

The following is a brief summary of the facts surrounding the harassment of Political Prisoner Bashir Hameed by the administration of Sullivan Correctional Facility. We quote below from a letter received from Bashir.

"In early January, after suffering chest pains, I asked for reassignment from the yard crew where I had to shovel snow, etc. On January 17, I was reassigned to the gymnasium solely. Since then I have been constantly harassed and badgered by the guards for not reporting to the yard. . . The recreation supervisor, Dean Smith, informed these guards that I was reassigned to the gymnasium and that I was not a yard porter.

"On the third of February, I sent the superintendent a memo informing him of the problem with the security staff. My supervisor, Dean Smith, also sent him a memo addressing this issue. I never received any communication from the superintendent.

"Dean Smith, the recreation supervisor, was recently transferred to another prison and shortly thereafter I was put on keeplock status, confined to cell for 23 hours, for allegedly disobeying a direct order to report to the yard, and I was also served with a misbehavior report.

"I have since early January had to go Albany Medical Center on 2 occasions for stress tests. Due to my medical condition, I have been advised by the facility doctor not to lift over 10 lbs. yet I am constantly badgered and harassed about my job assignment, in particular why I have not been coming out to the yard to shovel snow.

"The superintendent has been totally inept and unwilling to stop this harassment. Moreover, when I was recommended by a counselor here to be assigned as a program assistant (e.g., counseling other prisoners about the correct method for seeking employment, etc., upon their release), the superintendent personally vetoed my being assigned to that job at my misbehavior infraction hearing, which currently is going on."

Bashir is a long-time political prisoner, with almost 25 years behind the wall. He fought for our rights, now we must fight for his rights. Because of his refusal to bow down to the autocratic behavior of this racist prison system, the guards and the administration are constantly trying to break him.

First send letters of encouragement and support to Bashir:

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Next write letters to the Superintendent, protesting this harassment and demanding the return of Bashir to his job in the gym and removed from yard duty.

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Your urgent and immediate attention and response to this matter is requested.

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Herman Ferguson,
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