There are no isolated arsonists

An anarchist companion, Ivan, was arrested in the Paris region on June 11, 2022. He is suspected of several car arsons: cars with diplomatic plates, cars of the rich, of Enedis, and of others.
We consider the arson and sabotage of cars, cell towers, electricity pylons and corporate targets as a strategy of the international anarchist struggle.

The omnipresence of our enemies makes them vulnerable. Some targets seem unreachable, yet all their tentacles are Achilles’ heels. If a company’s headquarters is difficult to access, we can torch one of its many cars, its branches and its power supply. We find joy in severing these tentacles, alone or in groups, with or without claims, with the means at hand or with more sophisticated techniques. In this way, we attack specific structures of domination.

These attacks take place everywhere, all the time, because they are reproducible and the targets are on every street corner.

We attack because we do not accept the horror of this world, because it is a way to show our solidarity, because we want to put a grain of sand in the gears of power. For all these reasons, these attacks bring us joy.

Solidarity with anarchist prisoners!
Freedom for all!
To the attack!

Anarchists (July 2022)
This zine comes from an informal and anonymous collective formed in solidarity with Ivan. This collective does not claim to be a reference support committee or anything official. We welcome all autonomous initiatives in solidarity with Ivan and/or any other prisoner of the social war. Just as we welcome the reproduction and distribution of this zine.

Anarchists
July 2022

Translated from French by Act For Freedom Now!

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Toulouse (Haute-Garonne), France:
Solidarity arson of a camera

The St-Jean fire in Bonnefoy / Goguette solidaire by Lucienne Ducrime

Thinking of the comrade imprisoned in Villepinte accused of burning diplomatic cars and of all those who continue to conspire and attack. However, solidarity should not cause us to idolize perfect and sacred figures, let’s remain critical of the mistakes of companions while not remaining indifferent to repression.

We know well why it burned
For St-Jean’s Day, in Bonnefoy [1]
A freshly installed cam [2]
Rue Michel-Ange, it burned out.
How not to lose one's head,
Scrutinized by the police eyes?
With thoughts of the companion
In Villepinte locked up.
We who liked so much
Attack and mutual aid all the time
Let’s not forget the Parisian.
A rich of the 17 [3] snitched
It’s scary to be hit by the state.
We knew it, but we did it
We who liked so much
To make pretty fires for the St-Jean
In solidarity,
We always wanted to revolt.

Notes:
[1] Bonnefoy is a Toulouse’s neighborhood.
[4] 17 is the telephon number of the French police.

Communiqué-détournement from the song Mon amant de Saint-Jean by Lucienne Delyle, published on July 6, 2022, on Iaata:
https://iaata.info/Le-feu-de-la-Saint-Jean-a-Bonnefoy-5390.html
**Bure (Meuse), France: Solidarity banner**

F**uck diplomacy, the media and nuclear power! Long live the Attack!**

During the night of June 10th to 11th, a person suspected of being an admin of the site attaque.noblogs.org was arrested and then placed in provisional detention, and the media unleashed their venom on this story. He is accused of having set fire to 58 cars between 2017 and 2022 in the “beautiful districts” of Paris: diplomatic cars, cars of private companies (Eiffage) or public (Enedis, RATP) or media (L’Est Républicain). More info from the mainstream press can be found here [1].

It made us angry.
With this banner, we send all our solidarity from Bure, and let the revolt spread.

PS: A sneak peek of the banner was seen by the *gendarmerie* helicopter that was passing by, doing their job of repression…

Note:

Communiqué published on June 23, 2022, on Manif-Est :

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**Villepinte (Seine-Saint-Denis), France:**

**Letter from prison from Ivan, “Solidarity means attack”**

June 15, 2022

My name is Ivan, I am an anarchist.
I was arrested by the SDAT [1] on Saturday, June 11, around 3:30 am, not far from my home, while I was returning home.
I am charged with six vehicle fires that took place in Paris and Montreuil between January and June, often claimed in solidarity with anarchist prisoners (in the last one, an embassy car was set on fire the night I was arrested, in the 17th [2]).

For months, the cops set up surveillance tails, wiretaps, installed a camera in the entrance of my building, intercepted my mail (including letters from imprisoned comrades) and watched my bank account.
Another person (we only know each other by sight, but I hold him in high esteem) has been followed, listened to, etc., also, but not implicated. Courage, my old friend!

The SDAT investigation began in February 2022 on the orders of the prosecutor Laure-Anne Boulanger, from the Bobigny prosecutor’s office. They also pulled another investigation out of the drawers, closed, which had been conducted by other cops, on about fifty vehicle arsons, claimed by anarchists, in Paris and its surroundings, between June 2017 and 2021. The SDAT “joined” the two investigations, but the investigating judge (Stéphanie Lahaye of the Bobigny court) retained only the last six actions. For the others, I am a “counseling witness”.

In addition to “destruction by dangerous means”, there are also charges of endangering the lives of others, refusal of the identification (photos, DNA, fingerprints, they did not take them from me by force, despite threats), refusal to give the encryption passwords of my computers and the passwords of my phones.

At the moment, I am in pre-trial detention at the Villepinte prison. I’m in good shape, I’m doing well even if I miss my close ones a lot. It’s normal, it’s prison, and you have to take it into account when you are an enemy of this society. The return from the yard is the hardest moment here. It’s when the door closes until the next day. But I turn towards the window and look out. Out there, somewhere, comrades are still fighting. Nothing is over.
As soon as I get more information about this case, I’ll write more (I don’t have much else to do!).

My thoughts are with the anarchists in prison, all over the world: with Damien (in Draguignan), with Alfredo, with Anna, with Juan, with Toby, with Giannis Michailidis on hunger strike… and with all of you, out there!

Solidarity means attack!
Long live anarchy!

Ivan

Notes:

To write to him, Ivan has left his name and prison number so that we can write him in solidarity, see https://paris-luttes.info/la-solidarite-c-est-l-attaque-16098

La Seyne-sur-Mer (Var). Tuesday, April 26: while a team of cops was chasing a person on a scooter, about thirty people, "of all ages, even fathers", attacked them by throwing paving stones. When reinforcements arrived, the rioters set up barricades, burned a construction machine and exploded the windshield of a police vehicle with paving stones.

Brest (Finistère). Thursday, April 28: while the police officers were in a meeting with the town hall, some individuals took the opportunity to throw a molotov on the vehicle. Even if the agents of the city put it out quickly with an extinguisher, the vehicle was damaged.

La Celle-Saint-Cloud (Yvelines). On April 29, in the early evening, individuals lured the cops into an ambush, blocking them with containers. The police officers were pelted with stones and mortars, so much so that the window of a police vehicle shattered.

Paris. One night at the end of April, a fraudster set fire to an RATP car. The communiqué states: "The RATP is a key player in the capitalist/state management of our lives (in the Paris region). It transports us to work, to places of consumption and to the various tasks imposed on us. (...) It sorts out the good poor to be transported for free (but with the possibility of controlling their movements) and the bad ones who do not have the right papers or do not want to be traced. For the latter, gates, cameras everywhere, controllers, guards, all in close collaboration with the police."

Mai 2022

Pamiers (Ariège). At the beginning of May: a police car was set on fire while parked in front of the Pamiers police station.

Meyzieu (Lyon). During the night of May 16 to 17, a car belonging to the juvenile prison went up in smoke. A vehicle was first chased by the cops, then unfortunately caught. Five people were arrested.

Toulouse. On the night of May 26, three charging stations for electric cars burned in the Sept Deniers district and on avenue Crampel. "The nuclear mirage is embodied in open mines and a festival of cancers and soon in a vast desert. We want neither fossil nor nuclear. Capital is wasting its energy selling us its empty dreams and its race to progress."
Montreuil (Seine-Saint-Denis). At the beginning of April, two vehicles were attacked against the detention centers and the Olympic Games. The first, belonging to the company Spie Batignolles, was tagged ("Down with the Olympics" and "Fire at the CRA" – CRA are "centres de rétention administrative", "detention centers for migrant people"). The second one, belonging to the SNCF, was also tagged ("Down with the CRAs / Deporters") and had its windows smashed. "No Olympic Games, neither here nor elsewhere! Support to the prisoners of the CRA! Solidarity with the hunger strikers of the CRA of Vincennes! Freedom for all! Fire to the prisons! And may this shitty world die."

Lyon. Friday, April 8: the windshield of a Lyon municipal police car was smashed with a fire extinguisher. Apparently, another municipal police car was attacked in the same way in October.

Toulouse. April 10: "Rather than stay home and deplore the results of the electoral circus, we decided on Sunday evening to go and smash the windows of an Orange car and a real estate car. No desire to choose masters. Criticism, boycott and sabotage!"

Aulnay-sous-Bois (Seine-Saint-Denis). The police were repeatedly pelted with stones, even damaging several of their vehicles.

Grenoble. A utility vehicle belonging to the Spie company, which builds prisons, went up in smoke on the night of 13 April. "No matter who will be elected in the next round of elections, the state will continue to build prisons to lock up those who do not want to and/or cannot fit into its boxes. Outside the threat of these cages hangs over our heads, inside they hurt, torture and kill." The communiqué concludes with "Thoughts to Boris and Flo. Solidarity with the anarchist prisoners".

Laval (Loire). Night of April 16-17: in reaction to the arrest of a young person, about thirty cars were vandalized, between five and seven of them were burned. The vehicles belonged mainly to the city of Laval.

Tours (Indre-et-Loire). Monday 19 April: five Enedis vans were set on fire in their parking lot.

Beauvais (Oise). During the night of 20-21 April, a prison administration vehicle was set on fire in front of the Beauvais prison by "an individual dressed in black and hooded" (according to the press).

Paris. On the eve of the second round, an Enedis utility vehicle was burned on rue Mousset by anarchists. "Neither God nor Caesar nor tribune. May their democracy die! May the best of all worlds die!" concludes the communiqué. communiqué.

La Roche-sur-Yon (Vendée). During the night of April 24-25, two personal cars of cops were set on fire in the parking lot of the prefecture. Someone set fire to the rear tire of one car, and the fire then spread.

Chronology of some vehicle arsons in France, between May 2021 and May 2022 2022

Here is a chronology of arsened or attacked vehicles (stoned, tagged, slashed tires, broken windows, etc.) that were claimed or had echoes in the mainstream press between May 2021 and May 2022 in France. The criteria of the list (type of attack, timing, geographical area) could obviously have been different, and of course, the list is not exhaustive. Most of the communiqués or mass media articles can be found on the site attaque.noblogs.org.

May 2021

Fréjus (Var). During the night of May 8 to 9, clashes with the police take place. Four cops were injured, cars were burned, street furniture was destroyed, a dozen store windows were smashed, cameras were destroyed and a municipal police vehicle was set on fire.

Quetigny (Côte d’Or). Sunday, May 9: some police officers barely had time to get out of their vehicle to see a burning scooter, when they found their own vehicle burning.

Houdain (Pas-de-Calais). Wednesday, May 12: the PS mayor of Houdain had her car burned while she was in a meeting.

Bagnolet (Seine-Saint-Denis). During the night of 9 to 10 May, a Bouygues utility vehicle, "a profiteer of prisons", was set on fire by hooligans. des casseurs-ses.

Paris. At the beginning of May, an Enedis car was burned with firelighters placed under the front wheel. "Because this company participates in the endless development of this horrible civilization and its dependence on electricity. Entire areas and their inhabitants are ravaged and populations exploited to find uranium for nuclear power plants and rare earths and metals for photovoltaic solar panels. The general anaesthesia also relies on the entertainment and control generated by the mass media and their means of communication maintained by the gigantic influx of electricity."

Toulouse. At the beginning of May, a van of Toulouse Métropole was set on fire. The claim highlights the city's role in technological development, control, and its LGBTQphobic policies. The action affirms its "support for anarchist prisoners and those who fight against oppression".

Saint-Quentin-Fallavier (Isère). On May 14, hooded individuals attacked prison officers and their vehicles before driving off. On May 15, a guard's personal vehicle was set on fire in the parking lot of the prison.
Saint-Denis (Seine-Saint-Denis). While the city has just inaugurated a new urban supervision center (CSU) with a fleet of 93 cameras, Nathalie Voralek, deputy of the city of Saint-Denis in charge of security and public safety, found the windshield of her car shattered. She herself makes the link between the opening of the CSU and the attack on her car.

Fleurs (Orne). Friday, May 28, around 11:00 pm: mortars were fired at the gendarmerie, where military families were also staying. In their escape, the individuals set fire to seven cars, a backhoe and a utility van.

Toulouse. On the night of June 16-17, three vehicles are set on fire: a Tesla, against extractivism and the neo-colonialism it implies; a Socorep van, because of the company’s participation in the expansion of cities and civilization; a Scopelec van, for its participation in the installation of telecom networks and in particular 5G, “which participates in the dependence on technology”. The action affirms its “support for B., charged for the burning of a relay antenna”.

Grigny (Essonne). Between June 17 and 19, three vehicles of the town hall are burned. According to the press, these arsons were linked to multiple urban renovations in the neighborhoods of Grigny 2 and Grande Borne.

Tours. Night of June 23-24: a municipal cop woke up in the middle of the night when someone tried to set fire to his personal car. A tag engraved with a key was left on the hood: "Sale keuf" ("Dirty cop").

All over France. At least 294 cars were burned during the night of July 13 to 14.

Grenoble. Despite the rain, on the night of 15 to 16 July, a Scopelec bucket truck was set on fire. A communiqué claimed responsibility for the action against this company, which participates in “the extension of technological control by installing telecom networks (fiber optics, 5G, etc.)” and in “solidarity with Boris”.

Paris. On the night of July 17 to 18, anarchists attacked an Enedis van, setting it on fire. The communiqué states the need to “attack the electricity distribution network”, particularly against nuclear power. It also says that Enedis cars, “you can find them everywhere, burning them is easy”.

Bonneuil-sur-Marne (Val-de-Marne). A mortar shot at close range, passing through the open window of a crew, set fire to a car of the BAC as well as to... one of the BAC cops. Several people are unfortunately arrested.

Saint-Denis (Seine-Saint-Denis). On the night of July 20 to 21, the elected representative Valentin Maudet found his car burned in front of his home. This is apparently not the first time that this elected official from the Orne region has been targeted.

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Nantes. Warring precarious workers set fire to a Securitas car during the night of 27-28 February. "This company was chosen because it is a collaborator of the deportation machine and, more broadly, actively participates in the security of the bourgeois order. For anarchy!"

March 2022

Paris. During the night of March 4-5, a BMW with a diplomatic plate and an Aston Martin SUV are set on fire in the Parisian neighborhood of Passy. The communiqué invites to attack "the enemy here" in solidarity with Ukrainian, Russian and Belarusian anarchists. "May the opposition to this imperialist invasion trigger, everywhere in the world, the revolution!"

Toulouse. Tuesday, March 8: two police officers living together woke up to find their personal vehicles with broken windows and slashed tires, and death threats on the front of the house.

Toulouse. Around March 9, a construction machine was set on fire on rue des Jumeaux in Toulouse. The machine, which cost more than €150,000, was reportedly set on fire after individuals with masked faces threw an incendiary device at the vehicle. A publication reporting the action highlights the participation of this machine in gentrification.

Chenôve (Côte-d’Or). Between March 8 and 12: in reaction to an arrest, in addition to numerous confrontations with the police, seventeen vehicles went up in smoke, including a Citiz car-sharing car and six vehicles in the town hall parking lot.

Toulouse. Five luxury cars and a van of SPIE, “prison construction company” have their tires slashed “in solidarity with Libre Flot, charged on 8/12 in hunger strike to fight against his confinement in isolation and recently transferred to hospital with the deterioration of his health. Strength to you and strength to us against the attempts of the state to isolate and scare people who fight against it. So that the actions of solidarity multiply! Death to the state and its henchmen.”

Seine-Saint-Denis. Night of Saturday 26 to Sunday 27 March in Sevran: while a person was killed by a crew of the BAC of Aulnay-sous-Bois, the cops are attacked several times. In addition to clashes with stones and mortars, many cars were set on fire. The following night, vehicles were set on fire in Sevran, Tremblay-en-France and Aulnay-sous-Bois, in particular a heavy goods vehicle, a Transdev bus and a construction machine. A police car was hit by a molotov cocktail. During the night of Tuesday 29 to Wednesday 30 March, fourteen vehicles were set on fire and a municipal police car was damaged. The list is obviously not exhaustive.
Limoges. Tuesday, January 18: four cars parked in the parking lot of the ARS (Regional Health Agency) were set on fire. The flames also damaged the façade of the building.

Montreuil (Seine-Saint-Denis). Night of January 21 to 22: an SFR van, installing fiber, was burned. "A thought for Toby and for the anarchists who, everywhere in the world, pay with imprisonment their commitment to the freedom of all", concludes the communiqué.

- Paris.
- Marseille. "At the end of January, three private cars were set on fire in the gendarmerie compound on avenue de la Timone in Marseille. Humble backlash linked to the daily filth of the guardians of the established order. (Oracle did not see it coming)"

Paris. In the early morning of January 22, a van of Enedis, "subsidiary of the nuclear empire of EDF", goes up in smoke. "By this gesture and by these words, the two are inseparable, we also hope to motivate others to take action. Those who want to act in the direction of individual and collective emancipation because they see not only that this techno-industrial society is heading towards ecological disaster but also that the 'solutions' that are proposed to us all go in the direction of a stronger individual submission." The communiqué ends by saluting Alfredo Cospito, an Italian anarchist who shot a nuclear bureaucrat.

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February 2022

Lormont (Gironde). Thursday, February 3: according to France Info, the vehicle of a sports teacher caught fire around 7 pm.

Etampes (Essonne). Night of February 19 to 20: a BAC car was stoned, one of its windows was broken and numerous impacts appeared on the hood.

Montreuil (Seine-Saint-Denis). During the night of 19-20 February, a car belonging to the local newspaper L'Est Républicain was set on fire. The communiqué concludes: "The State wants to launch a pharaonic project to renew its nuclear reactor fleet, with the devastation and repression that accompany it. Let's show them that they will have to face our resistance and that it will not be just words! Fire to the state, to capital and to their spokesmen!"

Ajaccio (Corsica). During the night of 19-20 February, the personal car of the new head of detention at the Ajaccio prison was set on fire in front of his home.

August 2021

Carqueiranne (Var). Night of August 7 to 8: three vehicles of the municipal police have their windshields smashed out, the mirrors broken and the tires slashed in front of the municipal police station.

Montreuil (Seine-Saint-Denis). During the night of August 21-22, "smoke signals of solidarity" are sent to Boris, "anarchist companion who is in a coma because of a fire in his cell in the prison of Nancy-Maxéville". A JC Decaux van and an Enedis van were set on fire.

Paris. During the night of August 21-22, an Eiffage van was also set on fire. "We are therefore attacking, among others, the companies that get rich by building prisons or that manage them." The communiqué also affirms its solidarity with Boris.

September 2021

Toulouse. Wednesday, September 1: "Face to face with boredom", a Scopelec bucket truck is attacked.

Melun (Seine-et-Marne). While chasing a vehicle, a police car crashes into electric scooters. The result: the front bumper and the rear view mirror of the police vehicle are literally blown up. The people in the car taken in pursuit are nevertheless arrested.

Ivry-sur-Seine (Val-de-Marne). A Vinci van was set on fire at the beginning of September against the participation of the company in the control, exploitation and destruction of living organisms and also in the construction of prisons. The communiqué writes "a thought for the friend Boris still hospitalized".

Grenoble. Some "refractory people in solidarity" set fire to an Orange vehicle in solidarity with Boris. The demand says that they want to "start a campaign against Orange, because it is easily accessible everywhere: slashed tires, broken store windows, tags, burned cars, burned antennas, etc."

Varces (Isère). Le Dauphiné reported that four vehicles, two of which belonged to prison guards, were set on fire in the parking lot of the Varces prison.

Cayenne (French Guiana). In addition to numerous clashes with police and other attacks, molotov cocktails were thrown into two police vehicles, spreading to a third vehicle.

Paris. In the night of September 10 to 11, "wishing to put small obstacles in the wheels of the incessant production of electricity", a vehicle Enedis is burned. "A thought for Boris, a nod of solidarity to all those who act against this world."

Koungou (Mayotte). In reaction to the destruction of illegal dwellings, riots take place on September 27. In addition to numerous clashes with the police, an attempt
is made to set fire to the premises of the municipal police, and two police vehicles were burned, causing a partial fire in the town hall.

**Montreuil (Seine-Saint-Denis).** While an Eiffage van had already been set on fire in the same area, a van of the same company was burned during the night of Sunday 26 to Monday 27 September. The communiqué highlights the company's involvement in the construction of all kinds of cages, and says it is in solidarity "with Toby Shone, imprisoned in England, and with the three Italian anarchists currently on trial and facing many years in jail."

**October 2021**

**Fontenay-le-Fleury (Yvelines).** Two personal cars belonging to police officers are burned with molotov cocktails in the courtyard of the police station on the night of 8 to 9 October.

**Calais (Pas-de-Calais).** During the night of 11 to 12 October, twelve out of fifteen police vehicles in front of the police station had their tires slashed. Seven other vehicles, including one belonging to the municipal police and the ASVP, suffered the same fate. One person was arrested.

**Courcelles-lès-Lens (Pas-de-Calais).** According to *La Voix du Nord*, on the evening of Tuesday 26 October, two dump trucks belonging to the town hall were set on fire.

**Mulhouse and Colmar (Haut-Rhin).** A dozen cars are burned during the night of October 31 to November 1 in Mulhouse. In Colmar, police cars are attacked with stones and pétanque balls.

**November 2021**

**Saint-Mandé (Val-de-Marne).** Sunday, November 14: a car of the municipal police of Kremlin-Bicêtre was set on fire with firelighters. The action is claimed: "We take this opportunity to send a hug of solidarity to the companions recently repressed in Italy. Freedom for Alfredo and Michele! (without forgetting Anna and Juan) Freedom for all!"

**Toulouse.** During the night of November 23 to 24: two cars of the municipal police are burned with molotov cocktails.

**Toulouse.** At the end of November: a Toulouse Métropole van was burned and claimed. The fire spread to two other cars.

**December 2021**

**Firminy (Loire).** Night of December 11 to 12: two marked police cars, parked in front of the Ondaine police station, were set on fire with a molotov cocktail. Three people were arrested, but were quickly released from police custody.

**Pointimé (Nouvelle-Calédonie).** December 16, around 4 am: a vehicle of the national gendarmerie was set on fire with a 5-liter can of gasoline. Another one was sprayed with gasoline but the arsonists were put on the run by a gendarme before the fire was lit.

**Grenoble.** During the night of December 16 to 17, an Eiffage car was hit in the windshield and a Citiz car-sharing car was set on fire. This was in reaction to the eviction of a camp, against the eviction machine, the racist city hall and its collaborators.

**Villeneuve-Saint-Georges (Val-de-Marne).** The deputy mayor of the city has her car burned in front of her home.

**Paris.** During the night of December 24-25, a car belonging to the manufacturer Eiffage and a car with a diplomatic plate were set on fire in solidarity with Francisco Solar, a Chilean anarchist prisoner, "who recently assumed responsibility with strength and dignity for the explosive devices that shattered the illusion of security so dear to the cops, the politicians and the rich."

**Paris.** On the night of December 25 to 26, a luxury car with foreign plates was set on fire. "Let's make this city a hell for the rich!" concludes the communiqué.

**Partout en France.** According to the figures of the Minister of the Interior, 874 cars are burned during the night of December 31 to January 1 (less than in 2019, when 1,316 vehicles had been burned).

**January 2022**

**Territoire de Belfort.** *L’Est Républicain* reported that on Tuesday, January 4, an Optymo self-service vehicle was set on fire for the sixth time since September. These damages generate "difficulties in the functioning of the car-sharing service".

**Pont-Sainte-Maxence (Oise).** In the afternoon of Monday, January 10, a police patrol was stoned and its windshield damaged. Unfortunately, one person was arrested because of the images taken by a video surveillance camera.