

POLITICAL PRISONERS' BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

Send a birthday card to these political prisoners. It's an easy way to help remind these freedom fighters they aren't forgotten. If you make one, remember: don't use anything like white-out, stickers, tape or glitter on it. We also recommend that you put your name and address and their name and prisoner number on the card, lest the authorities "lose" the envelope and forget where it is going. If you would like to add a birthday or sign up for our poster mailing list, email us at ppbirthday@riseup.net



May 12, 1952

Alvaro Luna Hernandez
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Alvaro was the national coordinator of the Ricardo Aldape Guerra Defense Committee, which led the struggle to free Mexican national Aldape Guerra from Texas' death row after he was framed by Houston police. In addition, Alvaro spearheaded the National Movement of La Raza, Stop the Violence Youth Committee and the Prisoners Solidarity Committee in Houston. Alvaro was an NGO delegate before the United Nations Commission on Human Rights where he exposed the U.S. government's dismal human rights record and its human rights violations of U.S. political prisoners. On July 18, 1996, Sheriff Jack McDaniel of Alpine, Texas, attempted to assassinate Alvaro but was thwarted when Alvaro disarmed him. For this he was sentenced to 50 years in prison.

May 12th, 1956

William Phillips Africa
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William is one of the people who make up the MOVE 9. There are currently eight MOVE activists in prison, each serving 100 years after being framed for the murder of a cop in 1979. The 9th defendant, Merle Africa, died in prison in 1998. MOVE is an eco-revolutionary group dedicated to liberation struggles.

May 21, 1947

Mondo We Langa
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Ed Poindexter and Mondo We Langa (formerly David Rice) are incarcerated serving life sentences for the 1971 bombing death of an Omaha policeman. Both maintain their innocence. So much evidence has come to light since their convictions to corroborate their story that Amnesty International and the Lincoln NAACP have called for their release, or for a new trial. Mondo We Langa was a known member of the NCCF (National Committee to Combat Fascism). This group consisted of Black Panther members that were working to protect the black community from police brutality.
Address envelope to David Rice and address card to Mondo We Langa.

May 22, 1942

Ted Kaczynski
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Sentenced to multiple lifetimes in prison for the "Unabomber" bombing attacks, which were primarily against corporate executives, lobbyists and academic architects for the techno-industrial empire. (Check out volume two of the 30th Anniversary Issue of the Earth First! Journal for an in depth article on Ted Kaczynski: earthfirstjournal.org)

May 27, 1945

Norberto Gonzalez Claudio
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prolibertadweb.com

The authorities allege Norberto Gonzalez Claudio took part in the \$7 million robbery of an armored car depot in West Hartford, Connecticut in 1983 to help fund the Puerto Rican independence movement. Norberto had been living underground for over 25 years until his capture in 2011.

May 31, 1969

Bomani Shakur
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In April of 1993 hundreds of prisoners at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility took control of one of the facility's wings for 11 days before it was forcibly taken back over. The rebellion was composed of a temporarily united front of prisoners across racial, religious, and gang divisions that produced 21 demands centered on basic human rights. During the uprising several prisoner informants and a guard were killed. Bomani is accused of ordering the deaths of five inmates during the uprising and is now on death row.
Address envelope to Kieth Lamar and address card to Bomani Shakur

May 31, 1985

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Douglas and four others were arrested on May 1st, 2012 and accused of plotting a series of bombings, including of an area bridge. The FBI, working with an informant, created the scheme, produced the explosives, and coerced them into participating.