

United National Antiwar Coalition Action Plan

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Political Goals, Objectives & Mission

The United National Antiwar Coalition (UNAC) opposes all U.S. wars, whether they be in the form of direct military intervention with troops on the ground, privatized death squad wars, drone wars on every continent, sanctions and embargo wars, U.S.-backed military coups, "humanitarian interventions," the U.S.-backed and -financed Israeli wars against the Palestinian people and the myriad of other modes of intervention and conquest that deny oppressed peoples the right to freedom and self-determination. We demand an end to it all: the war machine, the weapons of mass destruction, the trillions spent on advancing imperialist interests and the associated devastation perpetrated on poor and working people the world over. We demand: **U.S. Hands Off & Out Now – from the Middle East to Africa to Latin America to Iran, Ukraine & Beyond. Bring All the Troops Home Now & Disassemble Weapons of War! Trillions for Human Needs – Not One Penny for War!**

UNAC similarly opposes the ongoing and deepening wars against poor and working people at home, including the militarization of the police; the racist mass-incarceration criminal "justice" system; the war-profiteering military-industrial complex; the ever-privatized, for-profit and slave labor prison-industrial complex; the deepening racist attacks and mass deportation of immigrants; racist persecution of Muslim communities; vicious and virtually unpunished racist police murders of African-American, Latino and Native American peoples; massive ever-intensifying austerity – assaults on wages, massive cutbacks of social services, massive student debt, unending tuition hikes, deterioration and re-segregation of public education – union busting; the oppression, exploitation and brutality waged against women; the government-promoted homophobic attacks on the LGBT community; the fossil-fuel, war-induced global warming and associated looming climatic catastrophe; and the wholesale police-state-like surveillance measures that increasingly obliterate civil and democratic rights. The U.S. needs a national urban policy that promotes sustainability of human life, rather than the profits of finance capital.

The U.S. wars abroad and the wars at home are inseparable aspects of a society that requires the subordination of human needs to the private profit interests of the bailed-out and enriched (at public expense) banks, corporations and multibillionaire elite. We hail the emergence of new anti-racist and working-class forces that have demonstrated vibrant leadership capacities, from Black Lives Matter and the myriad of other anti-racist fighters to the ever-resurgent Palestinian community mobilizations against the Israeli slaughter of Palestinians to the recent International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 10 work stoppage in solidarity with their Black and Brown sisters and brothers who have been the prime victims of rampant police brutality and murder.

Our method of struggle looks to the broad mass of working people and their allies as the primary agency of social change. The history of all social movement victories is a history of the

unification of the working masses and oppressed to advance their own needs and interests. UNAC strives to advance the unity of the antiwar and social justice movements in united, independent, inclusive and democratically planned mass actions to demonstrate the power of the working masses and achieve fundamental social and political change. We support a broad range of actions, including nonviolent direct action, lobbying and petitioning and we stand in solidarity with community resistance and rebellion against race and class oppression.

Actions initiated and endorsed by UNAC

UNAC INITIATED ACTIONS

- **October 4-10, 2015, National:** UNAC will initiate and collaborate with all interested organizations and groups in organizing a week of united and broadly sponsored local and regional activities (rallies, marches, teach-ins, vigils, etc.) to advance the above goals and objectives during the week of Oct. 4-10 and culminating on Saturday, Oct. 10. This time period corresponds to the beginning of the now-14-year-old U.S. war against Afghanistan, which with the U.S. wars in Iraq, Libya and so many other countries have caused enormous suffering abroad while draining this country of the resources critically needed to address problems here at home. In this effort we welcome the emerging and critical layers of youthful anti-racist activists who have served to revitalize today's social struggles and who will be planning campus and community-based actions in collaboration with UNAC.
- **UNAC tour to Cuba:** UNAC will consider organizing a tour to Cuba to exchange ideas with Cuban and international antiwar and social justice activists.
- **UNAC National Tour:** UNAC will explore possibilities of organizing a national tour of prominent antiwar and social justice leaders as we did with Malalai Joya in 2013.

ACTIONS ENDORSED BY UNAC

- **May:** UNAC offers full support to the Red Crescent Society of Iran sailing a rescue mission to Yemen to bring urgently needed supplies of medicine, rice and flour to the people of Yemen under siege and blockade by Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries and fully backed by the U.S. The ship's crew of 50 men includes internationals from the U.S., France, and Germany. We demand that the ship be allowed to reach the desperate Yemeni population to deliver its supplies intact and that the ship and its crew are allowed to arrive safely. Any interference and/or violence would be a criminal act in violation of international law.
- **May 12, Orange , NJ:** UNAC calls for the reinstatement and contract renewal of Marilyn Zuniga, the Orange, NJ teacher suspended from her third grade classroom at the behest of the Fraternal Order of Police for forwarding her students' get well letters to Mumia Abu Jamal. We endorse and encourage efforts to this end, including a mobilization at the May 12th meeting of the Orange Board of Education.

- **May 13, Philadelphia, PA:** UNAC will support the program and mass rally to mark the 30th anniversary of the police bombing of MOVE. Sponsored by the MOVE organization, which is still fighting for the release of the MOVE 9. <http://onamove.com>
- **May 19, Detroit:** UNAC endorses the Michigan Emergency Committee against War and Injustice and other groups' action at the shareholders meeting of the J.P. Morgan Chase Bank and other actions targeting the Bank. J.P. Morgan Chase is playing a leading role in home foreclosures nationally, causing senseless destruction in Detroit most of all.
- **May 21, 2015 National:** Black Lives Matter and others anti-racist youth and social justice groups have set May 21 as a national action day for women, trans and LGBTQ victims of police violence. UNAC will help publicize and support these events and will continue to support other actions against racism and police violence.
- **May 26, National:** UNAC supports the demands raised by people in Germany that the German government close the Satellite Relay Station at the U.S. Air Base Ramstein in Germany, which plays an essential role in all U.S. drone surveillance and drone strikes in the Middle East, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Africa and elsewhere, and close the U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) in Stuttgart, which is the Pentagon's central command responsible for planning and carrying out all U.S. interventions, including drone killings, in Africa. UNAC will endorse the German call for vigils (on May 26th in the U.S. and on May 27th in Germany) in solidarity with the bin Ali Jaber family of Yemen, two of whose members were killed by a U.S. drone in 2012; the family has filed a court case against the German government for allowing Ramstein to be used for the illegal U.S. drone strikes. UNAC will also support further actions in the Ramstein/AFRICOM campaign in coordination with German activists.
- **May 30, New York, NY:** March and rally to free Oscar Lopez Rivera, beginning his 34th year of imprisonment on that day for his participation in Puerto Rico's independence movement. May 30th Coalition to Free Oscar Lopez www.freeoscarnycmay30.org.
- **July 25, Newark, N.J.:** Million People's March Against Police Brutality, Racial Injustice & Economic Inequality. Sponsored by the People's Organization for Progress. UNAC will endorse and support this mobilization. <http://njpop.org/wordpress/?p=1896>
- **September, Richmond, VA:** UNAC will support the local call for a national presence in Richmond to demand the reclamation and memorialization of sites central to the U.S. slave trade. Sponsored by the Sacred Ground Historical Reclamation Project of the Defenders for Freedom, Justice & Equality. <http://www.sacredgroundproject.net>
Contact: Ana Edwards - ourrosewood@gmail.com
- **September, Cincinnati:** UNAC supports the call for Justice for Palestinian-American community leader Rasmia Odeh. The appeal of her conviction will take place in Cincinnati in September. We join with the Committee to Stop FBI Repression, the U.S. Palestinian Community Network, and the Rasmia Defense Committee to pack the courthouse when the appeal occurs. www.stopfbi.net; www.uspcn.org

- **October 4-10, National:** UNAC will support the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space that has set the same week, Oct. 4-10, for coordinated protests. (<http://www.space4peace.org> – Contact: Bruce Gagnon - globalnet@mindspring.com)
- **November – December, International:** International actions are being planned to protest the expected and tragic failure of the U.N. Climate Change Conference (COP 21 or Conference of Parties) set for Paris, France, where no binding agreements are anticipated to stop Planet Earth from reaching a 2-degree Centigrade mean temperature rise wherein the disastrous results will be irreversible. UNAC will support and help build U.S.-based actions on this critical question and will speak to the endless oil wars being fought over the very fuel whose continued use spells doom for humankind.

ONGOING ACTIONS ENDORSED BY UNAC

- **National:** Support campaign to stop the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal that threaten jobs, wages, the environment and more in our communities and around the world. Tell Congress NO on Fast Track!
- **National:** UNAC supports the courageous efforts fighting the war on workers by low wage workers fighting for \$15 and a union and will help mobilize for the next Fight for \$15 general strike and all efforts to win a livable wage, both domestically and internationally. UNAC realizes that a true livable wage would exceed \$15 per hour.
- **National:** UNAC will continue its solidarity with Mumia Abu-Jamal in his struggle for freedom and for the immediate medical attention today required to remediate the prison medical neglect that has placed Mumia's very life in immediate jeopardy. UNAC supports the work of organizations working to free all political prisoners in the United States.
- **National:** UNAC will support and participate in acts of resistance in immediate response to police murders and anniversaries of murders.
- **National:** UNAC acknowledges the role that media plays in political organizing and calls on all supporters to find ways to coordinate their activities to amplify the value of them and to make the media more useful to the efforts of the movements we support.
- **National:** Support actions calling for an end to the Cuba embargo blockade and to close the U.S. base in Guantanamo.