

# PRISONERS' STRUGGLES

## **Call for Contributions: Commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Prisoners' Justice Day** *Abolition Coalition*

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**E**ddie Nalon died alone in a segregation cell in Millhaven maximum-security penitentiary located in Kingston, Ontario, Canada on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1974. A year later, Prison Justice Day (PJD) was first observed by imprisoned people held in the same Canadian federal penitentiary who engaged in a one-day hunger and work strike in support of their demands to end solitary confinement and other injustices behind bars (Gaucher, 1991). Since then, PJD – now more commonly known as Prisoners' Justice Day (see, for example, “Petey”, 2011) – has been marked by people inside and outside prison walls across the world who are demanding change.

To commemorate the lives lost to human caging, take stock of the current deadly situation in sites of confinement, and organize for change in solidarity for justice and abolition across prison walls, PJD will be commemorated for the 50<sup>th</sup> time on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. To mark this milestone in prisoner solidarity organizing, the Abolition Coalition invites testimonials and demands for change from imprisoned people that will be shared during the sixth edition of PJD TV that will air that day from 6:00pm to 11:00pm ET on the Criminalization and Punishment Education Project's Facebook page (@CPEPgroup). The event will also feature live and recorded footage from local PJD events across the country, as well as interviews with criminalized people and community organizers to raise awareness about the violence of imprisonment and alternatives to human caging that, when resourced adequately, can help us keep each other safe.

## REFERENCES

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**PJD TESTIMONIAL AND  
DEMAND SUBMISSIONS**

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