



CAMPAIGN TO FREE RUSSELL MAROON SHOATZ NOBEL PEACE PRIZE LAUREATE SUPPORTERS

To Political Prisoner Russell Maroon Shoatz and Pennsylvania Department of Corrections Secretary John Wetzel:

On the occasion of the 70th birthday of former Black Panther Russell Maroon Shoatz, we send greetings and wishes of good health. To Secretary Wetzel and his family, we send similar good wishes – as August turns to September and a new season comes to the US.

We also affirm, in the strongest possible humanitarian terms, that now is the time for the immediate and unconditional release from solitary confinement and restricted housing of Russell Maroon Shoatz. After decades of solitary confinement – including the past 22 consecutive years – there is no reason for further delay. Continued confinement in 23-hour-a-day isolation is nothing short of torture. We are pleased to learn that the process regarding Maroon's return to general population has begun, with the final decision in the hands of Secretary Wetzel. We urge that this process continue as speedily as possible, and that Shoatz' unfair and unjust treatment end now.

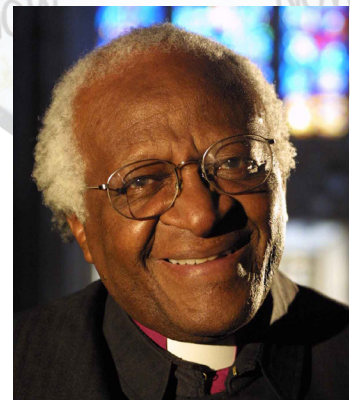
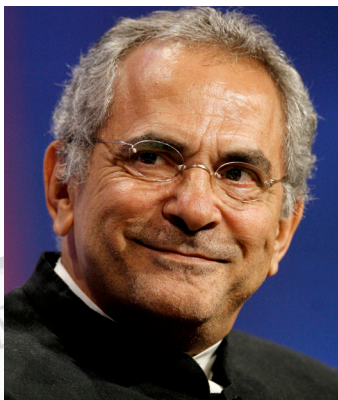
We send blessings to all,

Sincerely,

Jose Ramos-Horta, East Timor, Nobel Peace Laureate 1996

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Archbishop Desmond Tutu, South Africa, Nobel Peace Laureate 1984



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