

**FREE  
NORTH AMERICAN  
POLITICAL PRISONER  
JAAN KARL  
LAAMAN**



**FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!**  
ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS FEDERATION

JAAN KARL LAAMAN is an Anti-Imperialist Political Prisoner. Jaan is imprisoned for being a member of the United Freedom Front (which carried out armed actions against apartheid, imperialism and war in the 80's), involvement in fire fights with police forces and weapons charges.

In the 1960's Jaan worked in Students for a Democratic Society, fought against the war and racism and did labor and community organizing. This included organizing youth along with the Black Panther Party and Young Lords (a revolutionary Puerto Rican Organization). Jaan also worked with the underground revolutionary forces.

In 1972 he was charged with bombing Nixon's reelection headquarters and a New Hampshire police station. He was sentenced to 20 years. After winning an appeal and getting some of his sentence cut, he was released in 1978. In 1979, he and his comrade Kazi Toure helped to organize the Amandla Festival of Unity to support freedom in Southern Africa, which featured Bob Marley.

This activity along with the anti-racist and community security work he was doing led to increased police and Klan harassment, so Jaan went underground and joined the armed clandestine movement. He was captured in 1984 with other members of the Ohio-7, and charged with Seditious Conspiracy. His sentence totals 98 years.



Since September 11, we have witnessed the increasing criminalization of dissent, although this tendency was in evidence many years ago. As a result, there are almost 100 Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War (PP/POWs) in North America. In light of this current climate of repression, it is even more imperative than ever that we continue to struggle against this systematic injustice.

PP/POWs are those persons who have been sent to prison for their conscious revolutionary political activities on the streets. Though all prisoners righteously struggling against the repressive prison system should be supported, PP/POW's deserve the priority support of the revolutionary movement that they have sacrificed their freedom to build. As anarchist POW Ojore Lutalo has stated, "Any political movement that does not support its political internees is a sham movement!"



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