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Black Autonomy Federation is the activist arm of Power to the People, Inc., based in Memphis, TN., a non-profit tax exempt organization. Meeting during the June 2013 annual conference, we created the organizational framework for the Black Autonomy Prison Federation, because of mass imprisonment of Black youth and mindless violence in the Black community. We are taking responsibility to deal with this, because of the failure or refusal of so many others. Many do not care, are traitors, or feel that we are just inferior people. Only Black people: prisoners and revolutionary community activists, can resolve this problem, nobody can do it for us, whether it is the government, police, church, or other institutions. Black prisoners, street gangsters, and revolutionary community activists must take care of their own communities and youth, so that this does not continue. Violence, which does not lead to freedom of our whole people can be tolerated. No foolish taking of the lives of children, women, and innocent Black civilians can be any longer tolerated; we must unite and resolve our differences in a gang truce, and begin to build revolutionary movements, Black unity, and leave the gangster mentality for the revolutionary mentality of community reconstruction. If we do this, we will change not just ourselves, but the entire world for our children, families, and communities, and win the demands of the people for liberation, freedom, and a decent quality of life.

The proposed Black Autonomy Prison Federation (BAPF) is a Black prisoner revolutionary anti-authoritarian tendency, with true revolutionary commitment, as well as discipline for the struggle for the masses of our people. The number one goal and intent is to build a solid base of prison revolutionary cadre, raising their consciousness and developing cadre from a fatalistic and individualist "Gangsta" mentality into a revolutionary or "people's soldier" with a guerrilla mentality.

We have created the Black Autonomy Prison Federation to deal with mass imprisonment of Black youth, the continuing war on drugs and gang warfare in the Black community. We want to create a program of re-education for prisoners to transform gang activity to revolutionary activity, so that when BAPF members are released they will clean-up crimes, oppression, and terrorism against the people by the state. If we are destroying each other, we cannot concentrate on freeing ourselves and our people. We want to mold a new man and woman, who can change everything that exists today. We will not be slaves, or crawl on our knees. We will not sell out and leave our people to die.

(E). Using the "inmate grapevine", all our materials must be distributed collectively, shared and disseminated. Even though we are not advocating crime or violence against prisoners, or even the guards, prison officials may try to divert or block all our materials at every turn just to stifle our efforts or because of racism. We will take legal action in your name, if need be, and will take other actions to create a literature underground, if necessary. It is necessary, however, if you know you have not gotten your training materials or the newsletter, that you advise us, or if you have been told by officials that your BAF/BAPF materials have been deemed contraband. If we know, we will advise you. If you do not hear us, within 30 days at least, you should contact us and make a report or to check on us. That is an absolute rule, which cannot be ignored.

(F.) BAPF members must be united in whatever actions they take, each BAPF unit should have collective secondary leadership and not depend on one group of leaders alone. When one is removed, another takes their place. Everyone should have a voice in decision-making, but once the decision is made, everyone must abide by it. "Shot-calling", stealing from comrades, lying, and other undemocratic behavior will not be tolerated. We strive towards mutual respect, mutual aid, and unity in our movement. We won't always agree, but we won't go to war with each other either. If you have no discipline to work together, we suggest expelling the offending members, or even disbanding if it is that bad, and there is absolutely no love or discipline between comrades, and disputes cannot be handled through discussion. If this is the case, you must contact the outside BAF office in Memphis for final action without further delay.

(G). Lastly, we must demand and want to recruit the type of BAPF cadre willing to give the highest and most committed service for the people. This is about the people, not just the organizer. We are building together to change the world and transform it for the benefit of the Black/African poor, working and under-class people who suffer mightily, and from which you yourselves come. Nobody has the insight and knowledge of our situation better than yourselves. BAPF is here now, but it is up to you to advance now within this period. We must raise the ideals of Black Autonomy Federation/BAPF and push the social revolution forward!

Dare to Struggle, Dare to win!

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Rules of Conduct and Standing Orders

(A). BAPF members will study "Anarchism and the Black Revolution" as the major political education material, but also study of all propaganda, books, and other materials coming from the Black Autonomy Federation, as well as hold political education classes on political theory, Black/African culture and history, etc. In addition, BAPF members are expected to engage in BAF ideology, physical training and martial arts skills. In fact, cadre of the BAPF must be seen as having the highest form of revolutionary discipline and solidarity behind the walls, and be looked upon as the catalyst and "go to" cadre within America's Gulags for other Black prisoners and youth. Within captivity and beyond to the streets, BAPF must unite both the prisoners, their families and the larger Black community into a radical force to press for at least humane treatment, if not total closure of the worst prisons as warehouses.

(B). BAPF will combat and end the violent rape of young Black prisoners in whatever prison it is organized in. This sickness is encouraged and tolerated by prison officials to break the spirits of young Black prisoners, and spread violence and decadence. We will end it by any means necessary. Rather than tolerate rapes, we must campaign, along with our outside communities for the creation of more humane conjugal visit programs. No BAPF member can engage or tolerate violent rape of young prisoners, and rapists cannot join BAPF.

(C.) We must educate other prisoners in basic reading and writing skills, and introduce them to the ideas and skills of Black Autonomy. Each member must recruit at least one other, and spread the ideas of BAF/BAPF by distributing ideas, having discussions, and other pursuits, but no one should be forced to join BAPF, it should be entirely voluntary.

(D). Being in BAPF, members must maintain a tight security culture, and engage in collective discipline. They should not be using drugs or alcohol on duty, or engaging in vice. When organizing, they should start with a small trusted "Affinity Group" of no more than two or three trusted cadre, and build slowly from there. Snitches, troublemakers, and provocateurs should be denied entry into the group, and if they persist, should be dealt with harshly to maintain the collective unity and integrity of the group. All activities should be carried out with the highest efficiency, discipline, and preparedness. Again, we stress, that because BAPF cadre will be looked upon as the organization leaders, and soldiers once they hit the streets, they must have military discipline. So, it is wise to develop this revolutionary discipline now. We are not gangsters, and even if the state labels us as criminals or gangsters, we will rise above that slander. We are not "throw away trash", and we will rebuild our self-esteem, mental capacity and dignity. We have, in fact, been made victims of an unjust political, social and economic system that drove us into crimes of survival. Now we are standing up as new men and women!

Ten point program of BAPF (June 2013 draft)

1. We want an end to prisons as a tool of confinement and oppression of the masses of Black people, and abolition of the prison system entirely.
2. We want an end to gang warfare in our communities to end all feuds, and stop any foolish violence not directed towards Black liberation, and we need a revolutionary gang truce, which can begin to rebuild our communities and build a Black Autonomy commune, and we want to make Black prisoners into revolutionary community organizers to address our own social problems with our own social programs.
3. We want an end to imperialist wars of conquest, and the use of Blacks and other poor people as either mercenaries or cannon fodder. We will join no army other than the Black Partisan militia for our own liberation.
4. We want full employment for our people outside in our communities, and to end targeted unemployment and poverty by the capitalists. We want the right of prisoners to create or join labor unions and to be paid for all work at outside union scale.
5. We want the right to decent medical care throughout the period of our confinement.
6. We want full rights for female prisoners, including the right to privacy, right to prevention of rape by male guards, rights of pregnancy care, full medical care, visitation with children, right to educational and cultural activities.
7. We want an end to behavior modification and forced drugging by guards in prison, closure of SHU, Control Units, and other such facilities.
8. We want an end to the government-created drug trade in our communities, and an end to CIA drug smuggling and chemical warfare against the Black community.
9. We want unity with all prisoners, regardless of race, culture or ethnicity.
10. We want an end to the barbaric and racist death penalty in the USA, which has been disproportionately been used against poor Blacks and other peoples of color.

