Payday

An international network of men working with the Global Women's Strike

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Jeremy Corbyn as leader of the Labour Party has brought together anti-austerity, anti-war and anti-racism to form a grassroots movement. We are part of that movement. The establishment wants to cut or privatize health, education and welfare, and spend billions on Trident. We need to strengthen the movement in order to stop them and we will not be divided from similar movements in other countries, beginning in Europe, by any vote to leave the EU. We know very well that European governments brag they have not had a war but they have had many wars fought by proxy all over the world, especially in Africa. Then they complain when people running from war want to escape to Europe. Whoever we are, we are not here to invade or occupy.. We cannot allow the Tories nor right-wing Labour to define our relationship with our sister movement in Europe. Freedom of movement, workers' & civil rights and the endangered environment must be addressed and our movement must address them.

Chelsea Manning hospitalised incommunicado

On 6 July, Chelsea was hospitalized. The military didn't allow her to communicate with her family and legal team. In May, six years after she was first detained, Chelsea appealed her 35-year sentence, in contrast to General Petraeus who disclosed secret documents while he was CIA director but was never imprisoned. In June, many LGBTQ Pride marches had Chelsea contingents. Sign the petition to Obama and write to her.





National work stoppage in US prisons planned for 9 September 2016. Check our website for details of international solidarity actions.

► In April, jurors refused to find the Dallas 6 prisoners guilty of 'riot'. The men blew the whistle on the torture of fellow inmates. Community support outside the prison, led by Shandre Delaney, mother of one of the accused, was critical (see picture). Shandre's son, Carrington Keys, now faces retrial on bogus charges.

► In May, Alabama prison inmates withdrew their labour to protest "slavery" (wages are 17¢ - 12p per hour), terrible conditions, & overcrowding. Read their demands and why they chose work strikes.

► After years of prisoners' hunger strikes and other protests that led Obama to end juvenile solitary confinement in federal prisons, youth in Los Angeles won their campaign to get the local government to follow suit.

After decades of enforced isolation, the Pennsylvania Dept. of Correction (DOC) will not put Russell Maroon Shoatz back in solitary confinement, nor will he be forced to share a cell. The DOC also paid compensation for its crimes.



Chris Antal

Against drones A US Army chaplain in Afghanistan resianed publicly over the drone warfare program. He said: "I refuse to support a policy which continues to invest billions of dollars into nuclear weapons."



for Peace UK

Vets for Peace speak

Following the Chilcot Inquiry report, Ben Griffin said "military action has led to huge numbers of dead and injured, the destruction of vital infrastructure, environmental damage, a significant rise in terrorism globally, a huge refugee crisis" - hear more. See Ben in conversation with Israeli refusenik Ronnie Barkan.

Solidarity Vigil for Wikileaks' Julian Assange

To mark his 4th anniversary inside the Ecuadorian Embassy the recently formed Julian Assange Defence Committee organised a vigil in front of the Embassy on 19 June. In February, the UN working group on arbitrary detention had concluded that Assange was arbitrarily detained, incriminating Sweden and the UK. Info justice4assange.com -Wikileaks released 30,000 classified emails from Hillary Clinton



End administrative detention

On 12 June, hundreds of Palestinian prisoners announced a series of 2-days hunger strikes inside Israeli prisons to demand freedom for Kayed Bilal who was put in administrative detention (without charge or trial) on the day he was released from a 14½-year sentence. On 24 and 25 June, 91 Palestinian and international organizations called for support actions on one of those strike days.



Defend conscientious objectors in Israel



Vanunu still persecuted

Mordechai Vanunu blew the whistle Israel's secret on nuclear weapons in 1986. Over decade after а completing his 18-year jail sentence (11 in solitary), Israel threatento put in back in prison breaching release for conditions.



Tair Kaminer & Omri Baranes jailed repeatedly #refuse2occupy

"The military creates a circle of violence, claiming to defend the country. Politicians and public leaders are responsible for the creation of this criminal institution." Omri



7 May protest against detention and destitution of immigrants at Eurostar terminal in London, part of the Day of Action in 13 countries. See video

"Antisemitism" used to witch-hunt Corbyn supporters in the Labour Party

In its submission to the Chakrabarti Inquiry, the International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network UK said: "we do not believe that Labour is rife with antisemitism and we are outraged that antisemitism is being used to undermine the new anti-austerity, antiracist and anti-imperialist Labour leadership."

Women of Colour GWS, a non-party political group, also submitted: "*Elevating antisemitism over other forms of racism is in itself racist. It divides antiracists by asking Jewish people to focus on antisemitism at the expense of supporting the life-and-death struggles by people of colour, immigrants and refugees. It discourages us from participating at a time when the Labour leadership is inviting grassroots people to actively shape policy nationally and internationally.*"

Kids separated from their mums



7 June, London - **Payday** helped organize a meeting, Suffer the Little Children - Ending the unwarranted tragic separation of children from their mothers in UK and US. Richard Wexler (National Coalition for Child Protection Reform) was the keynote speaker. **Legal Action for Women** will publish a dossier about mothers' struggles in the family courts in England and Wales, and are spearheading a campaign against legislation proposing more enforced adoption.

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