



La Journée nationale de solidarité avec les prisonniers est:

....Le 10 août, le jour que les prisonniers ont choisi pour faire une grève de la faim et du travail, pour exprimer leur solidarité avec ceux qui sont morts inutilement - victimes d'assassinat, de suicide et de négligence.

....Le jour où les organismes et membres de la communauté manifestent, organisent des veillées, des services religieux et d'autres événements pour montrer leur solidarité avec les prisonniers.

...La journée pour faire remarquer le fait qu'un taux très élevé de femmes sont en prison pour avoir voulu se protéger de leurs agresseurs. Cela démontre que le système judiciaire ne protège pas les femmes qui souffrent de violence aux mains de leurs partenaires.

....La journée où l'on se souvient qu'il y a un nombre disproportionné d'autochtones, d'Afro-Américains, et d'autres minorités et personnes marginalisées dans les prisons. Les prisons représentent la forme ultime d'oppression contre les luttes pour la reconnaissance et l'autodétermination.

PRISONER DEATHS

Statistics Canada reports that; 154 federal prisoners and 52 provincial prisoners died while under the supervision of the criminal justice system in 2008/09. Of the 154 federal prisoners who died, 65 of those deaths were in custody, and 32 of the 52 provincial prisoner deaths were in custody. Suicide continues to be a major cause of death in custody for provincially sentenced prisoners, while more federally sentenced prisoners are dying from health related causes.

OUT OF CUSTODY DEATHS

'Out of custody deaths' are deaths attributed to prisoners who are either on a temporary absence from the prison or are serving out the remainder of their sentence in the community; on day parole, full parole, statutory release or "compassionate release". While some prisoners who have medical conditions that are considered terminal are granted parole for "compassionate" reasons, this is the exception and not the rule.

CAUSES OF UNNATURAL DEATHS

There are three main reasons that a prisoner can die an unnatural death:

NEGLECT

Usually from inadequate or non-existent medical care. Many people in custody die of untreated illnesses that would not normally result in their death. In large part, this is due to neglect by guards of serious medical problems and pains. Still others die a premature death, as in the case with prisoners living with HIV/AIDS.

SUICIDE

The suicide rate in prison is more than twice as high as the rate amongst the general Canadian population. There have been a number of documented cases of prisoners bleeding to death even when that prisoner attempted to reach out for help.

MURDER

Violent interference from guards such as beatings, shootings, and gassings result in needless death in prison. Violence among prisoners is also a cause of death, though this is surprisingly low considering the levels of tension that can be reached inside a prison.

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....La journée pour sensibiliser le public aux demandes des prisonniers de changer le système de justice pénale et les conditions brutales et inhumaines qui conduisent à tant de décès en prison.

....Le jour pour s'opposer à la violence en prison, à la violence policière et à la violence contre les femmes et les enfants.

...La journée pour faire savoir que, dans leur lutte pour la liberté et l'égalité, les actions de nombreux prisonniers politiques ont été criminalisées par le gouvernement. En conséquence, il est faux de prétendre qu'il n'y a pas de prisonniers politiques dans les prisons nord-américaines.

....La journée pour sensibiliser le public aux coûts économiques et sociaux d'un système de justice pénale qui punit par vengeance. S'il doit y avoir une justice sociale, cela ne pourra arriver que le jour où on utilisera un modèle de justice réparatrice, lorsqu'on reliera les individus avec les crimes et qu'on aidera les délinquants à prendre leurs responsabilités vis à vis de leurs actes.

....La journée pour renouveler et renforcer l'engagement dans la lutte contre le VIH / SIDA, la prévention et le traitement en prison.

....La journée pour rappeler au monde que le système de justice pénale et le système psychiatrique renforcent mutuellement les méthodes que l'Etat utilise pour contrôler les êtres humains. Beaucoup de brutalités sont commises par le personnel au nom du traitement. Par ailleurs, de nombreux décès dans les prisons psychiatriques ne font l'objet d'aucune enquête.

PRISON JUSTICE DAY IS...

....the day to oppose prison violence, police violence, and violence against women and children.

....the day to publicize that, in their fight for freedom and equality, the actions of many political prisoners have been criminalized by government. As a result, there are false claims that there are no political prisoners in north american prisons.

....the day to raise public awareness of the economic and social costs of a system of criminal justice which punishes for revenge. If there is ever to be social justice, it will only come about using a model of healing justice, connecting people to the crimes and helping offenders take responsibility for their actions.

....the day to renew the struggle for HIV/AIDS education, prevention and treatment in prison.

....the day to remind people that the criminal justice system and the psychiatric system are mutually reinforcing methods that the state uses to control human beings. There is a lot of brutality by staff committed in the name of treatment. Moreover, many deaths in the psych-prisons remain uninvestigated.

**PRISONER DEATHS FROM MURDER,
SUICIDE, AND NEGLECT CAN AND
MUST BE PREVENTED.**

**ABOLISH DOUBLE
BUNKING**

**ABOLISH 25 YEAR
SENTENCES**

**ABOLISH SOLITARY
CONFINEMENT**

**ABOLISH INVOLUNTARY
TRANSFERS**

**ABOLISH INTEGRATION OF
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY
PRISONERS INTO GENERAL
POPULATION**

ABOLISH PRISONS

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PRISON JUSTICE DAY IS..

....August 10, the day prisoners have set aside as a day to fast and refuse to work in a show of solidarity to remember those who have died unnecessarily — victims of murder, suicide and neglect.

....the day when organizations and individuals in the community hold demonstrations, vigils, worship services and other events in common resistance with prisoners.

....the day to raise issue with the fact that a very high rate of women are in prison for protecting themselves against their abusers. This makes it obvious that the legal system does not protect women who suffer violence at the hands of their partners.

....is the day to remember that there are a disproportionate number of Natives, Afro-Americans, other minorities and marginalized people in prisons. Prisons are the ultimate form of oppression against struggles of recognition and self-determination.

....the day to raise public awareness of the demands made by prisoners to change the criminal justice system and the brutal and inhumane conditions that lead to so many prison deaths.