

DARK NIGHTS



Fragment: Violence

*This short text is part of a collection of critical writings in progress concerning "civil anarchism", as put forth by Venona Q. and Dark Matter publications, which is a response to a statement by the UK Anarchist Federation/Libcom denouncing the non-fatal shooting of CEO Roberto Adinolfi of Ansaldo Nucleare in Genoa, Italy(1). Two anarchist comrades, **Nicola Gai** and **Alfredo Cospito** are accused of the action, which was claimed by **Olga Cell-FAI/FRI**. Solidarity to the accused, who are imprisoned in Ferrara, Italy. This fragment is simply a meandering series of thoughts, the results of a notepad and a rainy afternoon, rather than a 'manifesto' or the kind of dry political statement that it is in response to.*

I. *"By having carried out dozens of attacks against targets of the system, with especially destructive material results, we were and will always be precise. We aim specifically against the institutions and the officers of the system, giving special attention to not injure someone who is not a target to us." CCF*

Violence is neither good nor bad. It is the State's basis for its domination and consent. Any one who breaks this relationship is usually deemed criminal and/or insane. Any acts used in this transgression are usually deemed "unlawful" or further, "terrorism".

II. *"There are no innocents. We all make part of the social machine of Power. The question is whether we are oil or sand in its gears. Therefore, we reject the notion of the apparent innocence of society. Silence is never innocent. We hate both the hand that*

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Letter from Giannis Naxakis, imprisoned anarchist comrade



Athens, Greece

A month after my arrest I still remain sunken in thoughts trying to find moments of calm and clarity, so I can finally put the pen down to write a couple of words. My mood changes at the speed of light, it goes up and down non-stop and I find it hard to find a steady point to hold on to. The account of what happened in Nea Filadelfia* sickens me, the renewed conclusions that come out hurt me, the realization of what exactly happened kills me. I relapse when listening to daily boring and endless discussions evaluating months, years, charges and all the other relevant matters. We know very well why we are in here and the reason is definitely not for some common criminal practices just like we know that from now on, time does not necessarily roll with us counting down to the exit.

That afternoon of April, one fucking mistake of ours was more than enough to enclave us and stay there to haunt our dreams. In one moment the universe was de-stabilized, the hands of the clock turned back and the flow made a sudden reverse. One fucking conspiratorial rule was not followed that day -in a series of many followed- and this was more than enough for the thugs of the anti-terrorist force to catch us. In a -as much as the term is allowed- unsuspecting moment the bastards got the upper hand. Four people, a circle of anarchists, a cell in Koridallos. A series of arrests that took place these last years in front of us were enough to trouble us but not to make us realize the surgical accuracy and consistency our moves require in the frames of security. What is required for sure in these cases is the strict alignment of attack and security and obviously I am not talking about making discounts on the first part. We saw imprisonments, we saw numerous prosecutions coming to people from nowhere, we knew very well about discreet and indiscreet surveillances but still the bad moment came. Let me be the last sucker that gets caught, I will be glad, I would accept it as an honour to

manage to write the epilogue in such a long history. This is why you comrades out there, while conspiring your plans, look at each other and say: *"We will do better than them. They got to the impossible, we will dare the unthinkable!"* And this promise might secure you the ticket to the sky...

These imprinted thoughts are a retreat before emotions, more of a soul deposition than an "obligatory" deposition of speech, an attempt to find already existing common worlds and an individual redefinition on exterior factors, which all together and each one separately anticipate the absolute. The words in here I want to communicate directly with the insurgent heart out there. A heart which was shot from authority at the peak of its innocence and since then was scared for ever. It was shaken, wounded and bled endlessly but a strange thing -destined to be revealed later- saved it. And this heart did not cease, but was only left to not feel anything, except hate. Time passed however and slowly, slowly, it started feeling some interior processes. A tough dual between numerous insecurities and their overcoming, were evolving with the intensity increasing rapidly. It wasn't long before the inevitable came and this heart broke and overflowed, releasing from its depths a mysterious, new substance in abundance. As a result an unprecedented feeling was born which gradually revealed the hidden lust of life, the refusal. A new condition of life is established which is freely translated into war with authority, conscious and permanent and a general unwillingness for anything besides that. This heart still beats hard...

The existing condition amongst us, pleads for only one thing, destruction. No analysis can give it an precise description but only confirmation. The socio-centric analyses ignore a basic fact for the reading of "objective reality". They ignore out of naivety that is, that authority in the form of exploitation as meant by many today, begins where the individual ends. Authority which characterizes the existent around us, pre-

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exists in the individual as a basic element which defines its existence, like an instinct which defines its survival. Authority in other words is not a metaphysical element which one morning came to infect "free" society, authority is an element of nature as sure as life and death. The socialized individual therefore, as much as it fights it, it equally carries it. The infamous revolution therefore, is nothing more than the overcoming of this contradiction. The revolution is an endless motion cycle, a spiral of life and the most honest element of the individual which represents better than anything else its general organizational dead-end besides itself, without the existence of any kind of exploitation. The cop, the judge and all the other shit therefore, are nothing more than roles of enforcement/survival which result from our individual continuation, from our extension to the other individual. The possibility of a liberated and without authority society which some prefix for tomorrow is an imagination of the mind, an illusion of hope for the naïve and the dangerous who while realizing the existential gap of the repeated daily life in the world of authority and want to cover it with something more substantial, they do not realize the authority of lying, depravity and wretchedness resulting from the exploitation of the purest intention of an individual who is looking for a way to express spontaneously, directly and without inhibitions, the accumulated oppression and rot shared out by mass society, this disgusting world of accumulated authorities. Authority is neither good, or bad, not small or big. It is one and contagious, widespread like a flood.

In the war of contradictions and towards the vocal commands of the authoritarian camp, refusal holds a special position. It speaks the language of its own desire, which is on its own its intervention, its truth and absoluteness among many.

We must say: *"I am the organization, and I am the society. I am the property, and I am the economy. And only I can destroy them."* At every moment we must agitate, provoke, ignite and detonate. The next we must spit at ourselves for not accomplishing anything. There is no limit as long as we look up, except for the earth under our feet.

We must fall into the fire together with the molotov. So we burn, melt and from the ashes be reborn as an amalgamation stronger from the fire.

We must seek a life beyond the trodden. When a path seems familiar to us we should go off it and look for the unknown,

the wild, the free one. We must glance at the horizon and say: *"I am coming to you even if we never meet."*

We must know the yesterday but not look back in time even for a second. A moment is enough to do the damage, to trap you in a designated life you have lived before.

We must dispute the given, we must reject the vested. Our motive to get up in the mornings must be the deconstruction of the ideology. Or else tomorrow will find us rotten and history will find us finished.

We must renew ourselves. Know what to throw away and what to keep. See what we have acquired till today in our journey and say: *"What we have, is what we are. And starting from now we will demolish the foundations of this world."* And renewal becomes regeneration.

We must have time as our ally in the struggle. With courage to say: *"Hated world I will not give you even an hour of work. And when your miserable life tires you, I will find the opportunity to 'lift' all of your surplus value."* The monster, creates monsters.

We must as well among others recognize the irony and its provocations. Not so much in the part that says: we fight the authoritarian world with its own means and we want to flatten human civilization with tools invented and found in our hands, but the other part which says: fuck yeah, this is what I desire even if the whole fucking universe is against me. Irony on one side, loads of right on the other. No matter how you look at it, civilization is a gigantic crime. If we want something, it is a life without any elements from this one. If we want freedom, we want it wild. Not primitive, new-found.

No matter how many words are said, how many literature volumes are written romantically describing resistance, how many books with heroic stories of insurrections are printed and reprinted over the centuries, how many revolutionary poems, how many preachings of orthodox anarchy, how many wild misanthropic cries or beautiful melodies of unity travel to the

ends, how many passionate and graphic chants are shouted loud and send shivers and how many clear as day propositions of struggle and ready made recipes of liberation -let alone abstract manifestations of refusal- and fill thousands of pages of communiques, the world of practices, violent actions, the "dirty", only war can give meaning to whatever theory around the clash with authority. The dynamics of the actions, direct and sudden interventions on the existent is what symbolizes the anti-authoritarian justice and sets the terms in the endless hunt of free life. Informal and autonomously the anarchist struggle has a pulse, militantly intrudes into enemy time-spaces destroying structural elements of the opposite world and unties us like real revolutionary community which has abolished barriers and borders triumphantly, evolving thus the individual conscience to the unpredicted as the sole matter.

From prison now, through a condensed and tough social reality, I come even closer to my responsibilities dealing with the consequences of my choice to follow a provocatively beautiful and strange journey to the world of factual refusal. A new test, harder and more dangerous awaits me around the corner now. With my thought on the fighters who "left" early because they dared, those who their daring journey, included a sudden and long stop at the institution of "correction", the "incorrigibles" in here who did not expect to see me but in reality joyfully awaited me because this is how fucking things go, those stubborn ones who I entered the gate of the institution with, those stubborn ones outside who ridicule their phobias everyday and those who simply do not understand what means law, police, death, and smiling go ahead to the unknown, I clench my teeth and after a deep breath I start again from zero...

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Giannis Naxakis

1st wing Koridallios prisons

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Giannis Naxakis was arrested in Nea Filadelfeia along with 4 other anarchist comrades. He is a suspect in a bank robbery case in the city of Larissa, and is also accused of 'membership of a criminal organization with a view to committing robbery,' in accordance with the Greek antiterrorist law, without any direct evidence of premeditation or even intent, amongst other legal charges. Destroy all prisons and destroy all laws.



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holds the whip and the back which passively endures it." CCF

The willing citizens, media, police, law courts, judges, prisons and military are the lines of defence for the order of this relationship in Society. Anarchist violence is the shattering of this order, the reclamation/expression of our power and the rupture of the complicity of the submissive crowd(2). It is the seizure of the existent reality and the beginning of its destruction.

III. *"Life obtains value based on the choices every individual makes." CCF*

It is obviously still needed to say that when anarchists use force, it is never indiscriminate. The civil anarchists, whose sole domain really is in the realm of politics, react to the rhetoric of "terrorism" which is imposed by the State by merely repeating their dogmas about "risking the lives" of postal and clerical workers. It's clearly a matter of technical and operational questions, to strike the intended target, but I won't cry for the secretaries of Swissnuclear(3), the Chief Director of Equitalia(4), nor for the boss of Ansaldo Nucleare. Nor will I be alarmed if an employee of an embassy is harmed, for everyone other than idiots understands what those places represent. The new anarchist guerrillas don't look for clemency based on their clear targeting but express their opposition in their own terms in their own ways.

IV. *"The tigers of wrath are wiser than the horses of instruction" William Blake*

The civil anarchists draw the same line as the Marxists regarding the "criminals" and themselves: "Good people" who are within the laws of their self-designed parameters of behaviour and the "bad people" who are condemned by their rules. Outside of the UK many of the comrades have a much closer

relationship to "violence" and "criminality" through bank robberies, organising attacks, fierce demos, stealing, fraud, counterfeiting etc. and added to that possibility the experience of clandestinity or living underground. Illegalism is the bread of the insurrection. Many have gone to prison already and we can learn about their cases in many places. In the UK there is a widespread lack of experience concerning the organisation of the attack, the recognition of the ideas and relationships of the affinity groups to the "criminal acts". Going beyond the law is part of developing the anarchist-insurrectional project and this is part of the reason why the civil anarchists despise and neglect the cases of the imprisoned and fugitive comrades- because they reject their actions, the tendencies of attack and the global discourse of anarchists of praxis. Individual acts of violence/ negation which are not approved by their group-think are regarded as part of the "criminal" or "terrorist" sphere and smeared as provocations. In this way, the civil anarchists become part of the discourse of power and compose themselves as a sector of repression.

Ask yourselves, in all their rhetoric of the "worker" - where is the "criminal"? Not all "criminals" are rebels but there is an entire world which is not touched upon. It is not a mistake, the civil anarchists despise criminals and do not seek the end of prisons, simply their reformation. They are scared of the anti-social mob, King Mob, who has come back to torch all the houses of the politico-meritocrats and burn the city, because the civil anarchists are 'the cops of the future'.

For the civil anarchists, essentially in their Christian-socialist thinking, the 'worker' is simply one who toes the line in their projection, does what everybody else does, does not take more than he is due as a worker and will only ask for more, but seldom take. The "criminal" does not toe the line, she is an Outsider. The criminal takes what they want, even more than they need, and bows to no one. The criminal is not to be managed by the civil servants or the civil anarchists, and so the criminal is excluded from their conversation. Or suppressed. It's the same process for the uncontrollable Unique.

V. *"For us, there is no middle ground. They who declare openly their anarchist intentions are facing*

a decisive dilemma, to either act or give up anarchy forever. There can never be anarchy at the rear of coffee shops and gossiping... Either act or shut up..."

**Conspiracy of Cells of Fire-FAI/IRF
Consciousness Gangs-FAI/IRF
Sole-Baleno Cell**

Attacks are the primary goal of the new anarchist urban guerrillas, to disrupt the patterns of activity of functionaries, conduits and engines of the economy-megamachine, and to spread terror amongst the included classes. Destruction of banks, businesses, electrical infrastructure, internet transmission, mobile phone, television, radio antennas and attacks on technologies of domination might not be properly defined as "violence" or "terrorism", but the blows they inflict are troubling enough to the authorities to be regarded as such by them. Property destruction aggravates the enemy and the submissive crowd, and has a clear insurrectional purpose. I reject the "non-violent" label often attached to actions of sabotage, and consider them part of the polymorphous struggle reaching beyond such definitions that benefit social control.

Anarchist violence is "criminal" in the sense that it goes against sociable expectations of order and consensus, so it is probably perfectly acceptable to presume -especially within the post-industrial core, where the sense of social peace is high- that the closest enemies the anarchists can expect trying to prevent them enacting their deeds are other anarchists, -civil anarchists- those who are eager to avoid repression and carry on with their harmless routines in the metropolises of the world.

VI. *"We speak through fire. To remember and always keep on our mind, our sisters and brothers who are kidnapped by the state and seized behind bars. To continue the urban guerilla warfare against enemies of freedom. Let the action speak for us."*

Anger Unit FAI/FRI Indonesia

The shooting of CEO Roberto Adinolfi I do not regard as being particularly "violent", more an anarchist act of free will and liberty. These acts are sadly rare and do not happen with enough frequency, it's a challenge to try harder. Certainly I consider such actions should be one of the constitutive parts of any anarchic insurgency, and despite the elitist bleating of the civil anarchists I am really yet to get upset that the *Federazione Anarchica Italiana* share the same acronym as the *Federazione Anarchica Informale*. This is because it's not necessary to give glasses to someone who cannot read. It's been ten years since the *Federazione Anarchica Italiana* declared that the *Federazione Anarchica Informale* was a police phantom. A false opinion that the civil anarchists in UK eagerly parroted for a decade already

because it suited their blind politics. In their statement decrying the shooting of Adinolfi, they conflate separate actions of attack as the acts of a singular group, but the FAI does not exist in the way that they like to portray, not incidentally, it's the same way that repression promotes in manoeuvres like Operation Ardire, the Marini Case etc. In this way they try to spread the lies around, so for what goes for one, it goes for the other, *a priori*.

Their aim was denunciation and suppression of an uncontrollable new anarchic tendency, which threatens their organisations. They fear criminalisation of their hobby-groups, drinking holes and minor events, so they aid in the criminalisation of the next generation of anarchic struggle and attempt to repress it. As they have made their decisions, we have made ours, and the results are there for any one to see – an informal international insurrectional force that multiplies and doesn't rely on one single line, theory or method, and is true to the anarchist ideas. I return the charges of 'vanguardism' and 'elitism' back to the controlling organisations of civil anarchist tedium and reserve. I do not need to become a signed up member of a centralising political cult and give a percentage of my income to the committee to be an anarchist! Or to organise!

For them, Capitalism is only a "social relationship" which can never be changed without adhering to the "aims and principles" of their formal organisation which speaks of a "culture of resistance" that there is no evidence of them ever creating in any concrete way. Speaking for myself at least, Capitalism is only a small part of the domination I face today with my comrades scattered around the world, that fight against the totality of the existent and accept all anarchist methods and consequences of using them. The international actions of the FAI/IRF and the anarchists of praxis are more than just vapid hot air and vacuous socialist propaganda speaking of "a world where our whole lives are really under our own control".

VII. "Moreover, do not forget that actions follow speech" CCF

Unlike the civil anarchists, I consider there to be no essential difference in validity between individual or collective revolutionary anarchist-insurrectional violence, whether it comes out of a "broad based class-struggle movement" or not. A small action or a big one; a minor fracas or a large riot; a banner drop, a broken window, a trashed corporate office, a burned bank; an act of solidarity, a favour, a gift, a meal, a bed; a pamphlet, an article, a poster or a spray-painted slogan can eventually become a bullet in the head of authority, and remains as valued by the new anarchist black international.

VIII. "FAI/IRF is an international conspiracy of anarchists of praxis that sets fire on the defensive positions of reformist society-ist anarchists. It gets rid of the smell of mold that has settled in anarchy seen at amphitheatres, and fills the air with the smell of gunpowder, black anarchy, night-time, explosions, gunshots, sabotages. This explains why the International Revolutionary Front of FAI and Conspiracy is on top of the anarchist dangers list as cited in recent Europol reports."

**Conspiracy of Cells of Fire-FAI/IRF
Consciousness Gangs-FAI/IRF
Sole-Baleno Cell**

In this collapsing world I consider my words, ideas and deeds as raindrops that add to a storm of catastrophic proportions that my known and unknown comrades are bringing forth. It is already causing havoc across the world and the pressure fronts still build. Together with other wild, violent Unique ones we will meet in the days and the nights to commit crimes against Society and the State.

*A hug to my friend Giannis Naxakis.
An incendiary hug to all the
imprisoned comrades.*

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Letter from imprisoned member of the Conspiracy of Cells of Fire, Panagiotis Argirou (Greece)

As has been known, in the first days of January 2013, I suffered a serious head injury after an accident. What followed were two successive head surgeries and a three-month stay in various hospitals. Of course, for some time now, I have escaped danger and I'm on the mend, awaiting a final restoration surgery on the skull. Now I am back among my comrades and my brothers and sister of the CCF, which in itself makes me feel better. I gradually get some insight into the interest expressed during my hospitalization, and I feel the need to thank all those who stood by me in various different ways, from donating blood (which was much needed), to fundraising for covering medical expenses.

I have a special place in my heart, however, for the comrades of the International Conspiracy for Revenge-FAI/IRF who burned a private vehicle in Indonesia, and for the compas of the Insurrectionary Anti-authoritarian Cell-FAI/FRI who targeted with incendiary devices the building of Chile's national association of penitentiary functionaries and previously attacked facilities belonging to the Chilean Gendarmerie, because of the great honour they have done me by giving my name in the direct action cells that claimed responsibility for these anarchist attacks against domination. Brothers and sisters, you should know you're in my thoughts and that these actions have moved me deeply. May the fire of Insurgence and Anarchy always keep your hearts warm, and your hands armed against the enemies of freedom.

Finally, I would like to thank all those direct action groups in Greece and abroad who were interested in my condition and wished me a good recovery.

I am happy to see that all this time the project of FAI/IRF remains dynamic and active. I'd like to hope that, in the future, its intensity will grow enormously, and its diffusion will cause fear among the rulers globally.

LONG LIVE FAI/IRF
LONG LIVE THE BLACK
INTERNATIONAL OF
ANARCHISTS OF PRAXIS

Panagiotis Argirou
Member of the Conspiracy of Cells of Fire

Hunger strike declaration by **Kostas Sakkas**, Koridallos prison, May 29th, 2013:

On the morning of June 17th, Kostas Sakkas was evacuated from the Koridallos prison's hospital to the general hospital of Nikaia, in Piraeus. The comrade is in critical condition. International solidarity to the comrade, freedom now!

On the 4th of December 2010 I was captured along with the comrade Alexandros Mitroussias in the district of Nea Smyrni, Athens, while I was leaving a rented warehouse where arms were being stored.

Since the beginning, I have admitted my connection with this place as well as the weapons found there. I have stated, since the first moment, that I am an anarchist and that my presence in this specific place was related to my political identity and the choices I make as a consequence of this.

On the 7th of December 2010 they brought me before the head investigator and I got in pretrial detention on charges of participation in an unknown terrorist organization as well as aggravated possession of weapons.

On the 12th of April 2011, when I had already been in the prison of Nafplion for more than four months, I was called upon again by the investigators Baltas and Mokkalas, and without any new evidence, nor even any new developments on the investigation, I was remanded for participating in the R.O. CCF. It was obvious that this was because the principal investigators realized that a case against an unknown organization that hasn't any registered actions, doesn't have any bombs, nor communiqués, that has not used guns, an organization without a name, couldn't stand up in a courtroom.

I have clarified in the past –as did the R.O. CCF for their part– that I'm not a member of this organization. I didn't do this to avoid the vengeful, punitive odyssey that the bourgeois justice reserves for all those accused of being members of that organization, but simply because that's how it is. I ought to set the history straight; not only for me but also for the R.O. CCF.

The initial charge of participation in an unknown terrorist organization attributed both to me and my two comrades (Alexandros Mitroussias, Giorgos Karagiannidis) and the rest of the people arrested in the same operation –although they had nothing to do with it– showed up at a time that was political expedient for the

DAEEV anti-terrorist force (the so-called Special Violent Crime Squad of the Greek police), on account of the ex-minister of public order named Christos Papoutsis, who desired –like all his counterparts– to dismantle, at all costs, a terrorist organization during his mandate. It is known that this minister directly supervised the operation, and even evaluated the information that the anti-terrorist force had, and finally gave the order to make arrests. Anyone who watched the mass media during that time remembers the scenarios and evaluations of various journalistic parrots about which organization we belonged to, what we intended to do, etc., obviously being fed by the DAEEV, until the results of the ballistic tests made them shut up... Later, Mr Papoutsis, in an attempt to apologize for the fiasco, gave an interview to a well known magazine stating that the 'anti-terrorist force has tricked him' (!).

On the 6th of April 2012, still in jail awaiting trial and reaching the limit of 18 months (the maximum pretrial incarceration period), I was put again in pretrial detention for committing 160 incendiary and bombing actions claimed by the organization CCF. It's worth comment that in this particular case file there is neither any evidence against me –they didn't even bother to frame me this time– nor any reference to my person except in the execution of the indictment. It's a case file that could be served, without exaggeration, to anyone, according to the logic of the intransigent investigators Baltas and Mokkalas. The prosecutory purposes of this are evidenced by the fact that the principal investigators had their hands on this specific file from the very first moment of my arrest, and were obligated –that is according to the law– to give it to me along with the first accusatory file. To put it simply: these gentlemen detained me on charges of participation in the same organization twice, consecutively (!).

Today, after being jailed for two and a half years, for simple weapons possession (to clarify: aggravated possession of weapons means that the weapons were intended either for trade or for equipping a terrorist organization,

something which is neither evident, nor something I have admitted to), the primary institutional defenders of justice and law, who hold me for breaking it, decided to ignore even their own Constitution – which defines maximum time of 12 months for each subsequent to the first pretrial detention– since that is not enough for their political needs. Therefore, they decided to hold me hostage for six more months.

In fact, they intend this prolonged and excessive captivity to offset their make-shift, lazy accusations. Whatever they may do it is not enough to prevent the 'deflation' of the charges in any courtroom, despite the special regime that characterizes the terror-courts (in every way). Anyone who has ever set foot in them even for a while knows it very well.

Their tactics and vengeful intentions are clear by now. Yes, it's true; the State avenges its political opponents; avenges but never acknowledges them. It never has, as a matter of fact. In the past they were treated as foreign agents and traitors, and now as terrorists and enemy of the society.

The fact is that, due to the domestic consequences of the global capitalist crisis, the political system is going through what is both the most critical and the most unstable period since the dictatorship. It is also a fact that repression, and the generally authoritarian attitude of the State, is the 'last card' in its hand, the last thing it can do to ensure a subordinated social peace and prevent a generalized reaction from being expressed in organized and substantial insurrectionary forms.

The finance minister himself has confessed that this is the first time that a government is asked to implement such extreme measures in peacetime. The laws have always reflected the will of the powerful, but today not even these laws are enough for the political representatives of the system in the face of what they need to implement so as to loyally serve the establishment.

Because of my political view and position, that the road to individual and collective freedom is full of struggle and resistance, I decided on Tuesday 4/6 to go on hunger strike; the date when, according to the current laws, the maximum time limit of my pretrial custody is expired. I would like to clarify that, for me, the choice to go on hunger strike is not a gesture of despair, but a choice to continue the fight, a fight that my comrades and I have made since the first moment of our captivity; a

resistance to the unprecedented and vindictive treatment of the judicial mechanisms, which decided in our case to take a break from their cash collection duties to defend society from its supposed enemies and the laws from the outlaws. They are the same mechanisms, and the same persons behind them, who are actual perpetrators of the legitimacy of forced return to work for strikers; the same who are primary responsible for the thousands of property auctions and the homeless, for the abolition of labour demands, for the unemployed, for the abolition of social benefits, for the thousands living below the poverty line, for hundreds of suicides every year by those who, unable to cope decently, put an end to their lives; they are actual perpetrators of the legitimacy of declaring people illegal and piling them up in camps; responsible of classifying tortures and beatings at police stations, accidental gun discharges, the silencing of anti-regime media as legitimate...

They are responsible for creating a cemetery society in the name of law, and when it's necessary, for establishing a cemetery society outside the law... Steeped in hypocrisy and nastiness, despicable to both the devotees of bourgeois justice and its detractors and ideological enemies.

"Slowly dies who does not risk certainty for the uncertainty to chase a dream, those who do not forego sound advice at least once in their lives, ... Who does not find grace in himself, dies slowly, ... Let's try and avoid death in small doses, reminding oneself that being alive requires an effort far greater than the simple fact of breathing."

–Pablo Neruda

Kostas Sakkas,

first wing in Koridallos prison

Kostas Sakkas' fight for freedom

Over the past few days, numerous acts of solidarity took place throughout Greece in solidarity with imprisoned anarchist Kostas Sakkas, who is on hunger strike since the 4th of June 2013 fighting for his immediate release. On the 11th of June, a treating physician reported that clinically he has profound weakness, fatigue after minimal exertion (e.g. walking from his cell to the prisons infirmary), discomfort, mild dyspnea, dizziness, headache, abdominal pain, and he has lost 3.5kg of weight. In the meantime, fellow prisoners have declared their unreserved solidarity with the hunger striker. Since the 4th of June, four comrades that are held in the dungeon of

Koridallos women's prison wing, Kostas Gournas (Revolutionary Struggle member), Christoforos Kortesis, Vaggelis Stathopoulos, as well as Dimitris Koufontinas (17 November member), have refused prison meals.

On the 5th of June, in the session of the 3rd CCF trial at Koridallos women's prison court, co-accused comrades left the courtroom supporting the decision of Kostas Sakkas to go on hunger strike.

Since the 6th of June, the comrades from Larissa prison second wing Rami Syrianos and Spyros Stratoulis have abstained from prison food to support Kostas Sakkas in his struggle, stating also their solidarity with CCF member Gerasimos Tsakalos, who received an extension of his pretrial detention.

On the 7th of June, anarcho-communists Tasos Theofilou (Domokos prison) and Polykarpos Georgiadis (Corfu prison) published a joint statement for their comrade Kostas Sakkas, saying 'we will meet again soon, at the battlefields of social/class war.'

On the 11th of June, a total of 290 women and men incarcerated in Larissa, Patras, Corfu, the first wing of Koridallos, Alikarnassos, and Eleonas–Thebes released an open letter in defense of Kostas Sakkas and the destruction of every prison.

On the 13th of June, Kostas Sakkas was brought to the Athens appeals court (on Loukareos street), where a council of appellate judges examined his objection against his prolonged pretrial incarceration for another 6 months. (Their decision is yet to be announced.) In the same morning, three other prisoners were brought before a judicial council in the same court, namely anarchists Fivos Harisis, Argyris Ntalios and Dimitris Politis. During their stay at the appeals court, cops attacked Fivos Harisis throwing him to the ground, kicking him repeatedly, and handcuffing him even in the transfer van. When all of the prisoners, including the hunger striker, were taken back to Koridallos an intense clash broke out with cops and jailers at the prison, in response to the earlier

police assault at one of them. The comrades turned the entrance unit into a battlefield for a while (fire extinguishers, drawers with documents and chairs were thrown in the air, and windows were smashed), proving in practice that no attack of the dogs of Power will be left unanswered.

**Strength to all prisoners in struggle!
Immediate release of hunger striker
Kostas Sakkas!**

Text concerning the fight in Korydallos prison

"We roam freely but in quotation marks this is why our eyes are full of explosives"

On Thursday 13/6 -and while our comrade K.Sakkas is on his 10th day of hunger strike demanding his immediate release- us four were all there for different cases at the appellate on Loukareos.. During our transfer and our appearance at the appellate there were provocations by the cops of the E.O.M. (special transfer unit). The "service preformed" by this trash of the EOM is to transfer anarchists as well other dangerous prisoners that might escape.

During our exit from the appellate and amidst chants from the solidarian comrades, one of us was attacked by the cops. The cowardly cops threw him to the floor of the hallway (10 metres from the transfer van), dragged him to the van while kicking and punching him and put him in the specially shaped cage inside while handcuffed. When we got to Koridallos and after more provocations we attacked the 13 cops of the EOM with whatever we had in front of us (chairs, drawers, ash-trays, telephones, fire extinguishers etc.) destroying at the same time the prisoner receiving room while fending of the cops. It all ended with the intervention of the sergeant together with some prison employees in the role of "balancers". Prison is the world of conventions and we at a large degree adjusted to it. Formalities, democratic rights, daily "services", locking and unlocking, "pleasant" transfers. This narcosis upon which the function of the prisons is based, does not make us forget the hostile role of the people we have in front of us. We on our side will choose the attack when the limits of the dykes of dignity we set for ourselves are surpassed. They should know that in every such move they will find us against them.
RAGE AND CONSCIENCE

Anarchists
**Dimitris Politis
Argiris Dalios
Fivos Harisis
Kostas Sakkas**

Chile: Carla and Ivan convicted under arms control law, absolved under anti-terrorist act

Ivan Silva and Carla Verdugo were arrested in April, 2012 transporting a fire extinguisher filled with black powder and two canisters of camping gas, plus a homemade fuse. After spending long months in preventive prison, the *compañeros* are currently on nighttime house arrest. On June 3, 2013, a trial began exercised under the disastrous anti-terrorist law, accusing them of “*attempted placement of terrorist explosive device.*” The prosecution dealt brutally with Ivan and his step-sister Carla, because she is a romantic partner of the *compañero* Juan Aliste, a subversive prisoner in the ‘Security Case’. Today, June 10, the closing allegations were made by the prosecution, the ministry of the interior and the defense, after a week of oral trial. At 12 pm the judges of the prison’s Sixth Oral Court delivered the verdict against both *compas*:

Ivan Silva: Guilty of transportation of explosive (under the arms control law)

Carla Verdugo: Guilty of transporting an “activation element” (under the arms control law)

The change of classification that the judges made in rejecting the use of the anti-terrorist law directly affects the pretensions for imprisonment that the prosecution is proposing. So under the arms control law it is possible that the *compañeros* could opt for “Surveilled Freedom” (like *compañero* Luciano has) or even completing the sentence with the time in preventive prison. Even so, it is impossible to trust in the legal traps. Faced with this situation, the prosecution insisted on asking for 5 years of prison for Ivan and 5 years and 1 day for Carla. The acting inquisitors based this on the presentatory report made by the prison guards where they did not recommend “surveilled freedom” for the accused. For their part, the defense asked that the sentence be 541 days for each of the accused, to be fulfilled in the street. Upon exiting, the little prosecutor Héctor Barros, disappointed by the anti-terrorist law not being applied, stated to the press: “*We have maintained that the legal qualification that corresponds in this case is that of a terrorist conduct and we have set this out in the trial since the beginning, every time we maintained, and for the common people, I imagine, that going out at night, at 3 am, carrying an explo-*

sive device, is not an ordinary conduct (...) It was effectively established that the accused transported explosive devices, in this case a bomb (...) we could establish with technical expertise and the witnesses that they on this day and at this time were on their way to plant it.”

The defense lawyer, Francisco Alvarado, said with respect to the prosecutor’s anti-terrorist petitions, “*stubbornly continuing to try to demonstrate that there is terrorism in Chile when there is not.*”

On Saturday, June 15 at 12:30 pm. Building C. Level 7. The sentence was read against the *compañeros*, they were sentenced to 6 year probation (conditional freedom). This means they will not return to prison.

**End to the anti-terrorist law
End to all laws**

**Guilty of transporting conviction, dignity and rebellion:
Solidarity with compañera
Carla Verdugo and compañero
Iván Silva. Fight the terrorism of
the State.**



Italy: Communiqué from RadioAzione on counter-info and repressive investigations

As everyone knows counter-information has always been one of the targets of the judiciary. In the past there have been many investigations against comrades engaged in projects such as magazines, papers, radios and any other ways of doing counter-information. In 2006 article 272 (charge of subversive propaganda) was struck off the penal code, but this only aggravated the charges against those who take care of counter-information every day or periodically. Instead of being charged with ‘subversive propaganda’ one is now openly charged with ‘subversive association’. You can easily understand the reason of this change if you consider the

length of pre-trial detention that the second charge implies.

An outstanding example of this can be seen with ‘Operation Ardire’ and in particular with Stefano and Elisa’s arrest. An article taken off or added to the penal code doesn’t change the life of an anarchist. Nor are we interested in their fucking laws. As anarchists we would like to see their courts, laws, barracks and prisons burning... along with those who want them! So we are not going to say ‘we were better off when we were worse off’ but we want to examine why an article of the penal code has been changed with another one.

Recently Milan prosecutors demanded a six-month extension of the pre-trial detention for Alessandro, Stefano, Sergio, Elisa and Peppe. In their request prosecutors point out that despite them being detained the comrades continue to communicate with people outside the prison belonging to their environment, and to promote ‘campaigns of solidarity’ against ‘repression’ with alarming tones characterized by violence, not only verbal violence. The prosecutors’ request goes on and explains better these concepts by mentioning several communiqués drawn from RadioAzione, Contra Info and Informa-Azione.

As far as RadioAzione (which prosecutors define as the ‘sounding board’ of the national anarchist area) is concerned, a number of communiqués published on the blog are mentioned, and these are nothing more than pieces of writing in solidarity with comrades imprisoned in the world, many of which are not even signed by RadioAzione. But this is not a problem: we agree with everything or with most of what we publish on radioazione.noblogs.org. Therefore the target of the judiciary is anyone who expresses – with due ‘tones’, which for them are ‘alarming’ – solidarity with imprisoned comrades as well as anyone who gives voice to comrades when the latter express solidarity through direct action.

It is not the first time that something like this happens in recent times. It has become normal procedure for the judiciary to demand the extension of pre-trial detentions using this reason. We remind you that in September comrade Nicola Gai (jailed along with comrade Alfredo Cospito as they are both accused of the wounding of Ansaldo Nucleare manager Roberto Adinolfi) got yet another warrant of arrest because of some environmental bugging taken from the Libertarian Studies Centre ‘Louise Michel’ in Naples. And the same prosecutors delayed the procedure based on

280bis against Alfredo and Nicola because the magistrates could not translate the Neapolitan dialect of the bugging, which cost Nicola another warrant of arrest... what's that? All this demonstrates the shit game the judiciary is playing with anarchists. Magistrates are demanding further months of detention for imprisoned comrades because the comrades keep in touch with those who give voice to them from the outside. In this way the judiciary is trying to create rifts and hoping – according to their sick minds – to isolate those who are behind bars. You didn't understand a fuck about anything!

Many of us, who have been inflicted repression in all forms in the course of the years, have very clear ideas about your game, unfortunately for you. So do try some other game! Even if a rift between individuals can happen for any reason (not your reasons), bear this in mind: our goal is the destruction of all prisons and of the State-Capital... so you wouldn't sleep soundly in any case! Our ideas break your eardrums and penetrate your brains leading you to a sort of depression, which you relieve only through the only weapon you possess: prison. You can imprison our bodies for a while... but our ideas break through walls made of bars and reinforced concrete.

RadioAzione has always taken everything into account: risks, dangers and enjoyments! But RadioAzione has never meant to silence the voice of imprisoned comrades all over the world or the fire that gives them active solidarity.

Finally RadioAzione will continue to be the sounding board breaking your eardrums and spitting your work in your face, your disgusting work and the existent, through live radio programs and the updating of our blog.

**SOLIDARITY WITH ALL THE
COMRADES IMPRISONED
IN THE WORLD!
FOR DIRECT ACTION!
DEATH TO THE STATE
AND ITS TORTURERS!
FOR ANARCHY!**

RadioAzione

Italy: Operation Ardire update

Alessandro Settepani and Giuseppe Lo Turco were released from Ferrara prison on June 12th, and now have an obligation to stay in Montegabbione (Terni) and Catania (Sicily), respectively, as well as the restrictions of signing in at the nearest police station (for Alessandro twice a day) and being subjected to 'oral warning'. In addition, Paola Francesca Iozzi and Giulia Marziale are finally free from house detention and no longer have restrictions. Three anarchists accused in the 'Ardire' case are still imprisoned:

Elisa Di Bernardo

C.C. Rebibbia Femminile, Via Bartolo Longo 92, IT-00156 Roma, Italia

**Sergio Maria Stefani,
Stefano Gabriele Fosco**

C.C. Via Arginone 327, IT-44122 Ferrara, Italia



Belarus: Support Dmitri Zvanko, antifa prisoner

Dmitri Zvanko is an anti-fascist from Brest. He was arrested 9th of May 2013, as one of 5 anti-fascists who were suspected of fighting with far-right activists the day before. Arrested anti-fascists were beaten up and put under psychological pressure by cops, On the 19th of May four of the arrested were released, but Dmitri was charged with statute 339.3 of the Belarusian criminal codex (malicious hooliganism with a group of people), which carries a prison sentence from 3 to 10 years. Lawyers are afraid that statute 147.2 (grievous bodily harm) may be added, which would mean a prison sentence between 5 and 10 years. For support for the legal costs of the arrested, contact ABC-Belarus: belarus_abc@riseup.net

Address for support letters:
Dmitri Nikolayevich Zvanko
SIZO-7, ul. Sov. Pogranichnikov 37
Belarus

Bolivia: Letter from Krudo, accused and imprisoned anarchist comrade

One year into the political persecution and repression by the state after having framed up slanders against individuals who refuse to be part of the established order, thirteen in total, some of whom were pulled from the case and freed, like other snitches and/or collaborators in the investigation of this frame-up. As it is known (and it is not too much to emphasize) three were imprisoned, since those who had collaborated were rewarded with house arrest, and we were transferred to different penitentiary centers (of moral extermination). In a part of the confinement, the prisoner in the women's prison (Obrajes) decided to collaborate and got house arrest as a reward, leaving only two prisoners. Later on the prisoner in San Pedro prison got house arrest too (but not collaborating, which is dignified). So today, May 29, 2013, I remain behind the bars of the punishment to set an example, and it remains in my memory (which never forgets, never forgives) that a year ago I was kidnapped and tortured in an attempt to get information from me that I didn't have, because it did not exist and of course with the intention of incriminating others (which I did not do).

Just so (it seems important to me) that collectives, individuals and/or movements analyze the situation from the root of the problem in their own way, in order to each take a position toward it. Since this is how to demonstrate the solidarity of those to whom solidarity seems coherent (I will not go into details of separatism), as the very way of rejecting the attitudes of those who today consider themselves conformed and repentant.

Now a year later and at these heights it is of vital importance to reflect, self-critique and learn from this complex experience.

Starting with the support of comrades from these parts and from abroad, since the gesture of not abandoning and of not turning one's back on someone who is fighting and imprisoned is noticed. But it is hard and even a bit painful to know that some only sought protagonism, making themselves known as the solidarior (and, for more weight, as the only one), only showing that their struggle is to fool themselves, and even more when it is not consistent with their discourse. And well then others totally disappear after having expressed solidarity or spoken, thinking that with a letter that's it, and believing stories that "I did enough."

Well I believe that solidarity and the struggle for freedom do not end until seeing all the prisoners fighting along with their afines, or at least it is a struggle that never ends. One must be consistent with one's ideas, fighting, acting and even conspiring, as to truly believe one is fighting.

At least in my (involuntary) instance in this place, I could understand better the point of being consistent, and I understood that even the act of making mistakes helps us greatly in self-critique. Before going further, in these lines I will not try to justify my mistakes or much less wash my hands, that is also why almost from the start I clarified what happened around my sole statement, so it would be known that the mistake I made was having signed a distorted and manipulated statement, without realizing the consequences. But this is how I realize that the important thing is to be prepared before a situation like this one, since it can happen to anyone who is within the space of the struggle for total liberation (this is because the state persecutes and will persecute as well as criminalize anyone who "fits a profile" contrary to their social order). Up to now I learned that mistakes are not "anarchist sins" and do not bring you to failure nor to defeat, although this contradicts the perfectionist attitudes, mistakes can be remedied and this is why I attempted to do this within my possibilities, sending a petition to my judge making it known that my statement was manipulated and therefore invalid. And for those who still believe that I failed anyway, I do not give explanations to these people. I did not fail, nor am I defeated, and the defeated one is the one who repents their revolutionary ideas and actions, and collaborates with those who locked them up, conforming to this legal system of things, preferring to opt for living "in harmony" with society against those who conspired.

Neither failure, nor defeat, nor innocent, nor guilty, because to consider oneself innocent is to affirm that there are guilty, resistance must still be lurking.

And yes, I still keep being grateful for the constant solidarity that has been given up to now.

Health, Punk and Anarchy!

Krudo

May 29, 2013

Qalauma Prison

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inhuman that we are not allowed to make a little garden to a dead friend without being accused of being part of some unrevolutionary force, where nostalgia, whimsy, and imagination are to be crushed, and we are not allowed our Supermen and women?

Let us be proud. Of both the living and the dead. And also not argue about who owns them! They only ever owned themselves, but it is also true that we do not own what we mean to others. Often we do not even know. Who cares if we have heroes? Who cares even if we have martyrs? Surely the lesson is not to be mealy-mouthed and to bury the dead in the ideology of invisibility, but to recognise that none of us should ever be invisible, not for a second. There is certain tendency which seems to have internalised and made good the requirement for anonymity. I am also anonymous, partly because as an individual I am naturally reserved and do not like to take centre-stage and partly in order to avoid state repression. This latter is the most powerful reason. But I do not like the anonymity that is forced upon me, until death, injury or prison rips off the veil I carefully wear. Let us all shine, and yes, like stars in a dark sky! Why not! I sense that even the secret squirrels reveal in their little note to the world an itching need for recognition. They are very proud of their humility but it arouses jealousy in them – they are in a double-bind because they have made an identity out of having none, but feel the need every now and then to remind us all that they are there. They have made an identity out of disappearing into the mass from which they are no different, and yet despite this are clearly attached to those who do differentiate, nodding and winking to each other, whose behaviour they feel reflects on them – except that no one knows who 'them' is, so it is only amongst themselves that heroes, militarism and communiques are troublesome. They turn envy and discomfort into petulant ideology. And I ask, *where is it* that you find "values of a religious and military origin", because I do not find them.

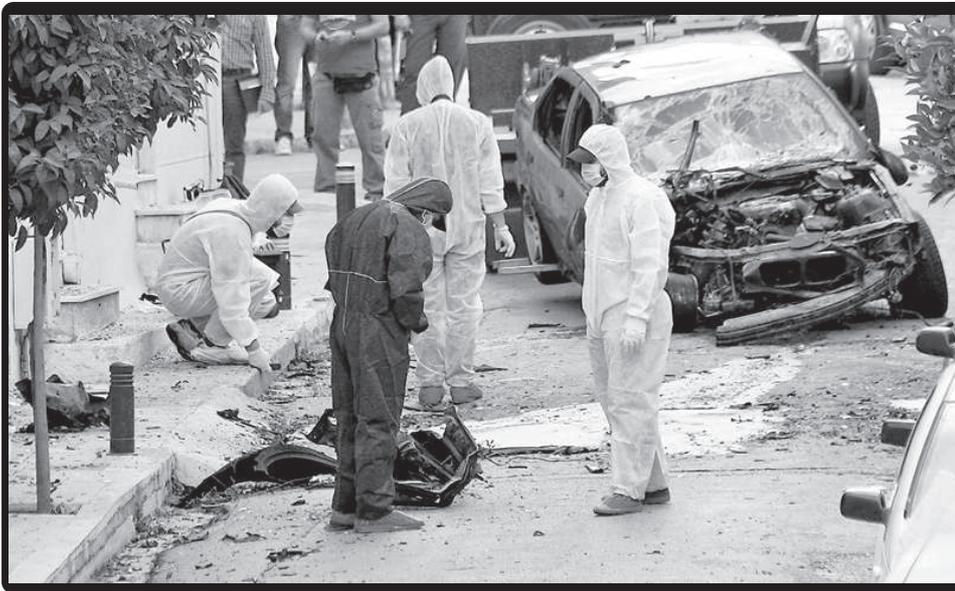
Perhaps the reason for attacking what they describe as the culture of the hero is to maintain the pretence that "everyone is doing the things the hero did"? Actually, it is both true and not true that everyone is attacking the state, and I am perfectly capable of applauding silently those that have never been caught, and recognising them in the figure of the one who was or the one who died. It is also true that not enough people are doing such things, and so in the figure of the one who did and the one who died a certain heroism does, for me, exist.

Maybe my character has a streak of difficult-to-shake romantic hedonism which is still happy to embrace both heroes and martyrs, who knows! But I say, really, why must we all crawl in the same mud? Why can we not allow ourselves the childish treat of admiring another, allow ourselves to be dazzled by those who are unveiled, revealed, in their singularity, if only for a moment? We are not in fact children any longer, though we can benefit from keeping a young heart beating in us, and we are conscious enough not to establish gods, nor to forget the existence of countless unknown individuals, but surely we are human enough to allow ourselves to pay respect where it is due. Instead of saying that *no* act is heroic, that *no one* is a hero, let us instead say that we are *all* heroes and we are all permanently involved in acts of heroism. Instead of pissing on someone else's grave, why not aspire to the heights they momentarily challenge us to rise to, why not find new admiration for ourselves in our admiration for another, why not draw on our memory of the dead to inspire us in life, why perpetrate some false modesty? This is a religious idea, this idea of modesty. And true humility does not assert itself as such. It simply is. This 'but who am I to...!', this tyrannical coyness, has been beaten into some of us since birth. Apparently, anarchists 'should not seek greatness in others', to which I reply, first that I will do what I please as an anarchist and dig my heels in when a rulebook is thrown at me by anyone– and second, that I seek out many qualities in others in order to learn about myself, about the world, about affinity, and I will dedicate myself in fact to seeking out exactly that greatness in others that I seek it out in myself and pour my own quiet ceremony on any hero and heroine I choose.

*Against the clan of the dreary mice,
I raise a fist to every hero with a
thousand faces!*

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Left: 7 June - The personal car of Maria Stefi, the Korydallos prisons director is blown-up. The CCF-Gangs of Consciousness-FAI/IRF-Sole Baleno Cell have taken responsibility with a text.

private motorcycle of a cop in Zografou; the private vehicle of a cop in Ano Glyfada; the private motorcycle of a cop in Ano Petralona.

14 June, Larissa, Greece: Prisoners on the second wing of Larissa men's prison made a banner-drop out the side of the prison walls from their windows that read: "Solidarity to hunger striker Kostas Sakkas!"

14 June, Paris, France: A week after the murder of Clément Méric, a militant syndicalist and anti-fascist in Paris by fascists and a week after a police raid in Barbès against undocumented people, a bank ATM burned in Montreuil, the window of the Pré St-Gervais Socialist Party section was shattered by blows, the headquarters of the Left Front (Front de gauche) located at Lilac was completely covered with tags.

14 June, Santiago, Chile: Demo in front of the Turkish Embassy in solidarity with the revolt. "For the expansion of Revolt. Dayanisma bir silahtir – Solidarity is a weapon." Leaflets given out, here is an extract: "Fourteen days ago in Istanbul a social crisis exploded, caused by the construction of a shopping centre on top of the last park in the city. After brutal repressive measures were taken against the peaceful movement that opposed the construction of this emblem of capitalism, thousands of people have taken to the streets to both support that movement and take back the park from the hands of the police. ... Meanwhile those on the streets lived a totally different reality than which was shown on television. The most despicable moment occurred when CNN-Turkey cut short the live transmission from downtown Istanbul during the heaviest moments of the street clashes in order to show a documentary about penguins. Thousands of people have been arrested, thousands are wounded, and the

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The struggle could never be summarised in a brief incomplete list, nevertheless here's a few moments of insurgency from the urban war.

20 June, Bristol, UK: An immigration agency building is attacked with fire, 6 border police vehicles are consumed by flames. **Borderless Solidarity Cell / FAI** take responsibility along with a 2 June smashing attack against vehicles of Trastor security company in their depot. Here's an extract from the claim: "We visited Thursday night into Friday (with the death of anarchist Carlo Guiliani in combat with police during the G8 summit 12 years ago still fresh in our minds) to set fires that damaged the building and burnt 6 vehicles stationed there – 3 cars, 2 blacked-out people carrier vans (known to be used for dawn snatches of immigrant family groups) and 1 large van. The border regime mercenaries draw the attention of our total contempt the same as any other cop does, and now this long arm of the State has felt that we are close and we don't stop. ... We don't want a world where the tyranny of immigration bureaucrats can mean the difference between life and death, and unique beings are categorized and labelled to wring the maximum profit and subordination from us all. We don't want the indignity of every movement being scrutinized for the purposed of social control and enclosure, whether at borders, on the housing estates, in school or at work."

20 June, Argos, Greece: An explosive device explodes underneath the personal vehicle of Argiris Gelbouras, a hated prison-guard. **International**

Conspiracy for Revenge / FAI take responsibility. Extract from the claim: "This attack is a part of the **"Phoenix Project"** which began with the blowing up of the car of the director of Korydallos prisons by the **Conspiracy of Cells of Fire**. The choice to strike this specific prison guard was not accidental. Argiris Gelbouras (a.k.a. Rex) is for years now a faithful watchdog of authority. He is one of those in charge of the dozens of beatings of prisoners in the prisons and is at the same time a good friend of the plain clothes cops of Navplio police station. Often he uses prisoners-lackeys of his in order to frighten or hit other prisoners who demand their obvious "rights" or simply do not belong in his circuit of influence inside the prisons. Argiris Gelbouras is a bully in a uniform. If some screws insist on having 'relevant behaviours' and take out their complexities and frustrations on the prisoners, we will visit them with worse intentions. Nothing will remain unanswered. The enemies of freedom have names and addresses."

19 June, Veria, Greece: 6 ATMs paint-bombed in solidarity with imprisoned anarchist on hungerstrike, Kostas Sakkas.

18 June, Paris, France: Two ATMs smashed and a loyal citizen who tried to intervene. For Clement, slain antifa.

15-18 June, Athens, Greece: Arson barrage in solidarity with Kostas Sakkas. The following was torched: the local office of the main ruling party, Nea Dimokratia, in Keratsini; 2 ATMs in Palaio Faliro; 1 ATM in Ano Kypseli; the

number of victims is more than 4; the government is hiding the real number of those killed by the cops. Anarchist comrades are an active part of the demonstrations, and they, as well the courage of all of those who riot, provide us with bravery to continue what we choose to call the struggle for freedom. Therefore we extend our immediate solidarity to all combatants who fight for freedom. Down with nations and long live anarchy!"

13 June, Athens, Greece: 4 downtown ATMs set on fire in solidarity with anarchist prisoner Kostas Sakkas.

10 June, Toluco, Mexico: Explosive charge detonates inside the Mexican Counsel of Science and Technology (COMECyT). The **Anti-Civilization Faction of the Earth Liberation Front in affinity with the Informal Anarchist Federation (FA/FLT/FAI)** took responsibility, along with an arson attack on May 23 of a Federal Police truck. Here is an extract from their claim: "An explosive attack on science and an incendiary attack on the police... We are not going to resign ourselves to sabotage, black powder and gasoline. Do not be taken by surprise by terrorism against your scientists, police and well-to-do. We do not idolize any armed action, but from each individual expropriation of this cell of war, we vindicate the most egoist of affinities with the different groups of these territories, which, demolishing fears, paradigms, ideologies and codes of morals or values, take their actions to the extreme, to the culmination..."

7 June, Berlin, Germany: Everyday for the last two weeks people have taken to the streets of Berlin to show their solidarity with the ongoing struggle in Turkey. On the evening of June 7th a short and wild demonstration took place in the centre of the Kreuzberg neighbourhood, when around 50 people marched towards Kottbusser Tor, shouting slogans and lighting fireworks. Traffic was blocked in every direction by material pulled into the street from construction sites. The cops, who were at that moment attempting a drug raid in Kottbusser Tor, were attacked with stones, paint bombs and fireworks. After this action the mob dispersed. Before the demonstrators reached Kottbusser Tor, leaflets were spread in the surrounding area. The text was written in Turkish and German and circulated some days before Friday's action. Additionally banners were hung reading "Berlin salutes Istanbul – For social revolt worldwide" and "Özgürlük için omuz omuza / Side by side towards freedom!" As the newspapers reported, two people were arrested by the cops and released the next day.

7 June, Athens, Greece: In the district of Dafni, the chief administrator of Koridallios prison, Maria Stefi, had her personal car blown up by an explosive device planted by the **Conspiracy of Cells of Fire FAI/IRF - Gangs of Consciousness FAI/IRF - Sole Baleno Cell**. This is the first part of the "**Phoenix Project**" We remind that the imprisoned members of the CCF first phase are mostly imprisoned inside the walls of Koridallios. **Sole and Baleno (Maria Soledad Rosas and Edoardo Massari)** were beloved Italian anarchist compas who were suicided on house arrest (Sole) and in prison (Baleno) in the late 1990's. They were accused of direct action against the early construction process of the high-speed train (TAV) through the Val Susa Valley. This following text was read out by the imprisoned members of the CCF at the beginning of one of their court sessions on 10/6/13: "We want to reciprocate from inside here to the guerilla signal of our brothers and sisters of the coalition of the Conspiracy of Cells of Fire and the Gangs of Conscience and salute the common front of all the anarchists of praxis who support the international network of FAI-IRF. **COM-RADES** with this attack we met again. You cancelled our situation of captivity. You offered us moments of genuine freedom. We were all around the same table again. We discussed, we chose the target, we planned the operation, we attacked, we took the responsibility... All together accomplices in the rebirth of **OUR CONSPIRACY**, all together consistent to the promise we made that this only the beginning. *The Conspiracy Cells of Fire remains elusive in our hearts, our smiles, in the bullets of our guns till the end, for ever... LONG LIVE THE CONSPIRACY CELLS OF FIRE/GANGS OF CONSCIENCE SOLE-BALENO CELL - LONG LIVE THE BLACK INTERNATIONAL OF THE ANARCHISTS OF ACTION*".

6 June, L'Hospitalet, Barcelona, Catalonia: Anarchist group 'Black Wolves' take responsibility for 5 banks smashed in the area in solidarity with 5 anarchists arrested in the district of Sabadell and accused of membership of a terrorist group. "We keep our

strategy and political line firm: We see the actions by the Informal Anarchist Federation (FAI) and other anonymous actions as small winks. We take the opportunity to send a solidarious hug to all those individuals who decided to pass from theory to practice, in relation to direct, material action. In other communiqués, we have made calls to integrate the strategy of sabotage and/or urban guerrilla warfare in the lives and words that identify with anti-state, anti-capitalist, anti-authoritarian and anti-domination thinking, which is what some of us see as anarchism and others as anarcho-nihilism. ... Lately, it is more and more common for the mass media to point fingers at anarchists, linking them to terrorist groups and people who aim at generating "riots" in the "peaceful" protest movements – such as the Platform of People Affected by Mortgages (PAH), the 15M 'Indignados', etc. Power is testing the waters, preparing the context to strike, and it is doing it publicly, showing "good" and "bad" demonstrators. This is not a new strategy, but we have to be alert and reply in coherence with our statements. Ignoring the situation is not an answer, nor is silence. Our reply for the arrestees is the beginning, our struggle is an act of solidarity; the continuation of our attacks is an act of solidarity."

4 June, Dortmund, Germany: An unauthorized anarchist solidarity rally took place at the Katharinentreppen, just opposite the main railway station of Dortmund, and a spontaneous demonstration followed on the city's central commercial street, Westenhellweg. Around 80 participants were gathered at the rally, which began at 7pm the participants consciously decided to carry out this action without a loud-speaker truck, in order to be more flexible in case of police attack, and to generate a different combative spirit. Fliers were passed out and slogans were chanted, such as 'Isyan, Devrim, Anarsi (Revolt, Revolution, Anarchy)', 'Amore, Anarchia, Autonomia (Love, Anarchy, Autonomy)', 'Istanbul, das war Mord; Widerstand an jedem Ort (Istanbul: that was murder; resistance everywhere)', 'No Justice, No Peace, Fight the Police,' and 'Taksim ist überall, Taksim ist hier (Taksim is everywhere, Taksim is here)'.



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Hero with a 1000 Faces

A text was recently published called *Neither Oblivion nor Ceremony: Against the Cult of the Carrion*(1). I am sure I recognise the tone, the style, and I certainly suspect its origin, but I could be wrong, and for the purposes of discussion, which they hoped they'd spark, I write these lines. Some of the aforementioned text I have some empathy with: I too am sometimes frustrated by the winks and nods, the self-referentialism and the litany of names too numerous for me to remember that accompany actions and communiques. I am frustrated by it because I know how meaningless, how excluding it can be to readers outside certain circles. But I also suspect it arises from a particular meanness in myself, and a particular moment in my life where I feel alienated from nearly everything. And it is a peculiar meanness and miserliness, in *Against the Cult of the Carrion* that I cannot help but want to brush off, as if I had suddenly entered a dark and ugly attic and was covered in cobwebs, exoskeletons and dust. Every so often it seems, from the shadows that they say they love, come the squeaking wails of these protestant mice, preaching silence and greyness whilst crying out, Remember us! And so even though there were points that perhaps under different circumstances I would agree with, and think worthy of discussion, this latest exhortation from the authors is the dreariest and rudest of all, repels me and forces me to reconsider.

It is very often the case that only upon someone's death are we really able to celebrate their life. In death someone we love is stripped of their flaws. Suddenly, the individual is seen for the good things that they were. Finally, all that there really is to remember is what was wonderful about them, what qualities they – and they alone – held for us, and for the world. It is only at the moment of death that Uniqueness, that unabashed, glorious Individuality is allowed to flourish. But not for some anarchists, it would seem. No heroes, no martyrs, they cry! To admire, to find greatness, in a fallen comrade is Un-anarchist and we must speak out against this ideological

offence! How the rest of us wish they would keep to the silence they constantly promise!

In that moment, when faces and pens leap up to flourish abundant love and recognition of a fallen comrade, why do the leaden ideologues put mud on the flaming amber hair of the children of anarchy who insist on standing out no matter what? Why pour water on those who want to remember the greatness, the charisma, of their heroic sisters and brothers in words and action. Greatness is catching.

Ah, I despair of this anarchist nit-picking that we have come to lately. Why shouldn't we have our heroes if we want them? Heroism is not leadership, and role models that are chosen for hours, days, months, years or a lifetime, by an individual who feels that another person reflects their life and desires and inspires them further, is not a tyranny. A figure emerges from the grey mass of struggling humanity, a figure of respect and inspiration, and we do not celebrate it!? The hero is by definition an ordinary person who has performed an extraordinary act. And we know there are others who commit the same acts as the fallen, but there are also many who do not. And sometimes we need reminding. Sometimes we forget. Sometimes we seem so surrounded by the unheroic, by the cautious, the bound, the unfree, the selfish, the greedy, that yes, such people – even if it was only their death that showed them to us – are important to keep alongside us and to name when it seems good to us to name them. Every individual is not heroic, that is every individual is not heroic to everyone. If we hold someone up as a hero – if only for a single deed – then we are also reinforcing our own dreams and desires.

Again and again, I am told what to think by the writers of this text. I am even told categorically that there is nothing beyond death! Well, I am no Christian nor any other colour of religious person, but I have had my experiences in life and I cannot say there is nothing beyond death because I simply do not know and am also prompted sometimes to wonder about whether the binary of 'life' and 'death' is simply a crude example of human ignorance. Anyway, what comes next is a question my imagination plays with frequently and always will. But whatever the subject and whether or not I disagree with their conclusion, I guess the real point is that I am sick of being told what is correct anarchist thought and what is not, sick of feeling like my legs are more shackled after the anarchists have spoken than before! And I wonder how we think there will ever be a way of spreading our ideas when the ideas become so cold and



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