

International Women's History Month Action: Stop the Witch Hunt

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March is International Women's History Month, and here in the U.S. and in our own Twin Cities, our sisters are under attack, in a grand jury investigation witch hunt. Subpoenas calling Sarah Martin, Tracy Molm, and Ahn Pham to testify were re-activated and could mean they will be jailed for noncooperation. The following are excerpts from a speech by activist Jess Sundin, also subpoenaed. She delivered them at a recent regional conference in Chicago, addressing the witch hunt.

"Let me say first, no one sent any guns or money to groups on the government's list of what they call 'foreign terrorist organizations.' I don't agree with that list anyway, but it's important that you as our supporters understand, we have not given what any of us might understand as material support to any groups on that list. What we have done is to help lead the antiwar movement in this country. Within the antiwar movement, we have worked to befriend the people hardest hit by U.S. war and militarism. The stories of these people—trade unionists, families, students—are kept out of the mainstream media here in the U.S. But when we travel to Palestine, or Colombia, or elsewhere, and bring back these stories and pictures, and share them with people here, they see people just like them being harmed. That knowledge makes everyone a person of conscience. And that makes the antiwar movement much stronger...

We have heard that they [Department of Justice/Attorney General's office for which the FBI conducts the investigation] are very upset that there was fundraising done to support the Union of Palestinian Women's Committees. This is a wonderful organization, a registered NGO with the Palestinian Authority. It is not banned by Israel, and it is not on the terrorist list. Quite the opposite. They run daycares, give support to women refugees, and work towards equality for Palestinian women... The prosecutors are also very upset that some of us openly disagree with the terrorist designations they have assigned many of the organizations around the world that fight for liberation... Again, I don't believe anyone has sent arms or money to these groups—that's just not what we do. But some of us sympathize with them politically, and it is our very thoughts, and our speech, that are criminalized by this case."

Please call and demand subpoenas be dropped and the witch hunt called off

1. U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald at 312-353-5300. Then dial 0 (zero) for operator and ask to leave a message with the Duty Clerk.
2. U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder 202-353-1555.
3. President Obama at 202-456-1111.

More information at: stopfbi.net