

Black Left Unity Network Says Black Rebellion Is Necessary In The Battle Against Police Terror, Racism and Economic Depression



*"It is not enough for me to stand before you tonight and condemn riots....without, at the same time, condemning the contingent, intolerable conditions that exist in our society. These conditions are the things that cause individuals to feel that they have no other alternative than to engage in violent rebellions to get attention... **a riot is the language of the unheard.**"* Martin Luther King March, 1968

The uprising developing in Baltimore is sending an unmistakable and powerful message that Black people will no longer just take the unending racist murder and terror carried out by America's police forces. The torture and murder of Freddie Gray for committing no crime coupled with the neverending, infuriating lies and coverups -- is only the latest in a long line of such horrors in not only Baltimore but all over the U.S. From North Charleston, SC to Ferguson, Missouri from Pasco, Washington to New York City and beyond -- WE MUST STOP THIS!

Who are the real thugs in Baltimore? The Police! They have a very long history of in-your-face brutality that has recently forced the City of Baltimore to pay out more than \$5.7 million to Black men and women of all ages for brutality and unlawful arrests.

We need to first recognize that the police are an arm of the capitalist state that is dominated by rightwing racist tendencies which create a culture that also controls and silences Black cops who become part of the process. Compounding this is the facts of the gains made by the Black middleclass are not stopping this trend. Even having a slew of Black mayors, police chiefs, a Black president and a Black Attorney

General- their class alliance makes them embrace the brutal system and focus more on telling Black people to be passive rather than aggressively pressing for justice based on mass mobilization.

It is because of this aggressive resistance that 6 Baltimore cops responsible the death of Freddie Gray have been criminally indicted. It is the masses in the streets of Baltimore, Denver, New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Cleveland, Chicago, San Francisco... and many other cities and towns that have brought about the first stage in Justice for Freddie Gray: the arrest of the six cops who were responsible for his murder. And it is the relentless pressure of the masses in the streets that may bring about their conviction. However, we must always remember that the state and its repressive apparatus represents the interests of the racist, colonialist/imperialist capitalist elite and true justice can be won by eliminating the current structures and social relationships.

The rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer. There is no amount of policing or National Guard deployment that will be able to stop people from rising up and rebelling against police terrorism, government neglect and economic oppression. Why should Black people remain non-violent in this ever-growing violent reality? The Black Left Unity Network upholds Brother Malcolm X's Call for Black Liberation "***by any means necessary***"! The time now is to build a united Black Liberation Movement!

It is in this context that **The Black Left Unity Network** stands in Unity with the Resistance and vigilance in Baltimore and with *BlackLivesMatter*. We call on all who want justice and oppose the slaughter of Black women and men, all who oppose all oppression to join and support their organizing and actions.

Moreover, we see the importance of linking inevitable spontaneity with mass organizing, where the degree of the latter defines the possibility of the former.

The people are fed up! Enough is enough!

Build a United Black Liberation Movement!

"It is our duty to fight for our freedom.

It is our duty to win.

We must love each other and support each other.

We have nothing to lose but our chains."

—Assata Shakur, *Assata: An Autobiography*

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