As one of society’s main pillars, prison does not function to re-educate and reintegrate, contrary to what the rhetoric of democratic governments would like to convince us. Instead, prison perpetuates the punishment, annihilation, and elimination of those locked up within its walls – that is, those who are useless or an impediment to the good functioning of this society and its economy. The detention regime of the French State, the one which proclaims “Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité” since the Revolution, is no different. Although the death penalty was abolished in 1981, the guillotine has only been replaced by the will to kill in a more “clean” way, through the slow and repetitive passing of imprisoned time.

Among the many lives caught in the grip of democratic laws is the one of anarchist Claudio Lavazza.

In the ’70s, he took part in one of the many armed groups in Italy that attempted to storm the heavens of the revolutionary dream, participating in expropriations, armed attacks, and prison breakouts to liberate those caught in the nets of repression. At first choosing an underground life, but then forced to go on the run, he continued to carry out robberies to provide financial support to subversive movements across Europe. Arrested in 1996 in Spain after a shootout at a bank robbery gone wrong, he was sentenced and served 25 years in prison – eight of which he spent in a special isolation regime. In 2021, he was extradited to France where another 10 year sentence awaited him. Despite European legislation stipulating that his French sentence should be counted in his time served in Spain, the Hexagon’s government, through its henchmen in court robes, is refusing to release him, bolting the prison doors with bureaucratic obstacles and legal technicalities.

The French State is carrying out its revenge on Claudio, supposedly among the authors of one of the biggest robberies of the time on the Bank of France in 1986, but who is, above all, guilty of not taking distance from his armed struggle against all States and established authority.

**THE LIBERATION OF CLAUDIO LAVAZZA, NOW ALMOST 70 YEARS OLD, IS A MATTER THAT CONCERNS ALL LOVERS OF FREEDOM. FREEING HIM FROM THE CLUTCHES OF FRENCH JUSTICE SYSTEM, WHICH IS CONTRADICTING ITS OWN LAWS IN A CONSCIOUS ATTEMPT TO SLOWLY ASSASSINATE HIM, IS THE TASK OF THOSE WHO ARDENTLY STRIVE FOR A WORLD FREE FROM THE CHAINS OF PRISONS AND AUTHORITY.**

**ACTION!**

**FOR THE DOORS OF PRISON TO OPEN IMMEDIATELY FOR CLAUDIO!**

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