starbucks bully us into submission to not wear signs of solidarity with Palestine, where workers are demanding justice, demanding accountability. Our solidarity goes beyond our workplace. It reaches across borders in solidarity with Palestine.”

Kim, with the Philadelphia Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, wrapped up the program addressing the similarities between the U.S. war in Vietnam and the weapons it provides to Israel today. “Vietnamese people are still living with the lifelong impact of Agent Orange and white phosphorus. Today, loved ones are dying at the hands of the U.S. underfunded, understaffed health care system.

“Philadelphia is the poorest big city in the U.S., yet there is always money for war. Martin Luther King Jr. made the connection that every bomb dropped in Vietnam impacted cities at home. Today the U.S. deliberately made the decision to support Israel when people here lack food, health care and more. Biden pushes the idea that wars abroad are made in America and therefore are good for American jobs. We reject that working-class jobs come at the cost of our working-class brothers and sisters abroad.”

Organizers and participants expressed high spirits with the turnout. Many have expressed interest in continuing the Philly Palestine Coalition’s Workers Committee which organized the event. □



Health care workers for Palestine in Philadelphia march. April 13, 2024.



Banners hung on Pennovation fence target Ghost Robotics. Philadelphia, April 13, 2024.



World Central Kitchen participó en marzo en el primer envío de ayuda a Gaza a través de un corredor marítimo desde Chipre. Aquí sus trabajadores en Gaza, marzo de 2024.

## Asesinatos en la Cocina Central Mundial

# Otro crimen de guerra israelí

El asesinato deliberado de siete trabajadores de la World Central Kitchen (WCK) por no uno, ni dos, sino tres ataques aéreos israelíes el 1 de abril ha aumentado justificadamente la indignación mundial contra el Estado sionista del apartheid.

Estos trabajadores mártires -Saifeddin Issam Ayad Abutaha, Laizawmi "Zomi" Frankcom, Damian Soból, Jacob Flinkinger, John Chapman, James Henderson y James Kirby- procedían de distintas partes del mundo: la Palestina ocupada, Bretaña, Australia, Polonia, Canadá y Estados Unidos.

Su convoy de tres coches acababa de supervisar la entrega de más de 100 toneladas de ayuda humanitaria desde el almacén de Deir al-Balah, llevada al norte de Gaza en un embarcadero de ayuda recién construido. La entrega y los movimientos de estos trabajadores habían sido coordinados con las Fuerzas de Ocupación israelíes, y sus vehículos estaban claramente marcados con el emblema del WCK.

La primera respuesta del criminal de guerra, el primer ministro Benjamin Netanyahu, fue que los asesinatos eran un "error" y una consecuencia "desafortunada" de la guerra y que las IOF "investigarían" lo ocurrido. Esto equivale a pedir a un zorro que vigile un gallinero. Después, el 5 de abril, un portavoz de las IOF, Daniel Hagari, declaró que las IOF asumían "plena responsabilidad" por el ataque, calificándolo de "tragedia".

El presidente Joe Biden emitió una declaración el 2 de abril en la que manifestaba lo "indignado" y "desconsolado" que estaba en relación con las muertes del WCK. Al mismo tiempo, concedió otros 18.000 millones de dólares para más armamento a Israel. A continuación, Biden instó a Israel a abrir la frontera de Erez para dejar pasar finalmente parte de la ayuda y continuar las negociaciones en Egipto con Hamás sobre la liberación de los rehenes israelíes secuestrados el 7 de octubre.

## editorial

El mismo día de los asesinatos de la WCK, la aviación israelí atacó el consulado iraní en Damasco (Siria), matando a siete personas. Entre los muertos figuraban el general de brigada Mohammad Reza Zahedi, alto mando de la Fuerza Quds del Cuerpo de Guardianes de la Revolución Islámica, y su adjunto, el general Mohammad Hadi Hajriahimi. El Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores iraní emitió un comunicado en el que afirmaba que el ataque era "una violación de todas las obligaciones y convenciones internacionales".

Biden se puso en contacto con el gobierno iraní diciendo que Estados Unidos no tenía nada que ver con este ataque, en reacción a cualquier respuesta militar anticipada de Irán contra Israel.

### Muertes de otros trabajadores humanitarios

Mucha gente se ha preguntado en las redes sociales por qué hay que hacer hincapié sólo en las muertes de los trabajadores del WCK cuando al menos 200 trabajadores de ayuda humanitaria han sido martirizados por el supuesto delito de intentar proporcionar alimentos nutritivos, equipos médicos y otras ayudas al bloqueo que está matando de hambre a la población de Gaza. ¿Es porque la mayoría de estos trabajadores asesinados proceden del Norte Global, especialmente de países europeos?

Son preguntas válidas, ya que muchos de estos otros 200 cooperantes asesinados trabajaban para el OOPS/UNRWA (Organismo de Obras Públicas y Socorro de las Naciones Unidas para los Refugiados de Palestina en el Cercano Oriente). La UNRWA fue objeto de ataques hace unos meses, cuando Israel acusó a algunos de sus trabajadores de colaborar con Hamás en la operación Al-Aqsa Flood, que tuvo lugar el 7 de octubre. No sólo se despidió a estos trabajadores, sino que se suspendió gran parte de la financiación de la UNRWA, como exigían Israel y Estados Unidos.

La verdad es que a esta actual administración estadounidense y a cualquier administración anterior nunca les ha importado un bledo la difícil situación del pueblo palestino, sus amigos y sus aliados desde que Israel se estableció ilegalmente en 1948 bajo los auspicios de la ONU.

Cualquier declaración pública del gobierno estadounidense en respuesta a cualquier atrocidad israelí es hipócrita y no puede tomarse en serio. Estas declaraciones pueden reflejar diferencias tácticas con la forma en que Israel está llevando a cabo el genocidio en lo que respecta a las víctimas civiles. Pero nada puede ocultar realmente el papel cómplice de Estados Unidos en el genocidio ni la determinación de Washington de respaldar a Israel a toda costa.

Si la muerte de los siete trabajadores del WCK sirve para algo, es para que esta tragedia ilumine aún más todos los sacrificios que los numerosos trabajadores humanitarios, con o sin nombre, han realizado, incluso perdiendo la vida, para ayudar a aliviar el sufrimiento inmediato e inimaginable de la población de Gaza.

Decir que el gobierno de Estados Unidos, es decir, el imperialismo estadounidense, es tan responsable como Israel, si no más, del genocidio que Israel ha llevado a cabo en Gaza durante los últimos seis meses es quedarse corto. Estados Unidos es el principal proveedor de bombas, tanques y otro armamento sofisticado a Israel, no sólo para aterrorizar a Gaza, Cisjordania y otros territorios ocupados, sino también para aterrorizar a los pueblos del resto de la región. Esto mantiene el flujo de lucrativos beneficios de los recursos de petróleo y gas en las arcas de la multimillonaria clase dominante.

El ataque al consulado iraní es sólo un ejemplo de este terror israelí patrocinado por Estados Unidos contra cualquier gobierno que muestre solidaridad con el pueblo palestino y su resistencia.

Estados Unidos podría detener el genocidio mañana mismo cortando toda ayuda a Israel. □

## Mumia turns 70 on April 24

By Betsey Piette  
Philadelphia

Political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal will turn 70 on April 24. This important life milestone will be observed in Philadelphia with an afternoon demonstration outside City Hall and District Attorney Larry Krasner's office. Also, 1,000 petitions, collected in France, will be delivered to Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro's satellite office, demanding that

Mumia be released to rejoin his family and to seek necessary medical care.

An evening indoor gathering will be held at the historic Waters Memorial AME Church at 11th and South streets.

An innocent man, Mumia has been incarcerated for nearly 42 years, including 28 of them on death row. He is a veteran Philadelphia Black Panther, radical radio journalist, grandfather and foremost revolutionary thinker and writer. Mumia is a loving movement elder who uplifts struggles worldwide with his powerful voice and writings. At 15, he was a Black Panther newspaper journalist, and later he was an award-winning Philadelphia radio journalist.

Mumia has made thousands of radio commentaries from prison and written more than a dozen books, including "We Want Freedom," "Live from Death Row," "Jailhouse Lawyers" and "All Things Censored."

He co-authored three volumes of "Murder Incorporated," a searing critique of U.S. imperialism. Mumia's writings are extraordinarily political and deeply moving. Mumia is a victim of racism, targeted by the police and FBI in its war on Black people and Black freedom movements.

The years of incarceration have taken a toll on his health. Recent campaigns by supporters succeeded in pressuring the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections

to finally comply with medical directives from his doctors for proper exercise and a heart-healthy diet.

### Appeal denied

Just over a year ago, his quest for a new trial and freedom were dealt a setback when Judge Lucretia Clemons from the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas dismissed his appeal. Following in the bloody footsteps of her predecessor, racist hanging-judge Albert Sabo, on March 31, 2023, Clemons filed notice of her intent to dismiss Mumia's appeal petition, upholding this decision on April 3, 2023, despite global calls for justice in his case.

Since her initial notice of intention to dismiss Mumia's current appeal on Dec. 16, 2022, thousands of people signed petitions, wrote letters and passed resolutions on Mumia's behalf directed to Clemons.

Supporters include the 20-million-member International Transport Workers' Federation and various political leaders. In December 2022, the United Nations Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent filed an amicus brief on Mumia's behalf.

Mumia, his family and his supporters around the world had every reason and right to hope that all their hard work would pay off in persuading Clemons to follow and apply the law, as has been done

in other cases involving Brady and Batson violations.

But as journalist Linn Washington Jr. has warned so many times in the past: "The fact that state and federal judges have consistently upheld Abu-Jamal's conviction is cited as solid confirmation of his guilt. Brushed aside is the fact that judges have upheld Abu-Jamal's conviction by skirting established legal procedure (precedence), creating new legal standards that undercut Abu-Jamal's claims and rejecting newly discovered evidence of improprieties by police, prosecutors and even judges." (WHYY, Dec. 9, 2022)

Despite Clemons' rulings, the appeal process is not over for Mumia. His attorneys are currently awaiting decisions from higher state courts on additional legal filings in his case.

### Palestine solidarity

Given the severity of the struggle against Israeli/U.S. genocide in Gaza, organizers for Mumia's birthday observation plan a program that links the struggle for his freedom with global fightback movements against imperialism, the racist, settler-colonial occupation of Palestine and more.

Several speakers will address the global fight to support the Palestinian resistance and to free Palestine. More information can be found at [linktr.ee/Mumia](http://linktr.ee/Mumia).

Free Mumia! Free Palestine! □

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