

## Building a Strong Left: Black Alliance for Peace

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*Last night's #AntiwarAutumn panel discussion was a success!*

Speakers from [BAYAN](#), the [Black Alliance for Peace](#), the [Black is Back Coalition](#), [Friends of the Congo](#), [People's Organization for Progress \(POP\)](#) and the [United National Antiwar Coalition \(UNAC\)](#) came together for one night at the Solidarity Center NYC to discuss ways to raise the consciousness of the U.S. population regarding the U.S. wars and U.S.-funded proxy wars raging around the world. Participants agreed a strong left must be built to combat the rise of fascism, which is a reaction to imperialism's existential crisis. Attendees signed our [petition](#) to shut down AFRICOM and took home copies of our [4-page AFRICOM booklet](#). Find more photos [here](#) of our standing-room only event. Check out our [live tweets](#) from last night. Watch the [livestream](#), too.

Last Saturday, BAP Coordinating Committee member Jaribu Hill and BAP National Organizer Ajamu Baraka participated as jurors at the [International Tribunal on U.S. Colonial Crimes in Puerto Rico](#). Many people traveled from around the country and from Puerto Rico to attend this historic event in New York City's Holyrood Church, which has hosted revolutionary events in the past. [Watch the final verdict!](#)



Palestinian activist and author Susan Abulhawa has been detained by the settler-colonial state of Israel after trying to enter Palestine, her homeland, for a literature festival. Demonstrate solidarity with our Palestinian sister by signing this [petition](#) demanding her release! Below, you see her posing with Ajamu Baraka at the tribunal where they both

served as jurors on Saturday.



Ajamu Baraka appeared on RT's ["In Question"](#) to discuss our U.S. Out of Africa! campaign, as well as the rationale behind the tribunal. BAP member Netfa Freeman appeared in a [Facebook livestream](#) that you can also find on [YouTube](#).

The Black is Black Coalition for Social Justice, Peace and Reparations (BIB) Chairman Omali Yeshitela also spoke to [Black Agenda Report Radio](#) about the devastating impact of the U.S. military occupation of Africa through AFRICOM, which denies self-determination to the entire continent. "Self-determination is the highest expression of democracy," he said. Self-determination "is what we are fighting for, and that's what people throughout the Americas and the world are fighting for."

Last week, several BAP members participated in the Women's March on the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., including YahNé Ndgo and Charo Mina-Rojas, who spoke to the crowd of 1,500 people marching for an end to all wars. Both women provided valuable perspectives as African diasporic women from the United States and Colombia, both settler-colonial states. Watch their [talks](#), which were captured by [Consortium News](#).

On Sunday, we hit 1,000 signatures on our petition to shut down AFRICOM! Help us get to 1,500 signatures by next week by sharing [this link](#).

Please also attend these events:

1. African peoples are asked to participate in the Black Is Back Coalition's (BIB) November 3 [March on the White House](#) in Washington, D.C., and the BIB conference on November 4.
2. Now that Trump's military parade is canceled due to mass pressure, BAP is helping organize [Peace Congress: End All U.S. Wars at Home and Abroad](#), being held November 10 in Washington, D.C. BAP Coordinating Committee member Netfa Freeman will speak at this event.
3. Join BAP Coordinating Committee members Margaret Kimberley and Ajamu Baraka at the [First International Conference Against U.S./NATO Military Bases](#), being held November 16-18 in Dublin, Ireland.
4. BAP Coordinating Committee member Jaribu Hill has been organizing the

[Southern Human Rights Organizers' Conference \(SHROC\)](#) for 22 years. Join her and activists from the Global South Dec. 7-9 in Atlanta. Book a hotel room by November 13 for the group rate.

No compromise.

No retreat.

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