Opening Event

featuring

Congresswoman
Cynthia McKinney

Georgia congresswoman recently returned to office in a ringing vindication of her outspoken opposition to U.S. torture and human rights abuses

Rima Chaudry and Others
Spoken Word, Music and More

Friday, April 22
6:00–9:00 pm

St. Joseph the Worker Church
1640 Addison St., Berkeley, CA

$5–$100 sliding scale, no one turned away

Working Conference

Saturday, April 23
8:30 am–9:00 pm
U.C. Berkeley, Dwinelle Hall

Conference details on the reverse
Directions on website
Torture, illegal detention and other human rights abuses have always been weapons used by the United States government to crush dissent and social justice movements. Today, the criminalization of people of color in the US, mass detention and deportation of Arabs, Muslims and immigrants, and ongoing torture in Guantanamo, Abu Ghraib, Afghanistan, and in US prisons are evidence of a terrifying escalation in US repression both at home and abroad.

What can we do? Our strength lies in building on the experiences of those who resist: here in the US, in Latin America, Palestine, the Philippines, Haiti, Cuba, and in countless communities throughout the world. The International Human Rights Initiative was conceived by a strong diverse coalition, including US political prisoners, to help unite the emerging global resistance movement.

Conference Goals
This is a conference for organizers, activists and members of the community to strategize and coordinate resistance to U.S. Government policies that violate human rights and international law. Activists will share their current work, experiences and strategies, and interactive working sessions will develop proposals for joint work which will be refined into a campaign plan.

The priorities of the conference are:
1. Develop strategic plans and launch an international campaign to stop the U.S. and its agents' use of torture, detention, grand juries, immigration raids, and other human rights abuses.
2. Document these violations of human rights, domestic and international law in order to pursue redress in domestic and international forums.
3. Organize an International Day of Solidarity to demand freedom for political prisoners, within and outside the U.S.
4. Share resources and strengthen relationships among local, national and international organizations.

Focus Areas
The conference program is divided into three broad areas of focus and analysis. Each is a key component of the workings of U.S. empire and provides a focus for linking movements within and outside the U.S. Our aim is to use the analysis of these focus areas to formulate concrete plans to unite domestic and international organizations in a successful anti-imperialist campaign.

1. The Criminalization of Resistance: Political Prisoners, Prisoners of War, and Systematic Torture
2. The Repression of Dissent: COINTELPRO, The Patriot Act, and Grand Juries

How You Can Participate
We want you (and your group, if you are part of one) to join in planning, publicizing, financing and putting on the conference, as well as building campaigns and networks growing out of the conference. Get in touch with us at the email address and phone number on the front.

Tax deductible contributions can be made to International Human Rights Initiative (IHRI)/Agape, and mailed to IHRI, P. O. Box 3585, Oakland CA 94609.

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