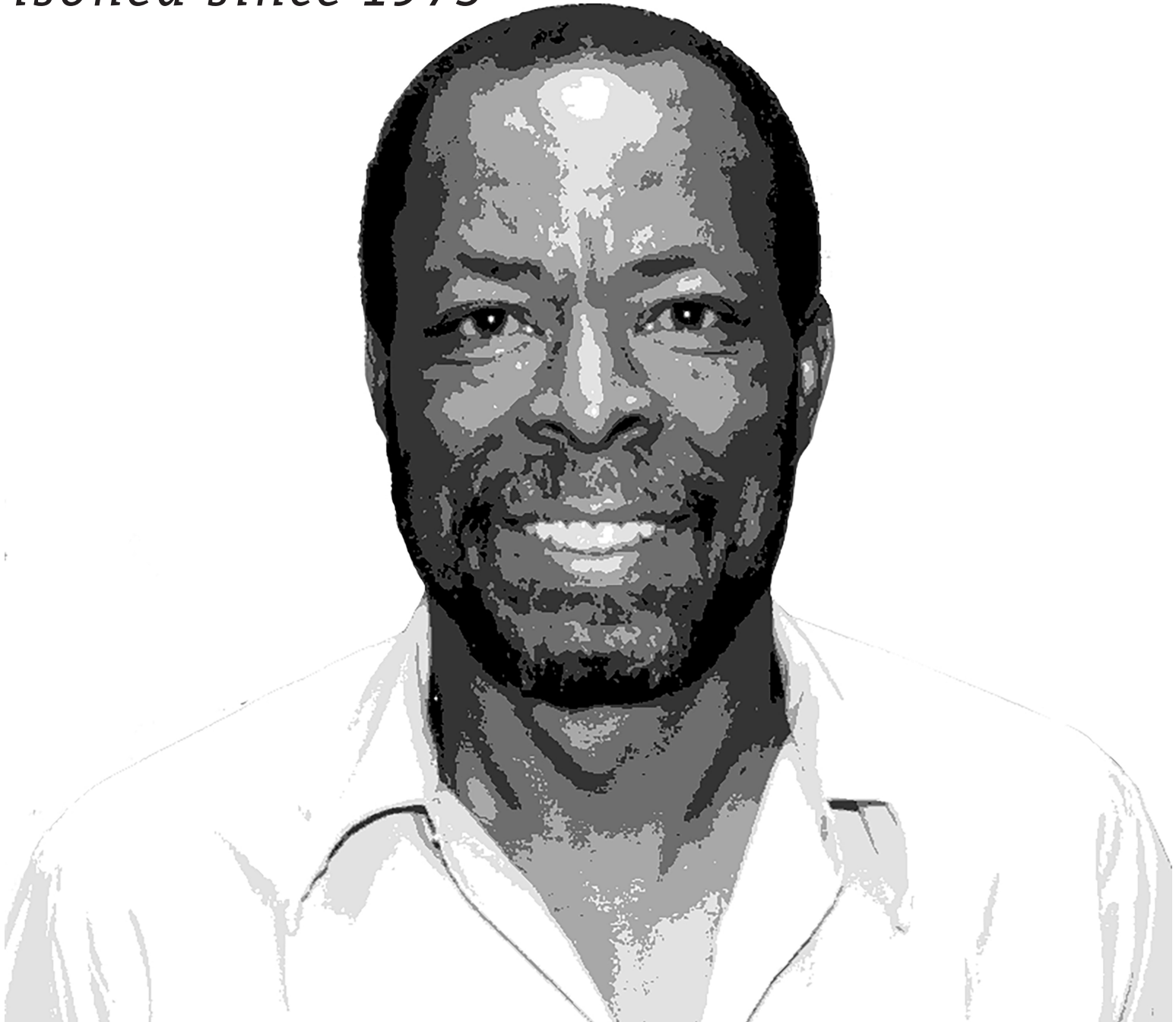


Sundiata Acoli

BLACK LIBERATION PRISONER

imprisoned since 1973



Sundiata Acoli is a former Black Liberation Army member and Black Panther. In 1973, N.J. state troopers ambushed him and two others on the New Jersey Turnpike. One companion, Zayd Shakur, was killed. The other, Assata Shakur, was wounded and captured. One state trooper was killed and another was wounded, and Sundiata was arrested days later. He has been imprisoned for over 40 years, and finally became eligible for parole in 1992. His request was denied, and he was given a 20-year hit. The Parole Board's stated reason was Sundiata's membership in the Black Panther Party and the Black Liberation Army prior to his arrest, and the feeling that rehabilitation was not sufficiently achieved. The real motivation was to force Sundiata to renounce his political beliefs and proclaim to the world that he was wrong to struggle for the liberation of his people. Clearly Sundiata Acoli will not be moved. He stands firm in his convictions, and his spirit is unwavering.

*“Political prisoners are those in every land and throughout every era, who are imprisoned for fighting injustice in their societies... the same holds true today for the relationship between mass injustice, mass incarceration, and political prisoners in U.S. society—and who must be freed! Not only political prisoners—but **all** those imprisoned by unjust policies.”*

Check out Sundiata's support website for more information as well as a mailing address. Writing letters is one of the simplest and most important ways to support political prisoners. **They're in there for us, we're out here for them.**

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