



**Combating the US Genocide  
Against Black, Brown, and Indigenous Peoples!**

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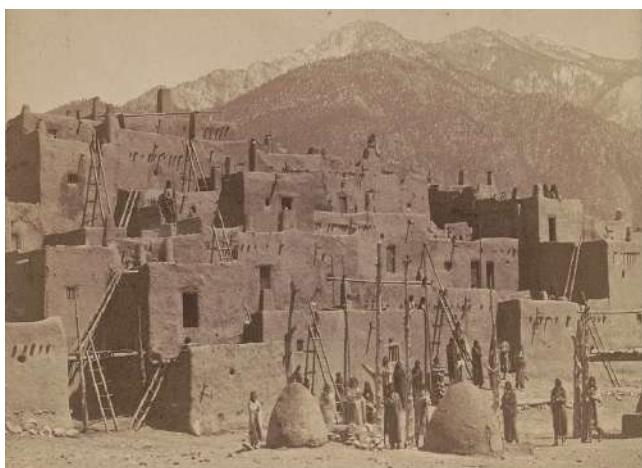


## Local and Regional Organizing:

### **May Events Launch Peoples' Senate Planning In Southwest**

by Tania Siddiqi and Matt Meyer

[Note—the May events reported here take place too late for us to cover them in this issue. Expect a fuller report in our next Peoples' Senate Newsletter.]



Cunningham & Co. (1880-1889), photographer, Library of Congress

Shortly following the successful completion of the October 2021 Tribunal on US human rights violations against Black, Brown, and Indigenous Peoples, Dallas-based law student Tania Siddiqi got in touch with the Spirit of Mandela leadership. Referred by Tribunal supporter Monica Moorehead, three-time presidential nominee of the Workers World Party, Siddiqi and colleagues in the Texas Abolitionist movement had an idea: convene a Tribunal along similar lines as SofM to bring together all the forces against the death penalty throughout the state. After several consultations, this idea grew into a program of integrated events that will take place in late May 2023, bringing together human rights organizers throughout the Southwest. The focus will be both

on death penalty and criminal justice issues and also on the ways in which US human rights abuses in the region have amounted to genocide both historically and in ongoing ways. These May 2023 events, which have already been preceded by several successful teach-ins in various cities, will amount to precursors for the building of the Peoples' Senate in the southwestern states of Texas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and elsewhere.

Although centered in Black liberation politics and cosponsored by Texas's Pan-African Connection and the S.H.A.P.E. (Self-Help for African People through Education) Community Center, the series of May events will include a diverse range of participants and presenters. Initiated by the Texas Death Penalty Abolition Movement and featuring local and national former political prisoners from the Black Panthers and others, also included are Rick Halperin, past chair of the Amnesty International USA Board of Directors and professor at Southern Methodist University; Andrew Torget, author of *Seeds of Empire: Cotton, Slavery, and the Texas Borderlands*; family members of Joe Campos Torres (a historic case of police killing); family members of current death row inmates; as well as Colorado immigrant rights activist Christina Zaldivar (who provided testimony at the 2021 Tribunal) and hopefully her recently-released husband. From outside the Southwest, presentations will be made by historian Gerald Horne, who will speak about lynchings, the Texas Rangers, “nativism,” and Reconstruction; Joy James, who will present on racial genocide; and SofM representatives Matt Meyer

and Jihad Abdulmumit.

The first day of May 2023 events will take place as part of S.H.A.P.E.'s 43rd annual Pan-African Cultural Festival. Locally referred

to as “the United Nations of the Hood,” S.H.A.P.E. feels like the perfect place to launch conversations about a People's Senate and beyond.

## **September 2023: International Gathering Planned in Puerto Rico**

by Luis Rosa and Matt Meyer



In September 2023, at the time of the historic 155th anniversary of the Puerto Rican *Grito de Lares*—the massive independence revolt against Spanish colonialism—contemporary decolonization leaders will host a historic international gathering, in conjunction with the Spirit of Mandela Coalition, the National Jericho Movement, and others. Former political prisoner Luis Rosa Pérez (along with his co-defendant Oscar López Rivera of the OLR Foundation and solidarity activist Matt Meyer of SofM and the International Peace Research Association) is arranging a multifaceted program of public events, strategy meetings, and an internal retreat. In addition to having major SofM leaders and BPP/BLA former political prisoners take part in the annual mobilizations in Lares, the convened grouping plans to hold an open-to-all event with 2021 Tribunal

Deputy Chief Jurist Wilma Reverón Collazo, to discuss the “guilty of genocide” conditions that still exist throughout the US empire and the ways in which a future Peoples' Senate can provide a “voice of the people” in opposition to ongoing genocide, colonialism, and human rights abuses.

As a representative of the newly renovated Casa Corretjer, Luis Rosa will bring the grouping to the birthplace of Puerto Rican national poet and militant Juan Antonio Corretjer in Ciales, as well as to “the people's house” environmental center in Adjuntas, to the Afro-Puerto Rican centers of Loiza, to the Taino Indigenous ceremonial center in Utuado, along with many key places in San Juan and Aguadilla.

A reunion of the Puerto Rican former political prisoners is expected to be part of this special regional/international gathering.

## **Struggle Against “Cop City” in Atlanta**

**by Jihad Abdulmumit**

When we look at the \$90 million training center that the Atlanta Police Department plans to build to train cops in militarized urban warfare, we see the steady building of infrastructure to oppress and control Black, Brown, and Indigenous people. Protesters were arrested and charged with domestic terrorism. This demonstrates that there is a state effort to deter, demoralize, and destroy movements and rights to protest in our so-called “democratic” country. The majority of protesters so-charged were not people of color, which illustrates the historic fact that there is zero tolerance for any and all challenges to the state in its intentional drive to militarize its oppressive power over the people. What will be tolerated and even supported is white supremacists storming the Capitol, causing six deaths; the bold defense of perpetrators by racist congresspeople and senators; and not charging those culprits with domestic terrorism.

International law affirms that the crime of genocide may take place in the context of an armed conflict, but also in more peaceful times. To constitute genocide, there must be a proven intent on the part of perpetrators to physically destroy a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group, in whole or in part, mentally and/or physically.

In the United States, the crime of genocide has been actively perpetrated since the 1600s and is today quite normalized and invisibilized in the



Photo by Tatsoi/Wikimedia Commons

psyche and minds of the people. The historical record is clear and intentional toward Black, Brown, and Indigenous people in the USA.

Those detained for protesting Cop City must be supported and any state efforts to maintain systems of genocide, including the state effort to build a militarized police training center, must be defeated!



Photo by Tyler Lahti/Wikimedia Commons

## **Jalil Muntaqim Speaks in Buffalo Promotes Peoples' Senate**

Report provided by *Buffalo Forum*

Jalil Muntaqim, lifetime organizer and 50 years a political prisoner, spoke recently in Buffalo, New York. He outlined his own experiences as a political prisoner, captured as part of the government attacks on the Black Panthers. He brought out that the Black Panthers stood for self-defense and a striving for Black Power and liberation. He gave many examples of the brutality of the government's COINTELPRO program to disrupt resistance and its legacy of torture, including his own two years in solitary confinement. The injustice and racism of the current system were also addressed. The San Francisco 8, for example, were rounded up and charged and held for two



jurists found the US guilty of genocide against Black, Brown, and Indigenous peoples. Organized by the Spirit of Mandela Coalition, 30 witnesses and many documents spoke to the US crime of genocide, with the Tribunal a means to hold the government to account. He gave examples of US genocide, such as the intentional killings of Black people, mass incarceration, sterilization of women, and more. He brought out outstanding women organizers like Fannie Lou Hamer, demanding representation of Black people in the political process, and Black Panther Safiya Bukhari who organized to defend political prisoners.



years with no evidence for an event that occurred 30 years previously. This attack, like others, was meant to intimidate leading organizers and, instead, brought forward more organizing within the prison walls.

Jalil addressed the importance of the recent International Tribunal, where nine international

Twenty-five to thirty attended the meeting, mostly from Buffalo's Black community. Many responded positively when Jalil encouraged them to join the work of the Peoples' Senate—an effort to build an alternative system of governance and break with the existing genocidal institutions—by signing up to participate in future activities. Jalil called on all to be abolitionists, emancipators, and liberators, standing up to all the institutions that degrade and dehumanize peoples. The audience appreciated his lifelong determination and spirit of love for the people.

**How to get involved in the Peoples' Senate in your region:** If you would like to get involved in work to help build the Peoples' Senate in your region or local area, please fill out the form at [tinyurl.com/PS-form](https://tinyurl.com/PS-form). We will get in touch with all who submit their completed forms.



Kevin "Rashid" Johnson: "We Still Charge Genocide"

## **Editorial:**

### **Build the Peoples' Senate, Build an Alternative Power**

From the kidnapping and forced enslavement of Afrikan people, the violent white mobs opposed to the Civil War, the implementation of post-Reconstruction Black Codes, the wanton and unpunished destruction of self-sustaining Black communities—even whole towns—in places like Tulsa, Oklahoma; Elaine, Arkansas; and Wilmington, North Carolina; the lynchings of Jim/Jane Crow Apartheid, the violent law enforcement attacks on Black revolutionaries during the 1960s and '70s, the so-called "War on Drugs" with its mass imprisonment of Black youth, the rape of Black women and girls as a weapon of white supremacy and male supremacy, to the rampant police murders of the present day, the USA has consistently engaged in genocide against this nation of colonized peoples.

The original inhabitants and protectors of this land, called "Turtle Island" by some indigenous people, have suffered intense wars of attempted annihilation. The US government imposed the "Trail of Tears"; engaged in the theft of native land; paid cash rewards for the scalps of murdered Indigenous men, women, and children; forcibly placed children into abusive missionary schools to alienate them from their own languages, histories,

ways of life.

The brutal colonization of Puerto Rico which included the forced sterilization of one-third of its female population over several decades starting in the 1930s, the systematic treatment of Puerto Ricans on the mainland and individuals of Mexican extraction in the Southwest as second-class citizens, the exploitation of undocumented workers, and the criminalization of immigrants from Latin America is all of the same piece.

To combat this genocide, an International Tribunal was held in October 2021 at which the USA was charged with and found guilty of five counts of genocide against Black, Brown, and Indigenous peoples. See this link:

[tribunal2021.com](https://tribunal2021.com).

To combat this genocide, the Spirit of Mandela Coalition, which sponsored the International Tribunal, subsequently launched the Peoples' Senate project with a goal of helping us to build and unite all of the current struggles taking place in every corner of the USA. We urge readers of this newsletter to follow the development of the Peoples' Senate and to enlist as active participants in its work.

**Commentary:**

**A Question for Anti-Imperialists in Corporate America:  
Are You a Foreign Agent?**

By Jalil Muntaqim

As the US imperialist corporate government comes under increasing opposition to its policing the world in the interest of US corporations and billionaires, will this government continue to apply the “Foreign Agents Registration Act” (FARA) against those inside the US opposing US imperialism? Will those who oppose US imperialism be charged with being agents of the foreign country or state the US has colonized or seeks to subvert, if not destroy, for failing to fall under the authority of the US corporate government?

'Foreign Agents' Accusations to Repress Black Liberation Organizers” 4/25/23)

The recent indictment against the Afrikan Peoples Socialist Party (APSP) leaders is a clear indication that the US corporate government will employ every means available to them to deny or squelch any and all criticism, dissent, and opposition to its fraudulent, self-imposed “exceptionalism,” its plan to police the world for its own corporate interests. FARA is reminiscent of the US corporate government’s employment of the infamous reactionary Counter Intelligence Program (COINTELPRO) to destroy the Black Panther Party and other revolutionary groups throughout the 1960s and ’70s, a practice we cannot state has ceased but one that has transformed itself into a myriad of efforts to repress, suppress, and ultimately to destroy any opposition to US imperialism.

Residents of North America have been told it is their inherent right to speak out against their government, to assemble against their government, to essentially challenge their government when it is believed that it is not functioning in the best interests of the people.

However (history has repeatedly informed us) especially Black, Brown and Indigenous people, when they speak out and assemble in protests of the government’s inhumane, racist, and exploitative practices, are subjecting themselves to being imprisoned, exiled, or “neutralized” as stated in the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI’s) COINTELPRO directives. For example, the FBI issued a Black Identity Extremist document on the Black Lives Matter tendency. To declare yourself “Black” and “to matter” was deemed to be in violation of US laws; or when, in 1951, the US



Hamza, “Panther”

FARA applies to all individuals or organizations that operate or act “at the order, request, or under the direction or control” of a foreign individual, government, or organization, or “whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized,” at least in part, by such a foreign entity. In addition, FARA imposes a penalty of up to five years imprisonment for failing to register, or six months imprisonment for violating the Act’s other requirements. (*The Nation*: “The DOJ Is Using

corporate government prevented Paul Robeson from leaving the country to submit a petition to the United Nations declaring that the US had been practicing a racial policy that is tantamount to genocide against Black people.

So, what should we do? Perhaps it would be to our overall advantage for all of us to declare being foreign agents of all countries and nation-states the US corporate government seeks to exploit, colonize, or destroy if they fail to buckle under to US imperialism. Should I declare myself a foreign agent because I want the end of the embargo on Cuba, Venezuela, and Nicaragua; because I want the end of oppression/repression of the Palestinian people; because I want the end of NATO encroachment on Russia; or because I

want the complete abolition of white supremacy and capitalist imperialism? If I should assert a non-aligned status to US corporate imperialism, of what foreign government should I declare myself a foreign agent?

The bogus charge against APSP leaders and supporters is a shot-over-the-bow, informing all those in opposition to US imperialism that it may be best to declare yourselves as foreign agents. I know I find white supremacy, capitalist-imperialism, colonialism, and neo-colonialism to be foreign to my sense of humanity. Perhaps I should become a foreign agent of GOD! But that is just me!

Drop the Charges against the Uhuru Movement, APSP, and their supporters!

### **Poem:**

## **Letter to My Father**

**by Martín Espada**

You once said: *My reward for this life will be a thousand pounds of dirt shoveled in my face.* You were wrong. You are seven pounds of ashes in a box, a Puerto Rican flag wrapped around you, next to a red brick from the house in Utuado where you were born, all crammed together on my bookshelf. You taught me there is no God, no life after this life, so I know you are not watching me type this letter over my shoulder.

When I was a boy, you were God. I watched from the seventh floor of the projects as you walked down into the street to stop a public execution. A big man caught a small man stealing his car, and everyone in Brooklyn heard the car alarm wail of the condemned: *He's killing me.* At a word from you, the executioner's hand slipped from the hair of the thief. *The kid was high,* was all you said when you came back to us.

When I was a boy, and you were God, we flew to Puerto Rico. You said: *My grandfather was the mayor of Utuado. His name was Buenaventura. That means good fortune.* I believed in your grandfather's name. I heard the tree frogs chanting to each other all night. I saw banana leaf and elephant palm sprouting from the mountain's belly. I gnawed the mango's pit, and the sweet yellow hair stuck between my teeth. I said to you: *You came from another planet. How did you do it?* You said: *Every morning, just before I woke up, I saw the mountains.*



Every morning, I see the mountains. In Utuado, three sisters, all in their seventies, all bedridden, all Pentecostales who only left the house for church, lay sleeping on mattresses spread across the floor when the hurricane gutted the mountain the way a butcher slices open a dangled pig, and a rolling wall of mud buried them, leaving the fourth sister to stagger into the street, screaming like an unheeded prophet about the end of the world. In Utuado, a man who cultivated a garden of aguacate and carambola, feeding the avocado and star fruit to his nieces from New York, saw the trees in his garden beheaded all at once like the soldiers of a beaten army, and so hanged himself. In Utuado, a welder and a handyman rigged a pulley with a shopping cart to ferry rice and beans across the river where the bridge collapsed, witnessed the cart swaying above so many hands, then raised a sign that told the helicopters: *Campamento los Olvidados: Camp of the Forgotten*.

Los olvidados wait seven hours in line for a government meal of Skittles and Vienna sausage, or a tarp to cover the bones of a house with no roof, as the fungus grows on their skin from sleeping on mattresses drenched with the spit of the hurricane. They drink the brown water, waiting for microscopic monsters in their bellies to visit plagues upon them. A nurse says: *These people are going to have an epidemic. These people are going to die*. The president flips rolls of paper towels to a crowd at a church in Guaynabo, Zeus lobbing thunderbolts on the locked ward of his delusions. Down the block, cousin Ricardo, Bernice's boy, says that somebody stole his can of diesel. I heard somebody ask you once what Puerto Rico needed to be free. And you said: *Tres pulgadas de sangre en la calle: Three inches of blood in the street*. Now, three inches of mud flow through the streets of Utuado, and troops patrol the town, as if guarding the vein of copper in the ground, as if a shovel digging graves in the back yard might strike the ore below, as if la brigada swinging machetes to clear the road might remember the last uprising.

I know you are not God. I have the proof: seven pounds of ashes in a box on my bookshelf. Gods do not die, and yet I want you to be God again. Stride from the crowd to seize the president's arm before another roll of paper towels sails away. Thunder Spanish obscenities in his face. Banish him to a roofless rainstorm in Utuado, so he unravels, one soaked sheet after another, till there is nothing left but his cardboard heart.

I promised myself I would stop talking to you, white box of grey grit. You were deaf even before you died. Hear my promise now: I will take you to the mountains, where houses lost like ships at sea rise blue and yellow from the mud. I will open my hands. I will scatter your ashes in Utuado.

**Spotlight:**

## **Attack on Tennessee Black Legislators Only Tip of the Iceberg**

**By Ashaki Binta**

The blatant racist and arrogant vote on April 6, 2023, to remove Representatives Justin Jones and Justin Pearson, two young, Black, lawfully elected members of the Tennessee State House of Representatives by the majority-white state legislature was not only an act of white supremacy but also a signal to local governing bodies that right-wing state governments across the US are prepared to openly repress and assail the interests of Black, Brown, Indigenous, and poor people without regard to democracy.

While Representatives Jones and Pearson were temporarily reappointed to their elected positions a few days after their expulsion, they now face special elections to be fully made whole. Restoring their lawfully elected posts followed mass protest and pressure from below to overcome the unjustified assault on the people's democratic rights to demand policy changes, to protest at their state capitol, and to challenge entrenched power.

This open assault on the democratic rights of people and communities trying to find answers to the growing violence and mass murders that have become hallmarks of national life in this country has a much deeper significance than just the struggle between Republicans and Democrats over national gun policy.

The far right and/or fascist elements now controlling many state governments have been systematically laying the groundwork to remove the power of local governments to control local policies. This is not only being done through gerrymandering and voting rights restrictions, but also through what has been termed “state pre-

emption” over local governments, local laws, and local government institutions such as airports, school systems, libraries, and other public agencies that provide services.



Justin Jones and Justin Pearson,  
two expelled Tennessee legislators

Black communities and Black political power are disproportionately impacted by these growing “preemption” policies. “State Preemption” is really the aggressive extension of “states' rights,” sanctioned historically to justify slavery and used today for the elimination of reproductive health and other rights. Moreover, “state preemption” is being used to mount attacks against sanctuary cities for immigrants, for example, and to attack the sovereignty of Indigenous nations inside the US. Additionally, it is being used to enact draconian economic and social policies in states against health care expansion, higher minimum wages, etc.

The *Peoples' Senate Newsletter* will continue to study, analyze, and expose these threatening trends as we persevere in the fight against fascism and genocide.

## **Indigenous Peoples Succeeding in Securing Return of Ancestor Remains**

**by Kathleen Chandler**

Determined and persistent struggle by Indigenous peoples for decades has meant that US museums, universities, and federal agencies are finally returning the human remains of the ancestors of many Indigenous tribes. The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), a federal agency established in the 1930s, is the largest holder of such remains, more than 14,000 ancestors. Sacred burial grounds were inhumanely dug up and bones removed for dam construction in the region—with no consideration to the Indigenous peoples involved and their spiritual beliefs. The crimes are such that US senators are forced to admit that “for too long, Native ancestral remains and cultural items have been unconscionably denied their journey home by institutions, desecrated by scientific study, publicly displayed as specimens, left to collect dust on a shelf, or simply thrown in a box and forgotten in a museum storeroom.” Since 2011, TVA returned a total of 9,277 human remains and 119,630 associated funerary objects

and are now returning the last 4,871 ancestors.

The University of California-Berkeley, Harvard University, and Indiana University also hold Indigenous ancestors. Cornell University, which refused for nearly 60 years to return just three ancestors, recently did so. Dean Lyons, an Oneida Nation Turtle Clan member, spoke to his ancestors during a transfer ceremony at Cornell. “You will be back in Mother Earth. You will hear the waters again,” Lyons said. “You will hear the animals again. You will hear the thunders again. You will remain here undisturbed amongst your relations.”

In 1990 Indigenous demands secured a law—the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)—requiring the return of the ancestors. Instead, the holders refuse, under the guise that they cannot identify which tribe specific remains belong to. The Indigenous peoples have made clear that they can best make these determinations and all ancestors and objects must immediately be returned.

### **Joining the Peoples' Senate:**

Joining the Peoples' Senate is a formal, but easy process. You do not give up your autonomy or your organizing strategies. All that is required is that you print and fill out the “Peoples' Senate Membership Agreement” (PSMA) which you can find here:

[tinyurl.com/PS-agreement](https://tinyurl.com/PS-agreement)

Those who sign the PSMA “agree to work with other member organizations and individuals in upholding the Vision & Mission Statement of the Peoples' Senate.” Each signer “also agrees with and supports the political position and outcome of the 2021 International Tribunal which found the US guilty of five counts of genocide against Black, Brown, and Indigenous peoples, spe-

cifically: 1) 'Police Racism and Violence' 2) 'Mass Hyper-Incarceration' 3) 'Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War' 4) 'Environmental Racism' and 5) 'Public Health Inequities.' ”

The Peoples' Senate is a multiracial, inter-generational coalition that is open to all Black, Brown, Indigenous individuals, organizers, activists, organizations, groups, and allies. Organizations are asked to have two representatives sign their PSMA. Individuals may also sign. Completed PSMA's should be scanned and emailed to:

[peoplessenate@spiritofmandela.org](mailto:peoplessenate@spiritofmandela.org)

as an attachment. Once approved, the PSMA will be signed by one or two Peoples' Senate organizers and returned via email.

## **Letters from the Peoples' Senate Community:**

Since this is the first issue of our *Peoples' Senate Newsletter*, we have no letters from readers. We invite you to submit your thoughts about this issue of the newsletter and/or about the Peoples' Senate project for publication in future editions.

We may not publish all letters received, but all letters will be reviewed and considered by the Peoples' Senate Organizing Committee. Submit your letter to: [PSnewsletter@spiritofmandela.org](mailto:PSnewsletter@spiritofmandela.org)

### **Calendar of Events:**

- May 27-29, **Southwest regional events**, Texas, various cities. Go to [texaspeopletribunal.com/](http://texaspeopletribunal.com/) for more information.
- Saturday, June 17, Noon Eastern Time: **National Peoples' Senate organizing meeting via ZOOM**. If you received this newsletter directly from [peoplessenate@spiritofmandela.org](mailto:peoplessenate@spiritofmandela.org), we have your email address and you will receive the ZOOM invite. If you received this newsletter from another source, email [peoplessenate@spiritofmandela.org](mailto:peoplessenate@spiritofmandela.org) to request the Zoom invite for June 17.
- July 7-9, **Northeast regional events**, New York City, plans still in formation. Look for more information at [spiritofmandela.org/peoples-senate](http://spiritofmandela.org/peoples-senate).
- September 22-25, **Puerto Rico**, various cities, plans still in formation.

### **Links and Resources:**

Spirit of Mandela webpage: [spiritofmandela.org](http://spiritofmandela.org)

Peoples' Senate webpage: [spiritofmandela.org/peoples-senate](http://spiritofmandela.org/peoples-senate)

October 2021 International Tribunal verdict and information: [tribunal2021.com](http://tribunal2021.com)

Peoples' Senate Webinar video (February 18, 2023): [youtu.be/c0bXzBFbYIg](https://youtu.be/c0bXzBFbYIg)

***Please share the Peoples' Senate Newsletter with your organization  
and circulate it widely to your friends and comrades.***

The goal of this publication is to be an organizing tool to aid in building the Peoples' Senate and other kinds of coalitions or projects on a national, regional, and local level. As we launch our first issue, we are projecting a quarterly publication schedule. We invite members and supporters of the Peoples' Senate to submit articles (with photos if possible), poetry, artwork, thoughts, etc., to help establish a clearer understanding of the organizing being done in particular regions, strengthen our coalitions and our resolve to struggle against genocide, and strategize about next steps. Please email your submissions to [PSnewsletter@spiritofmandela.org](mailto:PSnewsletter@spiritofmandela.org).

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