



In 1971, a police officer was killed in San Francisco and two years later, 13 “Black militants” were arrested in New Orleans; several of them were tortured in order to extract forced confessions. The torture methods included severe beatings while naked, electric shocks on the body (including genitals), waterboarding, boiling water soaked wool blankets placed on the body, urinating and defecating on the detainees, and more. Despite having obtained confessions from their victims, the prosecution had their case dismissed because of their misconduct and their victims were released. In 2005, Homeland Security provided the funding and demanded that this case be reopened and the individuals being charged have become known as the San Francisco 8 (www.freethesf8.org). They have spent the last three years defending themselves and developing a support base. They started in DC in December ’05 and will be back in December ’08. We welcome them and we call upon all peoples of conscience to come out and support them, encourage others to do the same, and take a position on political prisoners. These freedom fighters are being attacked in order to send a message to us all that any manifestations of self-determination will not be tolerated. We need to respond to this challenge resolutely and firmly. **HANDS OFF THE SAN FRANCISCO 8!!!**

INTERNATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY DAY

Thursday December 4, Howard Univ., Blackburn Center ~ Digital Auditorium, 1-3pm, ‘Legacy of Torture’ film showing and discussion with 5 of the SF8 and their attorney (Harvard Law School Professor) Soffiya Elijah.

Friday December 5, Peoples’ MEDIA Center 4132 Georgia Ave, 6-8pm Friendraiser/Fundraiser: Join us as we honor the SF8 and raise funds and friends for their defense. DJ Soyo will be spinning and food will be available. [sug. donation \$5]

Saturday December 6, Black Memorabilia Show at the Black Panther Party Exhibit (Wash. Conv. Ctr.), 4-7pm. Members of the SF8 will be available to discuss their case and history.

Saturday December 6, Busboys and Poets (5th & K sts), 6-8pm, ‘Legacy of Torture’ film showing and ‘Let Freedom Ring’ book showcase and signing with discussion featuring members of the SF8 with Soffiya Elijah and Naji Mujahid & Ryme Katkhouda of the DC Radio Co-op.

Sponsored by the Black August Planning Organization of DC, FTP (For The People) Movement, Prisoners of Conscience Committee (POCC), S.A.L.S.A, Peoples’ MEDIA Center, Students for a Democratic Society, Jericho Amnesty Movement – UDC, Howard University Student Association (HUSA), Malcolm X Grassroots Movement (DC chapter), Campaign to Free Troy Davis.

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