

PRIVATE MANNING SOLDIER OF HUMANITY



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WHO IS PRIVATE MANNING? WHY WE CALL HER "SOLDIER OF HUMANITY"

Private Chelsea Manning is the 25 year old U.S. soldier accused of leaking over 260,000 classified United States diplomatic cables, as well as videos and documents which have become known as the Afghan War Diary and the Iraq War Logs. Published on the whistleblower site Wikileaks, they further exposed US war crimes around the world including mass killings, torture, corruption, and the government's web of lies and attempted cover-up of United States atrocities.

For telling the truth and acting upon her conscience, Manning was arrested and has now been in military prison for over three years, and was also held in solitary confinement for the first 10 months of her incarceration. During this time she was denied meaningful exercise, social interaction, sunlight, and has occasionally been kept completely naked. These conditions were unique to Manning and are illegal even under US military law as they amount to extreme pre-trial punishment.

Private Manning was finally brought to trial in early June 2013. On July 30th 2013 military judge Colonel Denise Lind found her guilty of 20 of 22 charges. These charges can amount to over 136 years in prison, which will be decided by the judge by the end of August 2013. Private Manning was acquitted of the most serious charge of "Aiding the Enemy", which carried a sentence of life in prison.

Amnesty International criticized the verdict, and the government's refusal to investigate exposed crimes:

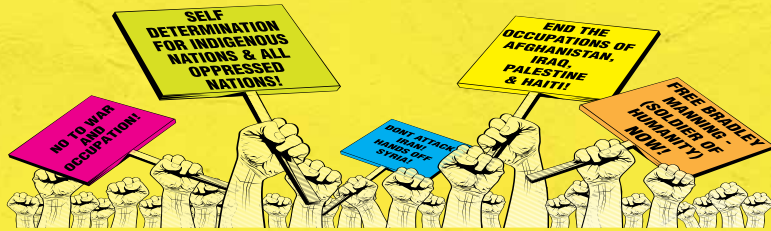
"The government's priorities are upside down. The US government has refused to investigate credible allegations of torture and other crimes under international law despite overwhelming evidence. Yet they decided to prosecute Manning who it seems was trying to do the right thing – reveal credible evidence of unlawful behaviour by the government."

Public outcry for Private Manning has been widespread all around the world. Besides the public actions and protests for Private Manning, she has also been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Text modified from Private Manning Support Network Website:

www.privatemanning.org





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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Mobilization Against War & Occupation (MAWO) is part of the international campaign to "Free Private Manning!" We believe that all peace-loving people should be actively involved in defending Manning, who demonstrated incredible courage by exposing ongoing war crimes in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world. She should be celebrated, not facing life imprisonment or a death penalty at the hands of those who she exposed. The campaign is extremely important in Canada as well. The Canadian government has also been exposed collaborating with these atrocities and also trying to cover up it's own killings, tortures, and huge expenditures during the ongoing occupation of Afghanistan. What we know now is only the tip of the iceberg,

and further exposing the truth can be instrumental in ending Canada's current war drive in Afghanistan, and preventing future wars and occupations. As we saw with the recent Canadian participation in the bombardment of Libya, and their pro-war and pro-sanctions statements against Syria and Iran, the Canadian government is planning on advancing, not retreating, down the appalling road of war and occupation. We need to stop them. We need more people like Private Manning. The outcome of Manning's case will set a huge precedent in the fight for peace and against war and occupation. Please join us by signing a petition demanding Private Manning's freedom, and visit: www.mawovancouver.org and www.privatemanning.org for more information on getting involved!

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GET INVOLVED EVERYONE WELCOME!

Alternating Tuesdays - 7 PM

Public Forums @ Joe's Cafe

1150 Commercial Drive at William Street

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