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Indigenous People's Day Action
Defend O'odham Jewed (homelands)- Abolish the Border Patrol!
Protect the Sacred – Stop and Dismantle the Wall!

O'odham sacred land and water protectors to block border patrol checkpoint on unceded O'odham homelands to demand an end to border construction & border militarization dividing O'odham peoples and destroying sacred sites.

Arizona - This morning O'odham sacred land and water protectors and allies will peacefully, in prayer and spiritual ceremony, block a border patrol checkpoint on unceded O'odham lands in resistance to the daily violence committed by border patrol against O'odham lands and peoples. Everyday is Indigenous People's Day, and we are here to remind the world that this is, was, and always will be Indigenous O'odham land, and we will do what is necessary to protect it. We demand the following:

- end the desecration of O'odham homelands and sacred sites by the white supremacist wall
- end racial profiling and harassment of Indigenous peoples on Indigenous lands
- end the incarceration and deportation of O'odham peoples from O'odham homelands by border patrol
- end sexual and gender violence by border patrol
- dismantle the racist wall and surveillance towers terrorizing O'odham communities
- end white supremacist attacks, incarceration, and deportation of refugees and migrants on Indigenous lands
- acknowledge Indigenous peoples by supporting our sovereignty against colonial borders

About:

O'odham Anti Border Collective is a grassroots collective of Akimel O'odham, Tohono O'odham, and Hia Ced O'odham tribal members and descendants committed to the unification of all O'odham peoples, regeneration of O'odham himdag (traditions, spirituality, language, and culture), and the protection of O'odham jewed (homelands) through the dismantling of colonial borders.

Defend O'odham Jewed* is an O'odham u'uwi (women) led grassroots movement and spiritual direct action campaign to protect the sacred O'odham homelands from desecration and violence.

*jewed means homelands in the O'odham language

Call to Action:

- **Demands:**

- Immediate and indefinite discontinuation of border wall construction at Quitobaquito Springs and throughout O'odham territories.
- Immediate removal of the border wall and the restoration of the lands impacted.
- Immediate demilitarization of O'odham lands.
- The removal of the Integrated Fixed Towers.
- Immediate removal of the Customs and Border Patrol agencies on O'odham lands.

- **Mobilize:** The O'odham Anti Border Collective & Defend O'odham Jewed are calling for immediate mobilization to stop further desecration of the sacred springs:

- Hold solidarity actions in your area at the border or at local federal buildings.
- Target corporations involved with border construction and surveillance with direct actions:
 - Keiwit 3888 E Broadway Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85040. Phone: (602) 437-7878
 - Southwest Valley Construction 3888 Broadway Road, Phoenix, AZ 85040; 811 W Airport Rd, Douglas, AZ 85607; 5130 Masthead St NE Albuquerque, NM
 - Consultant Engineering Inc (CEI) 10625 North 25th Avenue. PHOENIX, AZ
 - Fisher Industries 1302 West Drivers Way, Tempe AZ 85284
 - Stinger Bridge & Iron 4248 N Hwy 87 Coolidge, AZ 85128
 - Caterpillar Inc 875 W Cushing St, Tucson, AZ 85745
 - Badger Daylighting Hyrovac Excavating 1095 S Tyndall Ave. Tucson, AZ 85719; 8222 N 67th Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85303; 1564 N Alma School RD Suite A & G Mesa, AZ 8520
 - Reliant Well Drilling and Pump Corp 3230 W. El Camino Del Cerro Tucson, AZ 85745; 800 E Maley Willcox, AZ 85643
 - International Towers, Inc (Elbit) 8061 W Tangerine Rd. Marana, AZ, 85658-9683
 - S&K Technologies (Elbit) 63066 Old Highway 93, Saint Ignatius, MT
- Support Indigenous peoples in your area to protect sacred sites, lands, and water- especially support O'odham and other Indigenous communities confronting border violence.
- Write collective public statements and petitions of support of the Defend O'odham Jewed campaign.
- Challenge and reject the white supremacist logics of the border wall and border militarization of Indigenous lands.
- Support the abolition of immigrant incarceration, ICE, and border patrol.
- Defend endangered species and the environment from border violence, militarization, and construction.

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- **Donate:**

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We also have bail fund for land and water protectors here: www.gofundme.com/f/defend-oodham-land-bail-fund

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