August 9, 2015 marked one year since the violently racist and brutal murder of Michael Brown by Ferguson, Missouri police officer Darrin Wilson. It also marks the beginning of a concerted movement by Blacks/New Afrikans, people of color, youth, students, workers, LGBTQ and ALL affected and concerned people to challenge and change the criminal justice system regarding police brutality and terror against civilians, especially people of color.

August 9, 2015 also marked the opening day of the national conference of the Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.), a union and lobbying group for police officers throughout the United States.

Founded in Pittsburgh, Pa. in 1915, the F.O.P. has developed into a police union and lobby apparatus which historically comes out in support of racist, violent police actions against civilians.

On August 9th over two-hundred (200) people gathered on Freedom Corner & St. Benedict the Moor Church to rally and march against the FOP conventioneers, commemorate the police murder of Mike Brown and demand police accountability.

Khalid Raheem: Candidate for County Council

Khalid Raheem, founder and Chairman of the NAIP is now an official candidate for Allegheny County council. Raheem will campaign for election to the county council as representative of District 13.

The district includes several neighborhoods and communities including downtown Pittsburgh, Northside, portions of the Southside, Lawrenceville, and the borough of Bellevue.

Raheem will campaign concerning issues such as chronic Black unemployment, police-brutality, affordable housing, school-closings, neighborhood violence and mass incarceration.
Oftentimes, people use the words and terms ‘racism’ and ‘white-supremacy’ interchangeably as if they are one and the same.

Some Blacks/New Afrikans even assert that Blacks could never be racist, because they don’t have any power over whites or control institutions within American society. We disagree:

**CAN BLACK PEOPLE BE RACIST??**

The NAIP defines **racism** as an attitude, belief and behavioral predisposition based on notions of racial superiority and/or inferiority.

**White-supremacy** on the other hand are systems, structures and institutions which give legitimacy and power to those ideals, ideas and practices. White-supremacy gives power to the racism of whites.

Our primary focus is to **dismantle** white-supremacy as opposed to waging a live-long struggle to change individual attitudes or predispositions.

**INSIDE THE BELLY OF THE BEAST**

It is very important for us to support political prisoners throughout the American gulag as we advance our movement for Black/New Afrikan freedom and self/group determination. We must support not only the well known radical and revolutionary activist, but those recently politicized and socially conscious prisoners as well. Recently it has come to our attention that several NAIP members incarcerated in the Texas correctional system are being targeted and prevented from receiving NAIP literature including a standard ‘Welcome Letter’ for new members. Prison officials have designated such correspondence as a security threat in an effort to prevent our incarcerated members from being politicized and further introduced to the New Afrikan Independence Party. We can’t help but wonder if such prohibitions would also apply to literature being distributed by either the Democrat or Republican parties.

**REMEMBERING**

HUGO ‘YOGI’PINELL
“REST IN PEACE”

**Mumia Abu-Jamal**

CALL the PA Department of Corrections and Mumia’s prison - starting now. Here’s the message:

- Stop Any Retaliatory Transfer!
- Treat-to-Cure Mumia’s Hepatitis C Now!

Phone in both of these demands to:

John Wetzel, Secretary of Corrections, Pennsylvania
Phone: (717) 728-2573

John Kerestes, Superintendent, SCI-Mahanoy Prison
CALL FOR WRITERS, CORRESPONDENTS, POETS, PHOTOGRAPHERS

all members and supporters with talent, skills and interest to help us build and develop our newsletter.

If you consider yourself an essayist, someone who has a perspective you are willing to share with the public; a correspondent who is willing to report on news events and happenings in your city, county and/or state: a photographer or videographer who enjoys capturing the moments digitally—we are calling on you!

All submissions may be subject to some type of editing and become the property of ‘New Afrikan Panther’, unless otherwise noted.

In order to be considered and entered into the following month’s edition, please submit your items by the 25th of the month.

Send your essays, stories, poetry, photos and videos to: newafrikanpanther@newafrikan.org

SUPPORT BRO. DHORUBA BIN WAHAD

On August 8, 2015, Black Panther Party (BPP) leader and former political prisoner, Dhoruba Bin Wahad was viciously attacked by members of the New Black Panther Party on the orders of former NBPP chairman Malik Zulu Shabazz.

This incident occurred in Atlanta, Georgia at a conference when Dhoruba, Kalonji Changa and other activists attempted to engage Malik Zulu Shabazz regarding allegations about his questionable media relationships.

The group was brutally attacked with Bro. Dhoruba suffering serious injuries, including a broken jaw in three places, hospitalization and surgery.

The NAIP deplores and condemns such violence, particularly that which targets brothers and sisters like veteran revolutionary activist Dhoruba Bin Wahad.

We stand firmly on the side of justice and principled unity.

Support the Medical Fund for Brother Dhoruba:
http://www.gofundme.com/g82ac2ss

COMMEMORATING ‘BLACK AUGUST’

- The first Afrikins were brought to Jamestown as slaves in August of 1619.
- Gabriel Prosser’s slave rebellion occurred on August 30th, 1800.
- The “Prophet” Nat Turner planned and executed a slave rebellion that commenced on August 21, 1831.
- In 1843, Henry Highland Garnett called a general slave strike on August 22.
- The Underground Railroad was started on August 2, 1850.
- The March on Washington occurred in August of 1963.
- The Watts rebellions were in August of 1965.
- On August 18, 1971 the Provisional Government of the Republic of New Afrika (RNA) was raided by Mississippi police and FBI agents. (info. courtesy of black august hip-hop proj.)
THE TIME IS NOW:

During the last fifty years, the Democrat and Republican parties have failed to address and remedy the systemic and structural inequalities that impact the lives of Black/New Afrikan people. Both the Democratic and Republican leadership avoid and/or marginalize serious national discussion regarding dismantling White supremacy, institutional racism and the plight of Blacks/New Afrikans, especially the urban poor and working class.

The New Afrikan Independence Party (NAIP) is committed to the pursuit of social justice, human rights and self/group determination for Black/New Afrikan people. We call for a revolutionary and radical reconstruction of the economic, political and social structures and institutions that impact our lives.

The NAIP will embrace the best ideals, ideas and practices of the Civil Rights, Black Power, Black Liberation, Pan-Africanist and other movements for independence and self/group determination.

The NAIP will also embrace the best ideals and practices of contemporary activists, organizers and movements for social change and radical reconstruction.

MAJOR INFLUENCES

- Marcus Garvey
- Malcolm X
- SNCC
- BLACK PANTHER PARTY
- REPUBLIC OF NEW AFRIKA
LETTER TO U.S. ATTORNEY LORETTA LYNCH

August 20th, 2015

Loretta Lynch, Attorney General of the United States

U.S. Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

To: The Honorable Loretta Lynch, Attorney General of the United States

The following is in response to your recent visit to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on August 10, 2015 as part of your tour in promoting the National initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice.

As I’m sure you know, August 9th, 2015 was not only the opening day for the centennial conference of the Fraternal Order of Police, it was also the one year anniversary of the murder of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri at the hands of police officer Darrin Wilson.

The death of Mike Brown, the police-involved deaths of Eric Gardner, Freddie Gray, 12 year old Tamir Rice, Rekia Boyd, Sandra Bland and 7 year old Aiyana Jones highlight the conflict between the rhetoric of ‘protect and serve’ versus the social reality of countless community residents throughout the United States.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania residents have fared no better: the police beating of unarmed student Jordan Miles; the shooting and paralysis of unarmed teenager Leon Ford, Jr.; numerous instances of police brutality and misconduct in which officers are routinely never charged with commission of a crime, let alone convicted of one.

A common denominator in many of these police involved deaths is race. A disproportionate number of those beaten, maimed and killed have been Black/New Afrikan.

Against this historic and contemporary backdrop we propose ‘Community-Control of the Police’ as a long-term and structural remedy to this situation. Under this proposal, police would come from the neighborhoods and communities they serve and be drawn from its demographic.

The community would have an active and decisive role in issues such as use of excessive force, data-collection, data-analysis and officer discipline.

As we pursue the ideal goal of ‘Community-Control of the Police’, the National Mobilization Against Police Brutality & the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) also propose the following interim reforms:

- Mandatory cultural sensitivity training for all new and veteran police officers.
- Intense psychological evaluations for all officers, especially those returning from military service.
- Legislation creating a National Civilian-Police Review Board.
- Universal drug-testing for any police officer who discharges his/her weapon while in the performance of duty.
- Mandatory reporting for all stop, frisk, arrest and/or civilian confrontations.
- Mandatory body-cameras for all police officers.
- Mandatory dash-board cameras for all police vehicles, including transport vans.

In your capacity as the Attorney General of the United States, we call upon you to enforce the laws and safeguard the life and liberties of all U.S. citizens and residents from police brutality, excessive force and murder.

No one, not even police officers and/or members of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) should be exempt from accountability and prosecution regarding criminal misconduct.

Sincerely,

National Mobilization Against Police Brutality and the FOP

Khalid Raheem, Convener

Cc: David Hickton, U.S. Attorney for Western Pennsylvania; Rich Fitzgerald, Chief Executive, Allegheny County; Mayor Bill Peduto, Chief of Pittsburgh Police Cameron McLay; National and Pittsburgh FOP Presidents;
For the last few weeks, billionaire capitalist and real-estate developer Donald Trump has emerged as the front-runner among the numerous republicans seeking the presidential nomination of 2016. Despite disparaging and racist comments regarding Mexicans and migrant workers, which resulted in numerous cancelations of endorsements and media partnerships, Trump has weathered the storm and continues to enjoy unprecedented support among masses of whites. Some political pundits thought that his more recent inflammatory confrontation with FOX TV host Megyn Kelly would deeply alienate him from women voters. However, Trump appears to be as strong as ever before. With his message of ‘making America great again’ and ‘taking back our country’, Donald Trump continues to play to the fears and anxieties of many among middle and working-class whites who have been impacted by recent global financial crisis as well as the recent uprisings by Blacks/New Afrikans demanding justice and police accountability. Trump’s political ascendency could very well signal the development of a prelude to the emergence of classic fascism (merger of right-wing politicians, white-nationalist and major corporations) here within the United States.

Over the last two years black lives matter has developed into more than just a hash-tag and rallying call for police accountability. It has become a burgeoning movement advocating and organizing for black freedom and liberation across the multiple spectrum representing the chronic crisis of being Black/New Afrikan in the United States. Led by Black people of various ideological perspectives, BLM has shaken the status quo civil-rights leadership with its focus on direct –action and civil disobedience. Presidential hopefuls from both the republican and democratic parties have taken notice, especially since candidates have been confronted by members of BLM during campaign appearances.

Unfortunately, we got off to a late start in terms of actual preparation and planting for the garden. This season doesn’t look too good, but we still have an opportunity to gather and organize tools, clear land and analyze and prepare soil for the next planting season. If you are interested in getting involved with ‘Freedom Garden,’ send your inquiries to: freedomgarden@newafrikan.org

However, BLM now finds itself being courted by the Democratic Party, no doubt, in an effort to co-opt the BLM message, energy and leadership. In response, BLM has insisted that it will not endorse or support ANY political party and real change will only occur in the streets. While we certainly understand and support BLM’s sentiments, we must state emphatically that conceding the area of electoral political struggle is a huge mistake. While attending the BLM conference in Cleveland, during a post-workshop conversation, I advised a small group that BLM should either form its own independent party or join the New Afrikan Independence Party (NAIP). But to do nothing regarding electoral political struggle except stage protest is strategically not smart.
Political Education and Community-Organizing classes are mandatory for all NAIP members.

Contact us if you would like to set up a Political Education and Community Organizing class in your area.

Currently we meet every Saturday from 11am-1pm in the Pittsburgh, Pa. area.

The NAIP provides over 10 modules which include the following:

- The Philosophy and Platform of the NAIP
- White Settler Nation: the Political Economy of the United States
- Electoral Politics and Black/New Afrikan Liberation
- Malcolm X to George Jackson

We also facilitate sessions on:

- Organizing to Stop Police Brutality & Terror
- The Impact of Mass Incarceration

Throughout the United States, many urban communities are experiencing chronic and episodic incidents of urban violence in the form of spousal, domestic and/or street-related (drugs, gangs, feuds) violence.

In most instances, such violence occurs within the backdrop of racism, white-supremacy, poverty, unemployment, failed schools, mass incarceration, and police misconduct. Weak and phony public officials, including those claiming to ‘represent the people’ have contributed to this social madness. Cities such as Chicago, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia are experiencing daily shootings and murders in unprecedented numbers.

Meanwhile, local politicians, in cahoots with corporations and developers continue to snatch-up the properties of marginalized, segregated and abandoned neighborhoods in order to make room for the mostly white-millennials. Full-blown gentrification.

NAIP position is clear: quality schools and education, good-paying jobs, safe and affordable housing and community control of the police will substantially reduce the violence.

STOP THE VIOLENCE.

October 10, 2015 Million Man March: 20th Anniversary ‘Justice or Else’

October 22, 2015 49th anniversary of the Black Panther Party (BPP)

September 12, 2015 Raheem for County Council:
Meet and Greet @Carnegie Library (Federal Street) 3pm-5pm
**Our National Platform:**

1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our New Afrikan/Black Community.
2. We want the complete dismantling and abolition of White-supremacy.
3. We want Reparations for Slavery, State Sanctioned Terrorism and Jim Crow.
4. We want Freedom for all Political Prisoners.
5. We want Proportional Political and Judicial Representation.
6. We want adoption and implementation of a King-Malcolm-Chavez Plan for jobs and economic development.
7. We want an end to the War on Drugs and Mass Incarceration.
8. We want General Amnesty for the Formerly Incarcerated and Convicted.
9. We want reform and restructuring of the educational system.
10. We want a National Civilian-Police Review Board & Community Control of the Police.
11. We want free universal health care.
12. We want clean air, clean water and healthy food for all.
13. We want safe and affordable housing.
14. We want universal debt relief for those making less than $250,000 per year.
15. We want land, food, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace. And, as our major political objective, a United Nations supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the New Afrikan/Black colony in which only New Afrikan/Black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of Black people as to their national destiny.

Khalid Raheem, Founder

February 21, 2012