National Week of Action in Support of Black Migrants
October 11th to October 17th, 2021
#ProtectBlackMigrants #UntilWeAreFree #FreeThemAll
Short link for this toolkit: https://bit.ly/ToolkitNWABlackMigrants

The Black Alliance for Just Immigration has called for a National Week of Action in Support of Black Migrants. Our goal is to highlight the ways in which Black migrants are impacted by immigration policies.

The Until We’re Free table, a coalition of racial and immigrant justice organizations convened by BAJI is demanding basic human rights for Black Migrants. (See below the demands of the letter to Biden)

Over the last few weeks, the world has seen graphic images of US border patrol agents whipping Black migrants. You have watched as the Biden administration has ignored calls to stop the deportation of about 10,000 Haitians and other Black asylum seekers. We are witnessing one of the largest mass expulsions of migrants in recent US history. The Biden administration continues to break it’s promise that racial justice will inform its policies.

Please join the actions in different cities listed below, create your own action, or join us on social media using the hashtag #ProtectBlackMigrants. Sample social media posts are listed below.

Link to GRAPHICS here
Click [here](#) to understand current policies that overwhelmingly impact Black migrants at the southern border: asylum, Title 42 and Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP)

**Sample Social Media Posts**

- Open letter from the Until We’re Free table to Biden with a list of specific policy demands and expectations on protecting Black immigrants
  

  #UntilWeAreFree


- Immigration enforcement disproportionately affects Black immigrants yet mainstream media and policymakers often see immigration as a “non-Black Latino/Latinx issue,” leading to the erasure of Black immigrants #ProtectBlackMigrants

- Police are the first contact most immigrants have with the deportation system. But the immigrant rights movement has often left the need to confront policing and incarceration only to Black people. #ProtectBlackMigrants

- Many Black immigrants live in communities that are subject to heavy policing; we are more likely to get racially profiled and can end up in immigrant prisons and deported. #ProtectBlackMigrants

- There is an incredible amount of investment going into criminalizing Black communities regardless of [crime rates](#). So when we get more police, we get more deportations. #ProtectBlackMigrants

- Surveillance, a process of social control, has been a tool used to undermine and target marginalized communities, especially Black immigrants, including Black Muslims. #ProtectBlackMigrants
Black trans migrants in certain localities are more likely to be profiled for “walking while trans”, assumed to be sex workers and even if someone is arrested and not convicted of anything, they are often turned over to ICE to be put in immigration detention. #ProtectBlackMigrants

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Black immigrants are 6 times more likely to be locked in solitary confinement while in detention. [https://bit.ly/3awp3FN](https://bit.ly/3awp3FN)

We support the #CameroonTPS Act 2021, a new bill that calls for the immediate designation of #TPS4Cameroon. While a temp solution, Cameroon is currently experiencing multiple humanitarian & political crises that make safe return impossible. #ProtectBlackMigrants

**ACTIONS BY CITY (National Week of Action for Black Migrants)**

- **Austin, TX**
  *Nneka Achapu* - nneka@baji.org
  Date: October 17th

- **Brooklyn, NY**
  *Melissa Johnson* - melissa@baji.org
  Date: October 15th
Las Vegas, NV
Laura Martin - lmartin@planevada.org
Date: TBD

Yesenia Moya - yesenia@massliberationnv.com
Date: October 14th

Los Angeles, CA
Maraky Alemsegad - maraky@baji.org
Date: October 12th, 11am - 1pm, PST

Miami, FL
Santcha Etienne - santcha@baji.org
Date: October 17th and 18th

Nashville TN
Kosar - kosar@tnimmigrant.org)
Date: TBD

Oakland, CA
Priscilla Naankrah - priscilla.naankrah@gmail.com
Date: TBD

San Francisco, CA
Aron Berhane - aron@baji.org
Date: October 14th

Washington DC
Reuben Eckles - REckels@cwsglobal.org
Date: October 14th, noon to 2pm, EST