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honoring the work of Safiya Bukhari

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When the prison doors open the real dragon will fly out. —Ho Chi Minh
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• CROSSROAD Quarterly Newsletter
• Political Prisoner & Prisoner of War Support Work
• Raise Awareness & Support Around General Prison Issues
• Political Education Materials

Write for a list of available materials

Salutations to Safiya.
In loving memory of a beautiful courageous sister who dedicated her life to the struggle for freedom. We salute you and we will follow your tireless effort till victory.

Set the Captives Free

“Don’t be surprised when I say I was in prison. We’ve all been in prison. That’s what America means - prison.”
- Malcolm X

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Tribute to a Warrior
Sound the Clarion Call
A Warrior has Died!
Joining Ancestor Spirits
Reverberating Throughout the Eons
Safiya... Undaunted and uncompromised—made her transition in the early morning hours of Sunday, August 24th 2003. Leaving behind a legacy of Actions behind Words! A body of work so daunting that its loss will be felt in all corners of this nation and the world... A chained mantra for all to hear...

"Pick Up The Work"
Because Safiya Buckhari was about the work—and there were no tools available that were left unused in her fierce drive towards the new day... In the beginning it was study, training, breakfast programs and selling party newspapers. Quickly her political development led her to the understanding, so long articulated by Frederick Douglass, that "power concedes nothing without a demand, it never has and it never will."

...And so the revolutionary became a guerrilla—willing to strike! Bold enough to confront power on an equal level, brave enough to make the Demand! "All Power To The People!"

...And so the guerrilla was captured, but her heart remained free... And she escaped, eluding her captors for a couple of months... And even her recapture couldn't daunt the spirit of the revolutionary.

In the early 80's she created the organization MILK: Mothers in Prison Living Without Their Kids. And she learned the skills that were to become her revolutionary tools once back on the street.

And she hit the streets running... "Soldiers get captured—they do time... then they pick up the work."

That mantra again
Always a Panther, Safiya lived by her political teachings. The philosophy of "Juche"—self-reliance.

And she became a national speaker and organizer, whether for reparations through N'COBA, or for the formation of a separate Black Nation through the Republic of New Afrika—where she served as 1st Vice President and Minister of Defense, or the Free Mumia Abu-Jalal Coalition or the JERICHO Movement to Free US Political Prisoners and prisoners of War.

Safiya could be heard in halls, universities, churches and in the media—calling people to action.

"Pick Up the Work"
Love, Sally O'Brien

The California Coalition for Women Prisoners
- Advocacy
- Public Education
- Visiting
- The Fire Inside Newsletter

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Behatokia
Giza eskubideen Euskal Herriko behatokia
Basque Human Rights Observatory

Behatokia is an initiative launched by several Basque organizations in defense of Human Rights: TAT (Group Against Torture), ETXERAT (Association of Relatives of the Politically Repressed), ESKUBIDEAK (Basque Solicitors Association) and GURASOAK (Association of Parents of Young Victims of Repression).

www.behatokia.info
PP Conference: www.kalera.org
Free the MOVE 9 and All Political Prisoners!

Chuck  Debbie  Delbert  Janet  Mike
Janine  Eddie  Merle  Phil

One Bullet . . . One Gun . . . Nine Political Prisoners

MOVE is a revolutionary ecological communal organization, founded by John Africa, fighting the oppression the system has imposed upon all life. It is MOVE's position to confront those in authority and make them substantiate their positions or stop misleading the people with misinformation.

PAST CONFRONTATIONS

On August 8th, 1978, the City of Philadelphia under Mayor Frank Rizzo attacked MOVE's headquarters under the guise of enforcing 'code violations.' Hundreds of police officers surrounded MOVE's home, taking up firing positions throughout the neighborhood. Suddenly shots rang out and chaos ensued. One police officer and two MOVE members were shot. Nine MOVE members were convicted of killing the officer despite powerful evidence proving their innocence. On May 13th 1986, police dropped a bomb containing illegally obtained C-4 on a MOVE house in West Philadelphia. In the ensuing fire, 11 people, five of them children, lost their lives. Sixty-one homes in a mostly African-American neighborhood were incinerated; hundreds were left homeless. Only one child and one adult—Ramona Africa—survived the blaze and gunfire that kept the other men, women and children from escaping. The May 13th bombing ended political careers and cost the city millions of dollars in lawsuits and reconstruction of the neighborhood. The reputation of the city of "brotherly love" has been forever marred.

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Solidarity with Irish Republican POWs

Working on behalf of Irish Republican POWs
Imprisoned for their beliefs in a UNITED, SOVEREIGN, 32-COUNTRY IRISH REPUBLIC

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We join with the supporters of Munia Abu-Jumal,
Leonard Peltier, the Puerto Rican Independentistas, and all political prisoners in paying tribute to a sister who inspired so many women and all activists.

The struggle to free people’s leaders is a long one. But with examples like Sister Safiya Bukhari, who gave us great inspiration, we are confident that they will all one day be free.

Ramón, Antonio, Fernando, Gerardo, and René will one day be back in their beloved homeland, revolutionary Cuba. To this we dedicate ourselves.

Please contact us to help set these compañeros free.

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Basque Movement against repression and for the freedom of all Basque political prisoners

Our Movement defends the rights and the political ideology of the 700 political prisoners—dispersed in more than 80 jails in several countries—and 2,000 political exiled Basque citizens. The composition of the Collective of Basque political prisoners is plural, as it is made up of activists of the armed organization ETA, members of youth, cultural and political organizations, associations of solidarity with political prisoners, journalists etc. This plural Collective organizes and makes decisions in an assembly that asks for the regrouping of all the political prisoners in jails in the Basque Country because it is the only way to guarantee their rights and because they want to participate in the political life of our country, that is, in the national and social reconstruction of Euskal Hema (Basque Country).

In the strategic aspect they demand total amnesty, this being understood as the solution of the causes for which they have had to fight and been jailed. It means that there is not a new generation of Basques that has to know torture, prison or exile and at the same time that the Basque Country has a place in a world of social justice and equality, shared in common and respectfully with all the nations of the world.

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Resistance in Brooklyn

Resistance in Brooklyn (RnB) is a radical, white, anti-racist, anti-imperialist collective that came together in 1992 to combine political action, study, and a sense of community. Coming from a variety of organizations and tendencies within the left, we bring together a history of work in a broad range of struggles. We have been active in anti-imperialist work, including in Puerto Rican, Central American, African, and Black liberation solidarity movements; we’ve participated in groups doing anti-imperialist, anti-nuclear, anti-Klan, and prisoner support work; we’ve been involved in women’s liberation and the pro-feminist men’s movement, AIDS activism, transformative education, lesbian and gay liberation work, and the struggle to keep WBAI radio progressive and anti-racist. Our most consistent work over the years has been building support for U.S. political prisoners. In 1999 we played a major organizing role in a mass civil disobedience action at the Liberty Bell for Mumia Abu-Jamal. In 2000 we organized a coalition of activists and organizations to produce a national conference on the 200th birthday the radical abolitionist John Brown, John Brown 2000, to examine the role of white anti-racists, hear from leaders of liberation movements, and strategize for the future. We published Enemies of the State, featuring interviews with political prisoners Marilyn Buck and David Gilbert and then political prisoner Laura Whittemore.

Our year is shaped by four annual public events:

Roses and Bread, a poetry/performance event for women celebrating International Women’s Day and held on or near March 8. March 2005 marks this event’s 10th Anniversary and promises to be especially exciting.

The John Brown Awards Evening, held on or near May 9. John Brown’s birthday, honors two white anti-racist activists, one behind bars and one outside, who exemplify in their lives the principles of solidarity with oppressed peoples held fast by John Brown.

The Anti-4th of July Barbecue, held in early July, is a fund-raiser for a group selected each spring.

The Political Prisoner Card-Writing Party is held in early December. We get out our paint pots, brushes, markers and potatoes (for printing) and create holiday cards to send to political prisoners.

We also study with each other and often open our studies to the public.

For more information and/or to add your address to our e-mail list, write us at mmmsrb@igc.org.

Friends of Marilyn Buck

“For prisoners, writing is a life raft to save one from drowning in a prison swamp. I could not write a diary or a journal; I was a political prisoner. Everything I had was subject to investigation, invasion and confiscation. I was a censored person. In defiance, I turned to poetry, an art of speaking sparsely, but flagrantly.”

—Marilyn Buck

Wild Poppies:
A poetry jam across prison walls
Poets and musicians honor poet and political prisoner Marilyn Buck

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