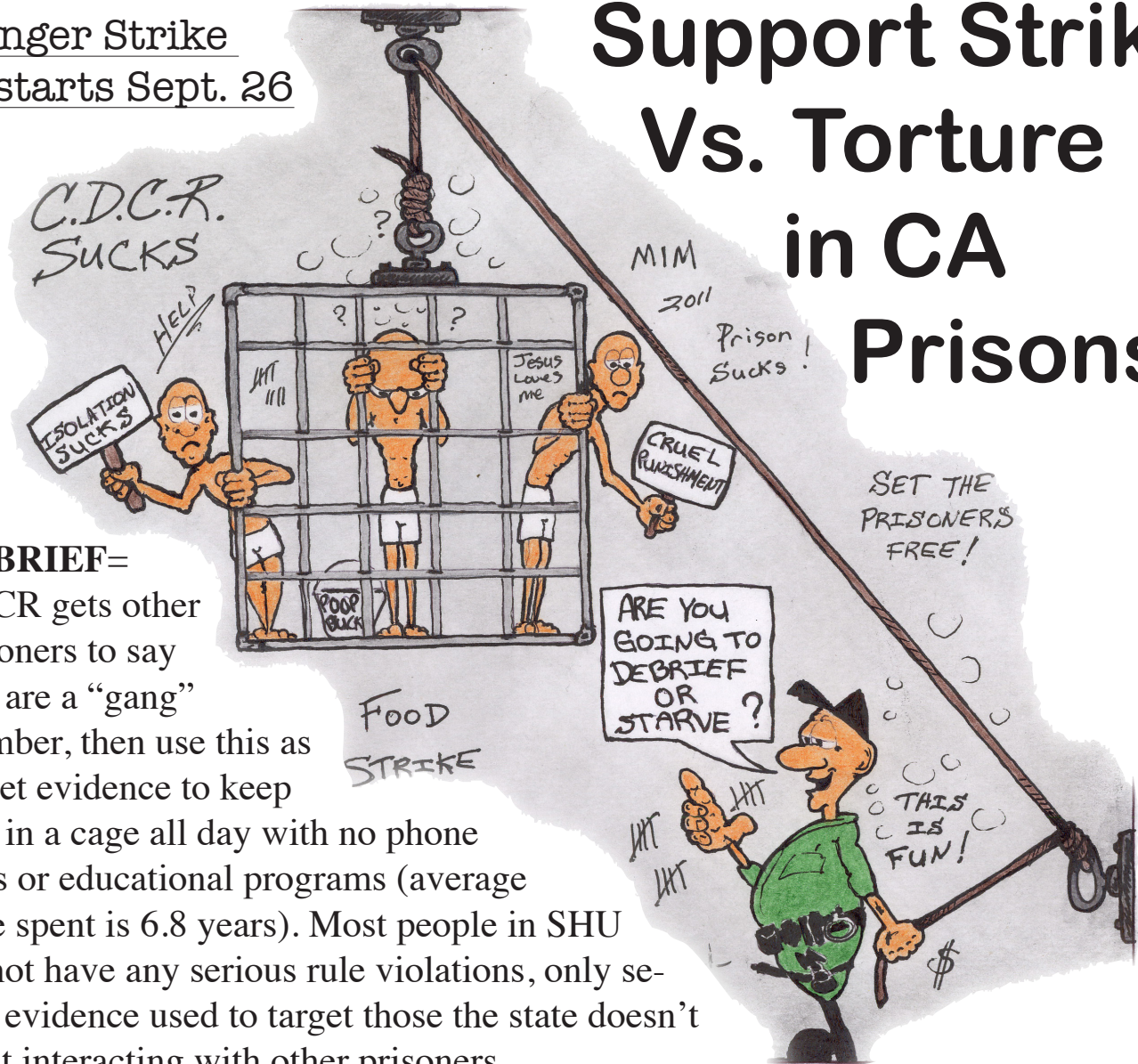


Hunger Strike
Restarts Sept. 26

Support Strike Vs. Torture in CA Prisons!

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CDCR gets other prisoners to say you are a "gang" member, then use this as secret evidence to keep you in a cage all day with no phone calls or educational programs (average time spent is 6.8 years). Most people in SHU do not have any serious rule violations, only secret evidence used to target those the state doesn't want interacting with other prisoners.



On September 26, prisoners in Pelican Bay State Prison resume their indefinite hunger strike after 2 months of hiatus. The strike began on July 1, sweeping across California with at least 6600 participants. It was put on hold by organizers on July 21 after the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) promised the 5 demands would be met, but that they needed 2 to 3 weeks to comply. A few of the minor demands have been granted, but there have been no changes around the most important demands, including an end to long term solitary confinement and a change to the policies (such as debriefing and secret evidence) used to force so many people into solitary confinement (torture chambers called Security Housing Units), were not addressed.

Prisoners received notices that they will face "progressive discipline" for refusing food this time around. In typical repressive fashion, the state responds to complaints of torture committed by state employees by outlawing any form of protest by the victims.

In response to our work around the strike, our mail to Pelican Bay prisoners is now being censored (again) as a threat to security. As much as they want to label us a "security threat group" for doing it, MIM(Prisons) continues to struggle for our right to support prison-based organizing. For it is the prisoners who have the drive and determination to make the changes that need to be made to end this oppressive system.

Wanna Help? Spread the word. Write/phone officials. Work with MIM(Prisons) to build organizing networks on the inside. Help us fight censorship in CA. go to stop.prisoncensorship.info