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Hard News:

T: Malala won the Nobel Peace Prize: Pakistan and India have 2 people sharing that award – a Muslim and a Hindu

R: talked to LM Nada – she was there to hear Malala speak – this is an ascended master in the being of Malala: she can look everyone in the eye and in spite of the issues at hand: the UN is as dirty as any of the ABC agencies, and she can say “the message is about LOVE”

Nada: this child lies down with the lion and the - it's a sign that we have turned the tide: THE LIGHT HAS WON! Yet it is about this step by step:

- Malala talked about getting shot: she wanted to be a doctor or a politician and then got shot – the shooting widened her scope quite a bit; said the most important thing in the world is to educate women and girls & all children;
 - she has made people realize that the mind of the mother, the mind of the woman in terms of their nature of being able to receive love and pass it through her is extra-ordinarily important.
- In the 1980s, the Indian man, Kilash Sat Syyarfi, was like her: a fighter for children's rights both got the peace prize for the struggle against the suppression against children & young people, and the right of children to education – she was an education campaigner in Pakistan who got shot
- Nada said she was shot in the face, took another in the back of the head, behind her ear: shot by the

Taliban

- Malala maintains the tradition of Mahatma Gandhi; Kilash started “save the childhood of children” - has been fighting against child labour, both the legislative part and the activist part; believes children need to be in schools, not in the work place; works constantly for child rights

France 24: asked if there had been any reaction to this news?

Reporter: In India, his name has come out of the blue, though well known in the NGO field, child rights field but he is not well-liked person by the higher ups! It is a big surprise about him, but a pleasant one for India

Fr 24: a shared prize between a Pakistani and an Indian due to political tensions

Rep: It's a welcome respite, an area that needs to be highlighted - child labour, rights of children – would go a long way to reducing tensions at the borders of Pakistani and India

To explain: The wealthy visionaries got their blessings some years ago and used them to set up NGOs

- the more money you have, the more responsibility you have, and the these people have the influence and experience to travel the world and get the operations set up
- Those of us at our level in US, Can, UK, Aust will get our blessings first: how come we are getting the blessings first when 3rd world countries have nothing?
- the higher up we are – and we are definitely in first world countries -the more responsibility we have to make the money help where the greatest need is; the things set up already by the NGOs have already been doing great things! The wealthy visionaries will be sharing this with us as the foundation has already been set.

Audio: Thom Hartmann - Conversations with Great Minds: Dr Helen Coldicott

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The Big Picture October 10, 2014 | Free Speech TV

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Richard Eskow, Campaign for America's Future / The Zero Hour

SCREWED: Microsoft CEO tells women...“women shouldn't ask for a raise”

Sam Bennett, Political Strategist / Author of the forthcoming book, Ascend

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Audio: Malala's remarks on the news of winning the Nobel peace prize

Reading:

T: the operation of ISIL being funded from Jerusalem – thanks to Netanayhu, Bandar Bush, John McCain, Lindsay Graham

Conference Call:

C1:

R DOW ended at 16, 599 – all the markets are going down the tube; the duct tube, wire etc holding it together are not working. Has heard nothing about anything! What this tells him is that the Lavendar Lad is doing what he needs to do – next step is sign on the dotted line!

- Price of oil to below \$90 / barrel – Libya has started to pump oil again – a glut of oil out there
- There was a dent put in it when the Rockefellers started to divest their oil investments i

R: his lion lady friend put the fear of god in the bunch of them!

- Ref to Chris Hayes Interview on Oct 10 -
 - the media is compromised: not telling the truth -
 - Koch Bros have a deal with PBS - they support programs that the Koch Bros approve of – Amy Goodman has told R he needs to keep talking about Ashtar & related issues, as she cannot.
 - Media almost strangled to death in US and Canada.

C2: sunset was very pink tonight – looked to the east and saw a giant triangle shaped cloud, pink!
Around 7 pm.

R: it was a ship!

T: did you see it move? No.

C2: had a vertical line next to it, right beside the triangle – also pink! This will give us all hope!

T: next time grab the cell phone and take a picture! Thanks very much to them for what they do!

C3: info from Geoffrey West of **Cosmicvisionnews.com** – huge article from Extremetech.com

- about hydrogen, nickel and cold fusion – the clean operation
- also an article about Scott Bennet on psychological warfare: a whistleblower on ISIS, Israel, the funding of same
- Jeannie Haines also has reports on 2012:whatstherealtruth.wordpress.com – fascinating information

C4: has mentioned the site before because Alfred Webre's interview was on there – T said they were compromised; have to use discernment when you look at info on that site!

- Jhaines6.wordpress.com is the website
- whether you put it in google or duckduckgo, you'll find it

T: definitely time for these guys to be busted: please and thank you! The story from Dr Caldicott is enough to

R: when asked about the website, not overly excited – not exactly Faction 3!

T: have heard of Scott Bennett – the one about extremetech.com – and the article about hydrogen, nuclear & cold fusion – please find it

C3: always has Pdf files

T: Frank Chille said we can drive our cars with just a gem sphere!

C3: Scott Bennett wanted to let people know about the psychological warfare and the media; talks about tracking the finances related to the terror – he started out being part of it!

Reading: there were a pile of clones of Hitler too, and one hand did not know what the other was doing – they only have part of the article at the moment

- We have a lot of things embedded in the deep unconscious, and things that come from deep fear and trauma; it may look like we are growing up fine in the suburbs, yet it is not so because the programming is so deep.

C4: from Atlanta; thanks people for their contributions

- Caller has touched on a key thing for those of us on the path of ascension: "when is it going to happen? When are they going to be arrested?"
 - We have to keep reminding ourselves that we are the ones to do the work – the angels and ascended masters are saying "when are they going to do it?"
- All the messages being channeled are encouraging us to be who we are, who we want to be – as we do that, the changes occur!
- All we have to do is claim the Office of the Christ

T: Dr Caldicott made a good point: nobody wants the US to tower over them

C3: unless we become an example.

T: South America is leading - "the condor leads the eagle"

- the NGOs set up are part of the Cities of Light foundations; Cities of Light

C3: where can we learn about Global Light Cities – need to visit them

T: In response to the caller: It's not like that: all this is happening behind the scenes – the NGOs work with existing things and build them up

- they go to a disaster area and say what kind of structures do we need? What do they have that we can use?
- Go to “the Green Apple” - NYC has many people who do not want to use cars – there is a bicycle business & structures that are gutted and retrofitted to suit the people from within.

T: the Playing for Change people are going all over the world – India, china, Nepal, Alaska,

- they have everyone sing one song together.

C3: the global oneness day - Oct 24, 2014 - there will be a hub somewhere, also be on line

- Occupy Television.com - they want to take over CNN; will take peoples' programs and use them

- Other sites to visit

- theshiftmovement.org
- [theconsciousevolution](http://theconsciousevolution.com) – the shift/ official release 2014
- mollyrowanleech.com – worked with Dennis Kuchinich; now has her own off shoot site for restorative justice
- Tobin@freeandequal.org



- AEIF.org <http://www.aief-usa.org/> American International Education Foundation

there is a massive industrial solar project in the US

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Mother Sekhmet

Greetings in the Light of the Most Radiant One, and in the Office of the Christ and only in the Office of the Christ, we invoke the loving energies of St Germain and the Violet Flame

Greetings!

- Indeed the energies are high! There is a lot happening with the transfiguration of self, along with the entire system – at this time we can say “Love every second of what is happening, in spite of it looking like chopped liver!” and yes, as Stephanie Millter has said, it might look like it; it not necessarily is!
- There are many issues at hand that are all about what this Divine Child came and shared with the children of Earth. Now is the time for the goddess to come forth; it is in the highest interest of all concerned to bring forth that wisdom where, let us say, the goddess leads in the fields of how we manifest the field of physicality for what we use in day-to-day activities.
 - **She** could say there are so many good things happening across our space time now, even though there are other issues – no justice for Mike Brown, as it seems; yet the justice is about how we, like this Divine goddess who is just a kid, stands in the face of orchestrated terror, creations of our own creation: Taliban!
 - All is it about the fake war – the war that is going on inside here [our heart] that is really the heart of the matter. These creepy old men who push chess pieces on the field seem to think they are in charge, and all they have done is transferred their own issues of false evidence appearing real in the mix.
 - As Divine servants god, goddess, all that is, we have said “Make me an instrument of thy peace.” We have seen what happens with the tools of war: the funny story Lao Tse wrote so long ago – the wisdom book related to the west: “The Book of the West” - this cosmic story – Quan Yin

and some of her friends changed the course of a moment in time; it is happening again, now.

- We have asked: they are here. It has been said there are legions upon legions upon legions of angels in this physicality and yes, what is here is not going to go away! What IS going to go away is that energy that has asked to heal the war inside. It is this story that goes back eons of time for every male, female – all of us, and the “us” of this story is whether we have walked or ran on all four or flew – it matters not. We all played, and now it is full circle as we have volunteered to be the voice of those who cannot speak for themselves.
 - She would say that what the Divine goddess is saying it is about how the lion lies down with the lamb.
 - We are witnessing a new kind of energy in the mix here; it is about this goddess energy of what is transpiring, healing the war inside – this is the place for all beings who are experiencing trauma on any level. This war inside – it begins with giving ourselves enough space to not choose to go into a place of sadness or depression; now is not the time to feel sorry for what has occurred – we have all chosen and, as we sit on the fence that is safe, we will be swept into the fray – it seems to be the course of the weather so go with the tide.
 - As an ancient Hopi prophecy says: when you get into the water in the middle of the river, everyone is there with you. So rejoice – we are all in the same boat!
 - Yes! How we do this with love, as the little one said [Malala]– she is 17, going on 700 or 900, like Master Joda!
 - It is about this infinite moment, and it is a challenge to look at so-called peace officers in the eye when they have mal intent from the get-go!
 - It is our destiny - we have chosen to be here at this time: the heroes, the prophets; out of left field comes the naqual, the anima, the animus; the force in and of itself heals itself; this is the change we have all asked for.
 - When we ask “Where is it?”, we must be speaking to the Self, as we are IT; we are the way it changes and moves in this moment.
 - There are so many facets of cosmic beauty to this great crystal of humanity – let us do this with joy, peace and love, rather than with a different path which has already proven to be unsuccessful. Yet there are folks who want to go along the zig zag path to nowhere – let them go – it is just a cosmic joke along the road.
 - best way to work with it is to love each moment even though - Sitting next to John Kerry [Obama] – it is a challenge when you know what they look like without the skin walker guise, the mask [they are looking at the tv]
- T:** he knows it all: each one's agenda and who is running the agenda
Mo: he knows very much of the time frame when he gives the word and she jerks the chain and they go to the Dark Rift
T: there are 4,200 + dead, and 8,000+ cases – and talking of it doubling every two weeks - she knows Nada said the hologram is going to change – asks for more insight
Mo: there will be some truth coming out: our media has been trained as Mike Malloy called it: the famous flying monkey routine where they spout off what they think you need to hear which has nothing to do with reality and every thing to do with the fake story which is be very afraid of the fake terrorists who live next door to you, who read the Koran at midnight!
 - The joke is so bad – please excuse her! The fake story is like the so bad jokes – might as well not go there!
 - It is about one issue: the colour of one's skin; she likes the colour of the skin she's in.
 - If you say The Affordable Health Care Act, folks say that sounds kind of OK; if you say ObamaCare – get out the pitchforks & the torches and the body bags!
 - There is such a great moment in this cycle and whether we know it or not, or like it or not, this planet is on its way to ascension – this is assured; same for us. The time is past of telling old, bad stories around the camp fire; now is the time to do it and do it now – one way to do it is TO GET OUT AND VOTE – IT IS A BIG DEAL.
 - She knows the outcome of the story and **it is not an exercise in futility:** the heroes and the

prophets – she cannot say how it comes, yet this cosmic piece called Adam kadmon is the key. That is as much as she can say as we have the cosmic key to the whole story – it is this temple of the living god which is even more than we could dream of; this merkaba vehicle, this flower of life – we have all the magic we need, right here within this temple! Turn it on and use it! That's an order!

T: refers to an ad on RT: a new kind of spray can – spray on denial, spray on crime, spray on propaganda spray on everything – all kinds of ways to get info to the people

Mo: and they are saying is that they have sprayed something over our eyes [a funny lie called the matrix] that makes us colour blind and blinded by the light; get over the issue which is the colour of the man's skin:

- it matters not, what should matter is what's in here [heart] – as we wish to heal the story, we heal the war inside.

T: asks what would change the external changes relative to ebola?

Mo: the frequencies that have come in since the blood moon has been activated: her wayward children initiated and activated energies which represents hate instead of love,

- they want to play with racial hate issues, covered up with protracted wars that come out of nowhere at the drop of a hat – like attacking another country for having a different religion .
- What is this? The simple fact that the people of Palestine are black and have a different religion and they are all one people – of Palestine.

T: she re-located the group that got together: Israeli and Palestinian children singing together & sharing [she found the tape]

Mo: the big issue in front of everyone is what has been said by many lately

- now is the time where **we have won** and we do this with peace, yet if we have a raging war inside us, makes it difficult to be peaceful .

T: the getting together of the idea and the concept that the community of humanity reflects what looks like on the outside, looks different on the inside: does not mean separation – it means we all take responsibility for all that has happened

Mo: what has been going on has been an effort to change the stories that have gone to deep, deep levels across this planet.

- Goes back to Malala at 17 who is speaking truth to power in the face of energy out of its time-space continuum

T: will play Amy's interview with her; brings up the call about the ship looking like a triangle and next to it was a stick & it was pink – from the San Jose area!

Mo: it is a message from our future saying things are coming up roses with the pink rose ray and now is the time to heal this issue called I might look a little different than you with fur and fangs, yet we mean you no harm. It is only about love

T: Thom Hartmann talking to Helen Caldicott – telling the story of where he and family were going to live in Germany, and he walked in radioactive rain & didn't know it – time of the Ukraine incident. Told her that he went there because of a great job opportunity to work at the base for the school in the US for children who were autistic, etc

T: Yet there is this other thing that cleans this up – repair the already done damage if it takes 2-80 years

Mo: what you may not seem to get is that the mita chlorians, the force already has a plan that is being carried out – it is called love.

- Her wayward children cannot stop it – it is the fail-safe mechanism - out of the auto destruct sequence is that assurance of their auto destruction!
- We might feel like we have been hit with the biggest truck ever – and it is where we lift ourselves out of that place where what has been hitting humanity with the solar flares etc – we should all be feeling like Robin Williams and crawling in and not coming out.

T: except that is not what really happened: someone killed him

Mo we are being called to speak to life forms who have only one intention: filling their gullets with food, and that is their only intention: either energetic or physical. She is there to say we are the food you

have to swallow: it's called the bitter pill where you go to the Dark Rift.
T: there is going to be something .that's going to stop this war on us . .
Mo: and it is about us going to that place where we heal the war inside us . .
T: looking at the TV - "fracking is murder"
Mo: Please know that all of us are such a light of frequency that is so bright in this realm that we are a star that is risen and cannot be extinguished: like the Peace Tower that Yoko One put up for John – it will never, ever go out!

Kadoish! Kadoish! Kadoish!

T: need to pray peace for Kobani – [the city is] almost taken over
R: please send love – how we heal this story. He has been **sitting with the masters on Saturn**: all we are saying is give peace a chance! Send peace to all the situations!
T: Are Netanyahu and Erdowan buddies behind the scenes?
R: if anything, Erdowan
T: Erdowan wants to take out Abbas and does not want to help the Kurdish
• Erdowan is an absolute criminal: cares less if all the Kurds get massacred. The Turkish military massacred millions of them!

Audio: All In with Chris Hayes Oct 10, 2014
What could the future of energy look like?

Chris wraps up a week of stories about America's reliance on coal, and examines what the future of energy could look like.

<http://www.msnbc.com/all>

Audio: Democracy Now – Malala awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; [SEE BELOW]

http://www.democracynow.org/2014/10/10/pakistani_education_activist_malala_yousafzai_becomes

<http://traffic.libsyn.com/democracynow/dn2014-1010-1.mp3>

Audio: Democracy Now – about Ferguson, MO [SEE BELOW]

http://www.democracynow.org/2014/10/10/ferguson_october_activists_call_for_nationwide

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Audio: Democracy Now - Detroit Faces "Humanitarian Crisis" as City Shuts Off Water Access for Thousands of Residents [SEE BELOW]

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Audio: Democracy Now [SEE BELOW]
"I Am Coming to the End of a Long Journey": Legendary Detroit Activist Grace Lee Boggs in Hospice

http://www.democracynow.org/2014/10/10/i_am_coming_to_the_end

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Audio: ?????????????? Laurence O'donnell

Audio: The Daily Show <http://thedailyshow.cc.com/videos/otsnvj/lawsuits-of-the-rich-and-shameless>

Lawsuits of the Rich and Shameless 10/9/14 – (9:58)



Audio: Max Keiser **[KR664] Keiser Report: Revolution Wheels Turning**

We discuss the 'do nothing spirit' standing in the way of the revolution that yet another celebrity is calling for. In the second half, Max interviews Roslyn Fuller about the 'democracy delusion,' revolution, Cicero and more.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=_NbRoULAh2M

Audio: Vandana Shiva – a very short piece

the real science is telling us that bioscience
In India, a beautiful phrase "Truth always wins".
Anti-democracy terrorism

Quoted at the end of the film:

"In this earth, in this earth, in this immaculate field we shall not plant any seeds except for compassion, except for love." Rumi

Reading: D'yanni Ywahoo

Closing: Rainbird.

INFORMATION RELATED TO THE NOTES

Pakistani Education Activist Malala Yousafzai Becomes Youngest Winner of Nobel Peace Prize

http://www.democracynow.org/2014/10/10/pakistani_education_activist_malala_yousafzai_becomes

Guests **Malala Yousafzai, Pakistani education activist and recipient of the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize, shared with Kailash Satyarthi.**

Pakistani education activist Malala Yousafzai and Indian child rights activist Kailash Satyarthi have jointly won the Nobel Peace Prize. At age 17, Yousafzai is the youngest person ever to win a Nobel Prize. In 2012, she was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman who boarded her school bus. She survived and continued to campaign for the rights of girls to go to school. Satyarthi, age 60, has been a leader for decades in the international movement against child slavery and the exploitation of child workers. In a statement, the Nobel committee said it "regards it as an important point for a Hindu and a Muslim, an Indian and a Pakistani, to join in a common struggle for education and against extremism." Last year on July 12, her 16th birthday, Yousafzai appeared at the United Nations and delivered her first speech since she underwent surgery, saying she was undeterred by the Taliban's efforts to silence her voice. The event marked a global day in her honor. We broadcast an excerpt from her address. "Let us wage a glorious struggle against illiteracy, poverty and terrorism. Let us pick up our books and our pens. They are the most powerful weapons," Yousafzai says. "One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world. Education is the only solution."

AMY GOODMAN: We're on the road broadcasting from Detroit, Michigan, from the studios of Detroit Public Television. This morning it was announced that Pakistani education activist Malala Yousafzai and Indian child rights activist Kailash Satyarthi have jointly won the Nobel Peace Prize. The chair of the Nobel committee, former Norwegian Prime Minister Thorbjørn Jagland, made the announcement this morning.

THORBJØRN JAGLAND: Ladies and gentleman, good morning. The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided that the Nobel Peace Prize for 2014 is to be awarded to Kailash Satyarthi and Malala Yousafzai for their struggle against oppression of young people and children, and children's right to education. Children must go to school, not be financially exploited.

AMY GOODMAN: At age 17, Malala Yousafzai is the youngest person ever to win a Nobel Prize. In 2012, she was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman who boarded her school bus. She survived and continued to campaign for the rights of girls to go to school. Kailash Satyarthi, age 60, has been a leader for decades in the international movement against child slavery and the exploitation of child workers. In a statement, the Nobel committee said it, quote, "regards it as an important point for a Hindu and a Muslim, an Indian and a Pakistani, to join in a common struggle for education and against extremism."

Last year, on July 12th, her 16th birthday, Malala Yousafzai appeared at the United Nations and delivered her first public speech since she underwent surgery, saying she was undeterred by the Taliban's efforts to silence her voice. The event marked a global day in her honor. This is an extended excerpt of Malala Yousafzai's address.

MALALA YOUSAFZAI: Dear friends, on the 9th of October, 2012, the Taliban shot me on the left side of my forehead. They shot my friends, too. They thought that the bullet would silence us. But they failed. And out of that silence came thousands of voices. The terrorists thought that they would change my aims and stop my ambitions. But nothing changed in my life except this: Weakness, fear and hopelessness died; strength, power and courage was born. I am the same Malala. My ambitions are the same. My hopes are

the same. And my dreams are the same.

Dear sisters and brothers, I am not against anyone. Neither am I here to speak in terms of personal revenge against the Taliban or any other terrorist group. I am here to speak up for the right of education of every child. I want education for the sons and daughters of the Taliban and all the terrorists and extremists. I do not even hate the Talib who shot me. Even if there is a gun in my hand and he stands in front of me, I would not shoot him. This is the compassion that I have learned from Muhammad, the prophet of mercy, and Jesus Christ and Lord Buddha. This the legacy of change that I have inherited from Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela and Muhammad Ali Jinnah. This is the philosophy of nonviolence that I have learned from Gandhiji, Bacha Khan and Mother Teresa. And this is the forgiveness that I have learned from my father and from my mother. This is what my soul is telling me: Be peaceful and love everyone.

Today, I am focusing on women's rights and girls' education because they are suffering the most. There was a time when women social activists asked men to stand up for their rights. But this time we will do it by ourselves. I'm not telling men to step away from speaking for women's rights; rather, I am focusing on women to be independent, to fight for themselves.

So, dear sisters and brothers, now it's time to speak up. So today, we call upon the world leaders to change their strategic policies in favor of peace and prosperity. We call upon the world leaders that all the peace deals must protect women's and children's rights. A deal that goes against the rights of women is unacceptable. We call upon all governments to ensure free, compulsory education all over the world for every child. We call upon all the governments to fight against terrorism and violence, to protect children from brutality and harm. We call upon the developed nations to support the expansion of education opportunities for girls in the developing world. We call upon all the communities to be tolerant, to reject prejudice based on caste, creed, sect, color, religion or agenda, to ensure freedom and equality for women so that they can flourish. We cannot all succeed when half of us are held back. We call upon our sisters around the world to be brave, to embrace the strength within themselves and realize their full potential.

Dear brothers and sisters, we want schools and education for every child's bright future. We will continue our journey to our destination of peace and education. No one can stop us. We will speak up for our rights, and we will bring change through our voice. We believe in the power and the strength of our words. Our words can change the whole world, because we are all together, united for the cause of education. And if we want to achieve our goal, then let us empower ourselves with the weapon of knowledge, and let us shield ourselves with unity and togetherness.

Dear brothers and sisters, we must not forget that millions of people are suffering from poverty, injustice and ignorance. We must not forget that millions of children are out of their schools. We must not forget that our sisters and brothers are waiting for a bright, peaceful future. So let us wage—so let us wage a global struggle against illiteracy, poverty and terrorism. Let us pick up—let us pick up our books and our pens. They are our most powerful weapons. One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world. Education is the only solution. Education first. Thank you.

AMY GOODMAN: Malala Yousafzai, speaking at the United Nations General Assembly last July on her 16th birthday. Today she became the youngest person ever to win a Nobel Prize. She shares the peace prize with Kailash Satyarthi, who's been a leader for decades in the international movement against child slavery and the exploitation of child workers. He developed Rugmark, now known as Goodweave, which is a monitoring, labeling and certification system of rugs made in South Asia without child labor. The two will be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize on December 10th, International Human Rights Day, in Oslo. This is Democracy Now! Back in a minute.

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Ferguson October: Youth Organizers Plan Weekend of Resistance 2 Months After Death of Michael Brown

There's Something Wrong in America: Michael Brown's Funeral Sparks Calls for an Enduring Movement

Guests

Tory Russell, activist fighting for justice in killing of Michael Brown, and an organizer with Hands Up United.

Tef Poe, St. Louis rapper and activist. He wrote a column for Time magazine headlined "Barack Obama Has Forsaken Us, But We Will Not Stop Fighting Injustice."

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Demonstrations over the police killing of an unarmed teenager in St. Louis, Missouri, continued for a second night ahead of a national weekend of action in nearby Ferguson over the police killing of Michael Brown two months ago. Organizers have invited the Brown family to take part. Dr. Cornel West and actor Harry Belafonte are also among those expected to attend the events, which include a mass march and a planned act of civil disobedience. They will join local activists who have been calling for the arrest of police officer Darren Wilson, who killed Mike Brown; for the appointment of a special prosecutor in the case; and the firing of Ferguson Police Chief Thomas Jackson. We speak with three of the organizers who have been involved in the protests since the beginning: Tef Poe, a St. Louis rapper and activist; Tory Russell, an organizer with Hands Up United; and Ashley Yates, of Millennial Activists United. "The message that we're sending to the system is that we're not going to stop. We are resilient," Poe says.

AMY GOODMAN: This is Democracy Now!, democracynow.org, The War and Peace Report. I'm Amy Goodman. We're on the road, broadcasting from Detroit, Michigan, from the studios of Detroit Public Television. In our next segment, we'll look at how Detroit has shut off water to thousands of residents who have fallen behind on payments. Some 350 to 400 customers reportedly continue to lose water service daily in Detroit.

But first we turn to Ferguson, Missouri, where activists are calling on people to join them this weekend for a national protest against police bias and violence against black and Latino communities in the wake of the police shooting of the unarmed African-American teenager Michael Brown. Organizers have invited the Brown family to take part. Dr. Cornel West, actor Harry Belafonte are also among those expected to attend the events, which include a mass march and a planned act of civil disobedience. They'll join local activists who have been calling for the arrest of police officer Darren Wilson, who killed Mike Brown; for the appointment of a special prosecutor in the case; and the firing of the Ferguson police chief, Thomas Jackson.

This week, Democracy Now!'s Aaron Maté and I sat down with three of the organizers involved in the protests. Tef Poe is a St. Louis rapper and activist, who recently wrote a column for Time magazine headlined "Barack Obama Has Forsaken Us, But We Will Not Stop Fighting Injustice." We also spoke with Tory Russell, an organizer with Hands Up United, and Ashley Yates, an activist, poet, artist, raised in Florissant, Missouri. She's a member and co-creator of Millennial Activists United. I began by asking Tef Poe to talk about what's happening this weekend.

TEF POE: What we're going to see this weekend is a massive show of force by peaceful demonstrators coming from all over the country, all over the world, possibly, to Ferguson and greater St. Louis as a whole to stand in solidarity, to speak out against the injustices that happened with police brutality, not just with Michael Brown, but with several people, several different cases worldwide.

AMY GOODMAN: You were about to start a tour when Mike Brown was killed, is that right?

TEF POE: Yes, I was.

AMY GOODMAN: Where were you?

TEF POE: I was actually being a part of the Vatterott College tour, which, ironically enough, Michael Brown was supposed to attend Vatterott College.

AMY GOODMAN: Where is Vatterott?

TEF POE: It's located in St. Louis in Midwest region. It's a Midwest regional trade school. And I was going to help promote the music sect of the school on tour.

AMY GOODMAN: Did you go there?

TEF POE: No, I did not.

AMY GOODMAN: So what happened then?

TEF POE: We went on the—I went on one date of the tour. I went to Memphis. And I just didn't feel right leaving home with all that stuff going on, with so much commotion in the streets, so I just came back and canceled the rest of my dates.

AARON MATÉ: And what did you do in Ferguson?

TEF POE: In Ferguson, I just got to the ground. To be honest with you, initially, I didn't know what to do. I was a regular person who—I have done some community organizing among some other issues, but nothing so directly attached to the police. And I just got on the ground. I met Tory Russell, I met Ashley and, you know, other youth organizers, and we kind of just formed a united front and moved forward on different issues concerning this one.

AMY GOODMAN: Ashley, talk about the organizing in those first days after Mike Brown was killed.

ASHLEY YATES: Well, in the first days, I don't know if there really was a lot of organizing. This was a reactionary event. People were just, you know, angry. We were tired. We had seen too many black lives gunned down at the hands of police. So we just took to the streets to show our resistance to the system that had been working against us. As the weeks passed, then the organizing really started. And it was just pretty much people getting together with the people they had been on the front line with and saying, you know, "How can we make sure this doesn't happen again? How can we move forward?" And that's why we founded our organization, Millennial Activists United, just to kind of see what those next steps were to make sure that this doesn't happen again. So, we focused around a civilian review board at first. We focused around police oversight by the community, whatever that would look like. We focused on removing the people that were in positions of power that had let us down and allowed this tragedy to happen.

AARON MATÉ: Now, some of these demands that have come up in the city council meetings that have been held since Michael Brown's killing, can you talk about the response that you've been getting?

ASHLEY YATES: The response from the community is positive. I actually had a closed-session meeting with some of the Ferguson officials, and there are definitely people behind the wall that want to make change. But it's a slow process. It's too slow for the organizers, so we're looking to find ways to kind of, you know, punch some loopholes in that and make it move a little faster, because we know that this cannot happen again, so we have to make sure that whatever change is implemented is expedient.

AMY GOODMAN: Tory, can you talk about where you were on August 9th when Darren Wilson gunned down Mike Brown?

TORY RUSSELL: Well, I was at home, actually, watching the Little League World Series. It was the Jackie Robinson team was playing. Everybody was tweeting about that. And then, on my timeline, I seen a dead body. You know, surprisingly, I didn't react with what—you know, probably react to a dead body. I saw the stepfather—

AMY GOODMAN: Where do you live in relation?

TORY RUSSELL: I stay in North St. Louis, like eight minutes away, like my street, I can connect to West Florissant and take that right to Canfield Drive. So, I sat there for hours. I even saw the sign with "Ferguson PD killed my unarmed son." And it took hours for me to actually move. So, one of my best friends, Brother al-Shareef from the Nation of Islam, picked me up. We went to the site, saw Brother Shahid, the family. You know, other people was telling me that the father actually took a sheet out to the body, because the body was uncovered. And the policemen allowed that. So, I didn't know what to do, you know, but I went to the police department to try to get some answers. So, I wouldn't say I was a born organizer, but I took people there. I tweeted it out. People followed. It started with one lady named La'Toya Cash, Brother Montague Simmons from the Organization for Black Struggle, which I didn't know at the time. And it was just us, eight people, and then it grew to about a hundred. So we went in, you know, tried to talk to Chief Jackson. He said he would meet with us, then he drove off.

AMY GOODMAN: What do you mean?

TORY RUSSELL: So, a local pastor, Pastor Johnson in Wellspring, he kind of brokered a conversation to get some answers about the case on August 9th. It was about 9:00, because we'd been out there about from 6:00 to 9:00, so at 9:30 I declared that I was going in, you know, no matter what. If they lock me up or whatever's going to happen was going to happen at 9:30. He kind of brokered a call. 9:45, he said he'd be out; 9:50, he drove off in his truck. About a little bit after 10:00, me and five other people went inside.

AMY GOODMAN: Which brings us to the police chief's apology. This is Police Chief Tom Jackson.

POLICE CHIEF THOMAS JACKSON: I want to say this to the Brown family: No one who has not experienced the loss of a child can understand what you're feeling. I'm truly sorry for the loss of your son. I'm also sorry that it took so long to remove Michael from the street. The time that it took involved very important work on the part of investigators who were trying to collect evidence and gain a true picture of what happened that day, but it was just too long, and I am truly sorry for that.

AMY GOODMAN: So that was Ferguson Police Chief Tom Jackson. What's your response to that, Tory Russell? You were there when he drove off at the beginning.

TORY RUSSELL: Yeah, yeah. So, like I said, I think that was day 50. You know, he took 50 days to acknowledge that it was a tragedy, right? As if he didn't know on August 9th that it was a tragedy. And then, if he can come out on day 50, he could have come out on day one, you know, just to acknowledge that it was an unarmed young man who was killed. A lot of people in the community are saying due process. He wasn't allowed his due process. No acknowledgment of the officer. You know, at first he said—someone threw out a name. What was it? Michael White? And then, at the press conference, they asked, "Darren

Wilson, is that the officer's name?" And he said no. You know, so how can I believe the apology, after a timeline of lies? August 9th, lie. You know, next week he brought out a lie. He brought out the videos, saying that it was a consent decree in the Sunshine Act, saying the people—the press was requesting this video, which really has nothing to do with the indictment. You can't indict a dead person. You can indict an officer, sanctioned by the state, who murdered a boy.

AMY GOODMAN: Tef Poe, you wrote a piece against President Obama's response on this. I wanted to play what President Obama had to say at the Congressional Black Caucus.

PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA: I know that nothing any of us can say can ease the grief of losing a child so soon. But the anger and the emotion that followed his death awakened our nation once again to the reality that people in this room have long understood, which is, in too many communities around the country, a gulf of mistrust exists between local residents and law enforcement. Too many young men of color feel targeted by law enforcement, guilty of walking while black or driving while black, judged by stereotypes that fuel fear and resentment and hopelessness. We know that statistically, in everything from enforcing drug policy to applying the death penalty, to pulling people over, there are significant racial disparities. That's just the statistics. One recent poll showed that the majority of Americans think the criminal justice system doesn't treat people of all races equally. Think about that. That's not just blacks, not just Latinos or Asians or Native Americans saying things may not be fair; that's most Americans.

AMY GOODMAN: That's President Obama addressing the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. Tef Poe, your response? You wrote a piece in Time magazine called "Barack Obama Has Forsaken Us, But We Will Not Stop Fighting Injustice."

TEF POE: Well, I mean, that speech sounds really good, and it's really entertaining, but it didn't stop me and my comrades from being tear-gassed. And that's the bottom line. I walked to West Florissant one night, and we were surrounded by National Guards with M-16s aimed at unarmed civilians and unarmed media representatives. At that very moment, I realized that I could have died. And I looked to the sky, and I said, "God, I cannot continue to lead my people to the slaughter." We have voted for Barack Obama two times, and this still happened. A lot of us young people voted for him with the assumption that what happened during Hurricane Katrina wouldn't happen to black people during his watch. I don't have any outlandish fallacies about what the government can do, but I realistically expect that if young, unarmed, peaceful, protesting black people are demonstrating our First Amendment right, that we won't be hurdled up like cattle and forced to defend ourselves. And that's the reality that we were facing in Ferguson. It felt as if no one cared about us.

AARON MATÉ: Ashley, in the first few weeks, there was a huge media frenzy in Ferguson. When we were there, there was satellite trucks packed into that super—a supermall on West Florissant. I recall seeing teams of CNN reporters accompanied by bodyguards. Now most of the media has left. Has the media attention helped? And how have local residents reacted to it?

ASHLEY YATES: Well, the reason I'm here—let's be honest—is because I took to Twitter. That first night we went to the police department, I did what a lot of people use Twitter for, and I just tweeted what was happening to me. So I think the media attention has helped, but in the process, we've really become our own media. I've had people come to me and say, you know, "We go to Twitter for the real. We go to Twitter to see what's happening in Ferguson." Tef mentioned earlier the twist that they put on the protests where the police officer barreled through the protesters. If you were on Twitter, if you were on the live stream, you'd know that that is not the truth. So, the media has helped amplify some of the truth, but they have also tried to hide some of it. But it's been circumvented by the real presence of Twitter activists such as myself.

AARON MATÉ: There's a lot of talk that this moment in Ferguson has become sort of the ground zero for a national movement. How do you, as an activist there on the ground, take to that, take this perception that you're seen as being at the epicenter of a national struggle?

ASHLEY YATES: I think it's a wonderful, positive opportunity, and we're grasping it. We are tired. We are tired of seeing our black men get gunned down, we're tired of seeing our black women get gunned down, and particularly unarmed black people get gunned down to an excessive extent—11 bullets, 21 bullets, 41 bullets. We are tired of it, and we know that it is not just happening in Ferguson. There's John Crawford in Dayton. There's Ezell Ford in L.A.

AMY GOODMAN: John Crawford is the man who was shot dead in a Wal-Mart—

ASHLEY YATES: Wal-Mart.

AMY GOODMAN: —holding a Wal-Mart product.

ASHLEY YATES: Yes, yes. So we know it's not just isolated to Ferguson. We see all the other cases. And we've made grand efforts to get out to those cities and connect with those people, to let people know that this is not just a Ferguson issue, it's a nationwide issue of police brutality that has to stop.

AMY GOODMAN: Ashley, can you read your T-shirt?

ASHLEY YATES: Sure. We've got Emmett Till, Amadou Diallo. We've got Sean Bell, Oscar Grant, Trayvon Martin. We've got Jordan—

TORY RUSSELL: Davis.

ASHLEY YATES: —Eric Garner. Thank you, Jordan Davis, Eric Garner, Mike Brown and Ezell Ford. And then, if you look at the very bottom, it's "to be continued." We want to put a period at the end of that. That is our goal.

AMY GOODMAN: So tell us what's happening this weekend, Tef Poe. What are the plans in Ferguson?

TEF POE: Well, we have a series of very creative and very coordinated actions. I think what happened initially, as you heard Ashley speak on earlier, when this incident first happened, we didn't know what to do. We were kind of playing catch-up. So, with the weekend of resistance, we have the opportunity to show the world that we actually are organized, that we actually are on one accord, that we actually are synchronized. We are going to have a few massive demonstrations downtown, and then some of those people are going to break off into their own private engagements and private demonstrations in different public settings. And we're going to have a concert on Sunday, I believe, like a block party-style concert. We're going to use that to try to politicize a lot of young people and maybe register people to vote, connect people with different organizations that can cater to their different issues and things that they're concerned about. It's just going to be a massive opportunity to really engage a large amount of people and also connect with people that feel what we're going through.

AMY GOODMAN: I know John Crawford is a major issue for you, Tef Poe, John Crawford who was gunned down in the Ohio Wal-Mart holding a BB gun that was from the shelf.

TEF POE: Right.

AMY GOODMAN: Now, the officers were not indicted who killed him. The reason, they said, is because they were afraid, and it's based on their perception, that they got a 911 call, and so they went in armed, ready to kill. What about this idea that police officers are afraid?

TEF POE: You know, I told a police officer the other day while we were protesting, "You have the guns, and we don't. So, the notion that you are afraid of us, when you have all of the weapons in the world, is ridiculous. You can bring a tank. You can bring an armored vehicle. You can bring tear gas, smoke bombs.

You can bring assault rifles. All I have is this." It makes zero sense.

AMY GOODMAN: For our radio listeners, Tef is—

TEF POE: My hands are in the air. Makes zero sense. It's illogical. But that shows you the ridiculous nature of racism, because it's the idea that when these young men and these young women are attacked, suddenly they turn into Incredible Hulk, Wolverine, Superman, Spider-Man and Wonder Woman. And I guess John Crawford could have killed that officer with laser vision, supposedly. So, it's just ridiculous, you know? And when you watch the video, it's even more ridiculous that they weren't punished. Punishment, I believe, wasn't even considered. And that's the ridiculous nature of the beast.

AMY GOODMAN: A lot of the protests have been on Florissant, and you're, Ashley, actually from Florissant, next door to Ferguson?

ASHLEY YATES: Yes, ma'am.

AMY GOODMAN: Dred Scott is buried at the Calvary Cemetery in Florissant—

TORY RUSSELL: Yeah.

ASHLEY YATES: Yes, yes.

AMY GOODMAN: —and right down the road from Ferguson. Dred Scott, what's considered the worst Supreme Court decision ever, the decision that said an African American, slave or free, cannot be a citizen of the United States. As we wrap up, your thoughts on where we have come?

ASHLEY YATES: Well, I think we're seeing that in action, right? We're not that far removed from it. Like Tory talked about, the fact that they can just shoot down black people at will and then back-track and become the jury and find information, whether it be true or untrue, to justify that murder. We saw it in the release of the tape with Mike Brown. That had absolutely nothing to do with it. Darren Wilson was responding on an entirely different call when he encountered Mike Brown. So we're definitely seeing, as Tef talked about, the ridiculous nature of racism. And we have to work on that, and we have to recognize it within our communities. And once we start realizing that we really are being weaponized, like our black skin is being weaponized, people are seeing our melanin as a threat, then we can move forward. And that's where we're really working with with the weekend of resistance, is moving forward, showing people that they're not alone. I went to Dayton, spoke to the Ohio Student Association, who's doing a lot of the work around the John Crawford case. They've been a great help in just building with other communities that see the same issue, that have had the same problem. And we can move forward from there, change the perception, right? Change the perception of what it means to be young and black. And I think that's what all of us are doing here. We are young, black. We're motivated. We're organized. We are not threats simply because of the color of our skin.

AMY GOODMAN: Tory Russell, last comment?

TORY RUSSELL: The Dred Scott case is the key part of October 11th. We're going to meet downtown. We're going to go by that site, you know, go to the courthouse. And that's about what? About 140 years removed. And we're still at that date in history.

AMY GOODMAN: 1857.

TORY RUSSELL: Yeah. So, I mean, that's—

AMY GOODMAN: The Supreme Court decision came down.

TORY RUSSELL: I mean, that's what? One-fifty, 160? We're about that time, and we're still at Mike Brown. And we're still at Dred Scott. I don't know what year it is. When I'm in St. Louis, I don't know. And weeks of tear gas, I don't—like I said, I don't feel so America, after getting tear-gassed, you know, and Eric Holder stepping down, after he walked in and said that he wanted to have this race dialogue. Here it is; he steps down. We had the meetings with the Department of Justice. They said all they can do is sue. And they don't sue for money; they sue for recommendations. So, I mean, that's why this weekend of resistance is key, so people can know what's going on, what we have. And in 50 to 60 days, you can go home and organize. You can be just like me, coming from off the couch, off of Twitter 60 days later, running a protest, shutting down economies and marching and organizing people in the streets.

AMY GOODMAN: Finally, Tef Poe?

TEF POE: You know, the thing that I'm big on is showing the infrastructure of the police and other racist institutions that we are not scared. For so long, fear is the reason that people like ourselves have not got off the couch. Last night I had a show in St. Louis, and they surrounded the venue with about 50-plus police officers. They had undercover police officers inside of the show. I've done over a hundred—

AMY GOODMAN: This was Sunday night.

TEF POE: Yeah, last night, Sunday night. I've had over a hundred shows at this venue. It's a place where my talent was groomed at. And they even went to the owner on Thursday and asked him to cancel the show. So, this is a mechanism of fear. They're hoping that this is a way that will make people like myself and other young people that are following our lead say, "You know what? Maybe we're doing too much. Maybe we need to stop." But the message that we're sending to the system is that we're not going to stop. We are resilient. I told a police officer once, "You can only do two things to me. You can kill me, or you can lock me up." Once you get past being scared of either one of those options, a brand new world opens up.

AMY GOODMAN: That was Tef Poe, a St. Louis rapper, an activist; Tory Russell, an organizer with Hands Up United; as well as Ashley Yates, an activist, poet, artist and co-creator of Millennial Activists United. This is Democracy Now!, democracynow.org, The War and Peace Report. Back in a minute.

2014, Oct 10 **Detroit Faces "Humanitarian Crisis" as City Shuts Off Water Access for Thousands of Residents**

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Alice Jennings, lead attorney for Detroit residents fighting against the city's controversial campaign to turn off water service for unpaid accounts.

We are on the road in Detroit, broadcasting from the "Great Lakes State" of Michigan, which has one of the longest freshwater coastlines in the country. But its residents are increasingly concerned about their access to affordable water. A judge overseeing Detroit's bankruptcy recently ruled the city can continue shutting off water to residents who have fallen behind on payments after a judge concluded there is no "enforceable right" to water. The city began cutting off water to thousands of households several months ago, prompting protests from residents and the United Nations. Today, some 350 to 400 customers reportedly continue to lose water service daily in Detroit, where poverty rate is approximately 40 percent, and people have seen their water bills increase by 119 percent within the last decade. Most of the residents are African-American. Two-thirds of those impacted by the water shutoffs involve families with children. We speak with Alice Jennings, the lead attorney for residents who have lost their water access. "What's happening here is nothing short of a humanitarian crisis," Jennings says. "In a military way, the truck would start at one end of the street, and by the time it reached the other end maybe 50 percent of the homes were shut off."

AMY GOODMAN: This is Democracy Now!, democracynow.org, The War and Peace Report. I'm Amy Goodman. We're on the road in Detroit, broadcasting from Detroit Public Television. We're broadcasting from the "Great Lakes State" of Michigan. The state has one of the longest freshwater coastlines in the country, but its residents are increasingly concerned about their access to affordable water. A judge overseeing Detroit's bankruptcy recently ruled the city can continue shutting off water to residents who have fallen behind on payments. Judge Steven Rhodes ruled there is no "enforceable right" to water. Detroit began cutting off water to thousands of households several months ago, prompting protests from residents and from the United Nations. Today, some 350 to 400 customers reportedly continue to lose water service daily in Detroit. Detroit's water authority carries an estimated \$5 billion in debt and has been the subject of talks to privatize. Activists have been organizing against the water shutoffs, saying they target Detroit's most vulnerable families.

PROTESTER: I want to tell you why six kids on this porch when they came to shut off the water, and their parents had to run to try to find how they're going to pay their water bill. Another woman, she's pregnant. She has a two-year-old. She's holding a bill for \$400 in her hand, and she's begging the man, "Don't turn off my water." A pregnant woman with a \$400 bill. You're going to close the water off for a woman with a \$400 bill who's pregnant and a two-year-old. Shame on you!

AMY GOODMAN: One of the many Detroit residents protesting the recent water shutoffs. The poverty rate in Detroit is approximately 40 percent, and people have seen their water bills increase by 119 percent within the last decade. Most of the residents are African-American. Two-thirds of those impacted by the water shutoffs involve families with children.

Well, for more, we're joined now by Alice Jennings, the lead attorney for Detroit residents fighting against the city's controversial campaign to turn off water service for unpaid accounts.

Alice Jennings, welcome to Democracy Now!

ALICE JENNINGS: Thank you. Thanks for having me.

AMY GOODMAN: Explain what is happening.

ALICE JENNINGS: Well, what's happening here is nothing short of a humanitarian crisis. Starting last year, the city of Detroit began to shut water off on homes, and these would be homes with disabled persons, children—it really didn't matter. In a military way, the truck would start at one end of the street, and by the time it reached the other end there may be 50 percent of the homes were shut off.

AMY GOODMAN: Was there any advance notice?

ALICE JENNINGS: No, there was not. Only the policy and procedure where they would put on the bill, "Your water may be subject to shutoff." But there had been a process where water was not collected on. So people grew very accustomed to paying some part of their bill, a little here, a little there, maybe buying food, getting medical care. And so, when this happened, it was sudden and abrupt, very abrupt.

AMY GOODMAN: And so, if your water was about to be turned off, you'd presumably try to fill everything you can with water, but you don't have that chance.

ALICE JENNINGS: There wasn't even that chance. In fact, the late Charity Hicks was arrested in her neighborhood, a true water warrior and food justice warrior. She was arrested when she tried to have the folks who were cutting the water cut off to just stop for a few minutes so her pregnant neighbor could get water from some of the neighbors who had water. And they wouldn't. So she was taken to jail and arrested.

AMY GOODMAN: The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department has defended its actions, saying the water shutoffs are necessary for alleviating the department's debts. This is Greg Eno, the public affairs specialist at DWSD.

ALICE JENNINGS: Yes, and just to state to that—

GREG ENO: We're trying to work with people more aggressively—let's put it that way—to try to get—

AMY GOODMAN: Can you explain what it is that they are saying?

ALICE JENNINGS: Yes. We filed our constitutional lawsuit based on the fact that the Equal Protection Clause should cause both commercial accounts as well as individuals to be treated the same. In this instance, some of the commercial accounts owed millions of dollars, while the families may have only owed \$150. And so, part of the claim is that the treatment is different. And there wasn't a chance for families to get the help they needed to avoid the shutoff. And certainly, where community children and seniors are involved, that should always be the goal.

AMY GOODMAN: Let's go back to what the sewer department is saying.

GREG ENO: We're trying to work with people more aggressively—let's put it that way—to try to get them either on payment plans or to get them paid. And it has worked. It has—we've increased our—we've lowered our debt a little bit by doing that.

AMY GOODMAN: That was Greg Eno. Your response?

ALICE JENNINGS: And my response would be to Greg Eno that there is not any differentials being made as to whether or not there is a family who doesn't have the resources to pay for the water. And in fact, there is a policy and practice now in existence, just in the last month or so, to try to make some determination as

whether there's the ability to pay or affordability. But at the time we filed the lawsuit, nothing was being done, and so the shutoffs just occurred.

AMY GOODMAN: So who are you representing?

ALICE JENNINGS: We are representing 10 individuals who have stood up, who all of them have either had their water shut off, about eight of them, or—and two who were very close to being shut off because the landlord didn't pay the bill. Then we're representing the Michigan Welfare Rights, the People's Water Board, Moratorium Now, as well as the Michigan chapter of the National Action Network.

AMY GOODMAN: Isn't this also a matter of hygiene, of how you deal with keeping clean? What about the kind of infections we're dealing with today?

ALICE JENNINGS: It is so much a safety issue. In fact, the director of the Wayne County Health Department just recently proclaimed that there is a medical emergency in the city of Detroit because of the shutoffs. With poor sanitation comes all types of medical conditions. There is the ability to become dehydrated, particularly with children and senior citizens. There is an issue of contamination, going from neighbor to neighbor to get water and taking different kind of germs and sanitation issues. And we're afraid, frankly.

AMY GOODMAN: The issue of the enterovirus?

ALICE JENNINGS: The enterovirus 68 has reached Michigan just last week.

AMY GOODMAN: That has killed children in Denver, in New Jersey.

ALICE JENNINGS: That's correct. I mean, this is—Judge Rhodes, even as he ruled against us, acknowledged that the irreparable harm to children and families could occur by his ruling, if there wasn't a water restoration to these homes. But because of money and the need to have revenue, he decided on the side of money instead of on the side of health and safety and on the side of the people.

AMY GOODMAN: The U.N. and international water activists weighing in, has that had an effect?

ALICE JENNINGS: Well, we're hoping for sure that it will. Next Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the U.N., two of the rapporteurs, will be here. Ms. Leilani Farha is the U.N. delegate for housing, as well as Catarina de Albuquerque, who is water and sanitation. They will do fact finding. There will be a public hearing. There will be a meeting with the mayor. There will be a meeting with the legal team, as well.

2014, Oct 10 **"I Am Coming to the End of a Long Journey": Legendary Detroit Activist Grace Lee Boggs in Hospice**

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Guests Alice Jennings, lead attorney for Detroit residents fighting against the city's controversial campaign to turn off water service for unpaid accounts. She is also a board member of the James and Grace Lee Boggs School, and a close friend of Boggs.

As we broadcast from Detroit, Michigan, we get an update on Grace Lee Boggs, the 99-year-old activist, author and philosopher based in Detroit. She is considered a legendary figure in the struggle for justice in America. Throughout her life, Boggs has participated in all of the 20th century's major social movements — for civil rights, women's rights, workers' rights, and has inspired generations of local activists. In 1994, she co-founded Detroit Summer, "a multi-racial, inter-generational collective" that functions as a training ground for activists, attracting young people across the country each year. Boggs has been in hospice care at her Detroit home, largely bedridden after taking a bad fall last month. She recently posted a statement on her website that read in part, "I am coming to the end of a long journey — a journey that began over 70 years ago at the beginning of World War II." We broadcast an excerpt from our 2011 interview with Boggs, and speak with her longtime friend, Alice Jennings, who is one of two people in charge of her care.

AMY GOODMAN: I wanted to, finally, switch gears a bit and ask you about Grace Lee Boggs.

ALICE JENNINGS: Yes.

AMY GOODMAN: She stated recently on her Facebook page, "I am coming to the end of a long journey—a journey that began over 70 years ago at the beginning of World War II." Grace is now 99 years old. She is the well-known activist, author, philosopher, based in Detroit. And as she has dealt in her life with grace, I think you could say, like her first name—

ALICE JENNINGS: Mm-hmm, with much grace, yes.

AMY GOODMAN: —she is talking about transitioning now.

ALICE JENNINGS: Yes, and with the same bravery that she stood and marched in front of drug houses and organized labor movements. And it's very difficult for us who are very close to her, but she's taken it on.

AMY GOODMAN: You're in charge of her care?

ALICE JENNINGS: I am one of the two people. Shea Howell is also her other trustee. And we're just trying to love her and make her as comfortable as we can. But she's still saying, "What time is it on the clock of the world?" And we're accountable to make sure we continue the type of work she and James Boggs were known for.

AMY GOODMAN: I wanted to go to a clip of Grace Lee Boggs talking about Detroit.

GRACE LEE BOGGS: I moved from New York, where I had lived a good deal of my life and where I went to school, to Detroit, because I thought that the working class in Detroit was going to rise up and restore, reconstruct the city. And I arrived at a time when the population was beginning to decline, when the working

class was shrinking. And I had to begin learning from what was taking place. And that learning process is something that a lot of people are undergoing.

And I think it's very difficult for someone who doesn't live in Detroit to say you can look at a vacant lot and, instead of seeing devastation, see hope, see the opportunity to grow your own food, see an opportunity to give young people a sense of process, that's very difficult in the city, that the vacant lot represents the possibilities for a cultural revolution. It's amazing how few Americans understand that, even though I think filmmakers and writers are coming to the city and trying to spread the word.

AMY GOODMAN: Grace Lee Boggs took a fall last month, and she is in hospice care at home. Rarely do you talk about someone as directly saying they're dying, but Grace is acknowledging this.

ALICE JENNINGS: She is, and, in the face of it, trying to let us know what it's going on and what it's like. And we're—again, we're just there with her and loving her up.

AMY GOODMAN: Well, Alice Jennings, I want to thank you for being with us, lead attorney for Detroit residents fighting against the city's controversial campaign to turn water service off for unpaid accounts, also a board member of the James and Grace Lee Boggs School and a close friend of Grace Lee Boggs.

That does it for the show. I'll be speaking at the Lensic theater in Santa Fe, New Mexico, tonight. I'm Amy Goodman, broadcasting from Detroit.