Who Killed Sandra Bland??? This GODDAM System! We Need Revolution—Nothing Less!

Sandra Bland's funeral is being held on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at the DuPage African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Lisle, IL. Wake at 9 a.m. Services at 11 a.m. This should be the biggest funeral since Emmett Till's funeral in Chicago almost 60 years ago after his murder by white racists in Mississippi.

By being there you are extending condolences to Sandra's family and friends for their loss. By being there you are standing against this egregious killing at the hands of the police. By being there you are saying we refuse to live in a society that does this to African Americans. Gather your friends and attend together. Cars are leaving from Revolution Books, 1103 N. Ashland Ave., 8 a.m. on 7/25. (for info call 773-489-0930)

Sandra Bland was a young Black woman full of life who had her whole life ahead of her. She was driving in the middle of the day on her way to start a new job at the university where she had recently graduated from, Prairie A&M in Texas. Then out of nowhere, she was pulled over on July 10, for *failing to signal a lane change*. Bullied and then dragged out of her car, a Texas trooper threatened her with a taser, "I will light you up." Sandra was slammed to the ground, brutalized, and arrested. And the whole world can see this on video.

Here is the truth. Sandra Bland was alive, well, happy and vibrant when the police stopped her and started brutalizing and abusing her and then found dead in a Waller County jail cell three days later, just hours before she was to be bailed out. The authorities have no good explanation. She never should have been stopped or arrested in the first place!!

This Texas pig was enforcing the rules of a system that has no value for the lives of Black people and Black women in particular and that reacts with particular vengeance and violence against those like Sandra who refuse to "know their place" as this system defines it.

This is also a profound truth: The blood of Sandra Bland is on the hands of the police and prison authorities—ENFORCERS OF THIS SYSTEM—and those they actually "serve and protect"—the rulers of this system.

Since the killing of Sandra Bland, police have killed people at a rate of approximately 1 every 5 hours in this country. This is a nationwide epidemic of police terror and murder.

We need to urgently act to stop this police terror. We are actively building for the national October 24, 2015 protest in NYC—"Rise Up October" to stop police terror called by the Stop Mass Incarceration Network. And also those of us who are revolutionaries are urgently getting people organized for an actual revolution, which is what it will take to finally and fully uproot the centuries of oppression Black people have faced, along with all the other crimes committed by this system here and around the world. You need to get with this revolution and learn about it—why it's necessary, why it's possible and what it is all about. You need to know there is a leader, Bob Avakian who has done the work on how we can bring into being a radically different and better world. Go to www.revcom.us to learn more.

Revolutionary Communist Party, Chicago Branch For more information, go to www.revcom.us There is the potential for something of unprecedented beauty to arise out of unspeakable ugliness: Black people playing a crucial role in putting an end, at long last, to this system which has, for so long, not just exploited but dehumanized, terrorized and tormented them in a thousand ways—putting an end to this in the only way it can be done by fighting to emancipate humanity, to put an end to the long night in which human society has been divided into masters and slaves, and the masses of humanity have been lashed, beaten, raped, slaughtered, shackled and shrouded in ignorance and misery.

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