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Press Briefing

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A Life in the Balance -- The Case of Mumia Abu-Jamal A new Amnesty International report

Amnesty International will be holding a press briefing to launch a new report on the case of **journalist and death row inmate Mumia Abu-Jamal**, one of the most high profile death penalty cases both in the USA and internationally.

The report conducts a full analysis of Mumia Abu-Jamal's trial -- including the background of racial tension prevailing in the city of Philadelphia at the time -- and the possible political influences that may have, to date, prevented him from receiving an impartial and fair hearing for his legal appeals.

Mumia Abu-Jamal's legal appeals are now before the federal Third Circuit Court of Appeals. The federal courts are his last opportunity to have many of the troubling issues in his case addressed and corrected. **The life of this former journalist hangs in the balance.**

Amnesty International USA Executive Director, William F. Schulz, and Piers Bannister, author of the report, will be joined at the press briefing by Ron Hampton, Executive Director of the National Black Police Association, and Bianca Jagger.

DETAILS

Speakers William F. Schulz, AIUSA Executive Director
Piers Bannister, Researcher on the Death Penalty and author of the report
Ron Hampton, Executive Director of the National Black Police Association
Bianca Jagger, human rights activist

Time 11:00 am, Thursday 17th February

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