

Mutulu Shakur: Toward a Truth and Reconciliation Commission for New African/Black Political Prisoners, Prisoners of War, and Freedom Fighters

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“If you're a writer, write about revolution. If you're a teacher, teach revolution. If you are a painter, paint the scenes of freedom. If you are a computer specialist, design the leaflets. If you're a community organizer, organize the next rally. If you're an MC, then wrap about Kuwasi Balagoon, Sandra Pratt, and Mtayari Shabaka Sundiata. There's a job for everyone.”

Nehanda Isoke Abiodun

Exiled Ancestor

Dr. Mutulu Shakur, prisoner, prisoner of war, human rights activist and healer for nearly three decades has advocated the need for a Truth and Reconciliation Commission in the United States to examine the history of slavery, oppression, racism, segregation and lynching to resolve the issues of the gross human rights abuses by the systems and institutions of the United States empire.

Dr. Shakur examined the system setup in South Africa, the original Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and determined its efficacy in addressing the gross human rights violations by the apartheid regime, and how an application in the United States would be significant. He acknowledges it was a valuable tool in assisting South Africa in the peaceful transition into a democratic society by acknowledging public knowledge of the abuses by the government and its agents. The voices of victims and the perpetrators of crimes was necessary for society to solidify itself under democratic principles.

Dr. Shakur values the concepts of international law and the importance of its use in the human rights struggle for independence and self-determination for New Afrikan/black people in the United States empire, and those people who are modern-day Harriet Tubman's, Sojourner Truth's, Denmark Vesey's, and Nat Turner's who are political prisoners, prisoners of war, and exiles. Dr. Shakur's article "Toward a Truth and Reconciliation Commission for New African/black Political Prisoners, Prisoners of War and Freedom Fighters," places into context the lived experiences of freedom fighters within the United States, their incarceration, and the use of the U.S Counterintelligence Program (COINTELPRO) as a counterinsurgency mechanism to criminalize freedom fighters.

Dr. Mutulu Shakur has received a death bed release after 37 years. He is terminally ill with bone cancer, hastened by medical neglect.

Free all Political Prisoners, Political Prisoners of War and Exiles. Free them All!!!
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