



Words of anarchist comrades  
Mónica Caballero and  
Francisco Solar  
in view of the upcoming trial  
against them



Excerpt from a dossier in preparation by comrades of the anarchist project act for freedom now in solidarity to the anarchist comrades Mónica Caballero and Francisco Solar in view of the upcoming trial against them.

Freedom for Monica and Francisco!

Freedom for anarchist and subversive prisoners!



On July 24, 2020 the Chilean State raided three homes and arrested two anarchist comrades, Monica Caballero and Francisco Solar on charges connected to four incendiary devices placed over the last year: one that was sent to the Quiñenco office of Rodrigo Hinzpeter, the former Minister of the Interior on July 25, 2019; one that exploded at the Huechuraba police station in Santiago on February 27, 2020, injuring several police officers; and two devices placed in the Tánica building in the rich Vitacura neighborhood of Santiago on February 27 2020.

Monica and Francisco have already been charged in two previous occasions. In 2010, they were arrested in the Caso Bombas frame up along with a dozen more comrades. They were accused of placing bombs around Santiago. They were eventually absolved of all charges in 2012. They were arrested in Spain the following year and charged under anti-terrorism legislation for the alleged October 2, 2013 bombing of the Basilica del Pilar Church in Zaragoza. They were both sentenced to twelve years in Spanish prisons, but Spain's supreme court, the Audiencia Nacional, commuted their sentence to deportation. Monica and Francisco returned to Chile in 2017. This arrest is the latest chapter in a series of police operations against them—and should be seen in the context of the Chilean state's devices to stem the popular rebellion that shook the Chilean State starting on October 18, 2019, right up until the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020.

The Coordinadora 18 de Octubre, Santiago's main organ of support for prisoners from the October 18, 2019 rebellion in Chile, released the following statement on the day of their arrests:

From the Coordinadora 18 de Octubre, for the freedom of political prisoners, we express our deepest support and solidarity with our compañerxs Francisco Solar and Mónica Caballero, who were arrested in morning home raids coordinated by the state, carried out by the OS-9 squad of carabineros, and to be prosecuted by Santiago's Metropolitana Sur state attorney's office.

We repudiate and will make visible the permanent nature of the political persecution carried out against the defendants for rising up in social struggle as anti-authoritarians. Like many others before them, they are the latest victims of a systematic reprisal that is not limited to the two of them, but rather intends to impact everyone and anyone that, since the beginning of the October 18 revolt, has demonstrated against the apparatus of power and struggled for dignity. It is in that spirit that we worry for the safety and wellbeing of our comrades behind bars.

Despite the incomplete nature of details about their current case, it is important to note that as of today (Friday, July 24) there have been three home raids, while at the same time the state is working to update a new intelligence law.

Last but not least, we uphold our rejection of the bourgeois media's treatment of this developing story. Once more, as they have done throughout history, the bourgeois media puts itself at the service of the state apparatus, collaborating incisively in the criminalization of protest.

LOVE AND STRENGTH TO MÓNICA AND FRANCISCO  
FREEDOM FOR ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS"

#### WORDS FROM SAN MIGUEL PRISON

1 July 2021

Comrades, friends and family:

Once again I am writing to you from a cell. I am being held in San Miguel prison, for 14 days I will remain isolated for COVID-19 infection prevention protocol, then I will be classified and taken to a definitive module.

It has been almost 10 years since I first set foot in prison as a defendant. During these years my life, in one way or another, has always been linked to prisons, although the control systems may change, but their structure essentially does not, punishment and repentance are still sought.

Almost 10 years ago when I entered the prison, I was fully convinced that the set of anti-authoritarian ideas and practices are fundamental keys to confront domination, in all this time there has not been a single day in which I think otherwise. I step on the prison with my head held high, proud of the road I have traveled.

Solidarity with all anti-capitalist struggles.

Newen Peñis, Mapuche Political Prisoners

Subversive prisoners and those of the revolt

To the streets!

Mónica Andrea Caballero Sepúlveda

Anarchist prisoner.

#### UPDATE ON THE SITUATION OF MÓNICA CABALLERO AND FRANCISCO SOLAR.

25 July 2021

The anarchists, who were raided, arrested, formalized and imprisoned on July 24, 2020 and who have been in preventive detention for almost a year, had a hearing of reformatization of charges last Wednesday, July 14 by the hand of the prosecutor Claudio Orellana.

During the virtual hearing, the prosecutor's office maintained the charges of crimes under the arms control law, the penal code and military justice. The measure responds to a more specific clarification of the accusation in order to give «coherence» to the trial, and is part of the procedures in view of the fact that in August the term of the investigation will be reviewed.

Monica is being held in the San Miguel prison and Francisco in the Rancagua prison.

A fraternal embrace to our anarchist and subversive brothers imprisoned in the Rancagua Prison with whom we have undoubtedly strengthened ourselves on this path of struggle inside the prison and for whom it is essential to redouble our efforts to achieve their release to the streets.

A special greeting also to our fellow anarchist prisoners of the gendarmerie case, to the anti-speciesist prisoners and to Tomás González.

Solidarity and complicity with those who attack repressors and the powerful!

To grow and multiply the attacks against every expression of domination!

Freedom for anarchist and subversive prisoners!

Long live anarchy!

Monica Caballero

CPF. San Miguel

Francisco Solar

C. P. La Gonzalina – Rancagua.

### **Brief Update on the First Days of the Hearing Against Monica and Francisco**

July 23rd, 2023

Brief Update on the First Days of the Hearing Against Monica and Francisco July 23rd, 2023 via informativoanarquista. Subsequently, Francisco's defense team intervened, who, supported by the fact that the comrade had assumed his responsibility in the attacks some months ago, appealed for the reclassification of the charges presented by the Prosecutor's Office, seeking to reduce the years of the sentence. They requested for what happened in the 54th Police Station of Huechuraba to be classified as injuries and not as attempted murder, for the unexploded package against Hinzpeter to be reclassified as simple and not aggravated attempted murder and for the attacks against the Tánica Building to not be classified as terrorist acts. In addition, they requested the incorporation of the legal principle of Non bis un idem, which consists of not trying one person more than once for the same crime. Monica's defense seeks acquittal on all charges against her.

During the first day, a solidarity rally was held with the comrades outside the Santiago Justice Center.

On the second day (July 19) comrade Francisco decided to testify before the judges and prosecutors. The comrade anarchically claimed responsibility for the attacks against Hinzpeter, the police and the Tánica Building, at the end of his statement he was interrogated by the Prosecutor's Office.

Regarding the explosive packages he stated the following: "the claim of this action was to respond to police brutality and to a former Minister of the Interior remembered for his repressive streak. This was completely fulfilled." And about the attack in Tánica, he stated, "The revolt that began on October 18, 2019 (...) the State was reeling and March appeared as a key month, where many things could happen. It is in this context that I decide to contribute to this revolt by placing two explosive devices."

The third day (July 20) continued with the interrogations of the Prosecutor's Office against the comrade. He was asked about how he learned to manufacture explosive devices, and indicated that he learned to manufacture black powder and activation systems through the investigative folders of the former Bombs Case in which he was absolved, while he learned to make letter bombs thanks to a journal he read in Spain.

Solidarity with Monica and Francisco!

## **New date for the Oral Trial against Anarchist compañerxs Mónica and Francisco**

13 May 2023

Accused of sending explosive packages against former Interior Minister Rodrigo Hinzpeter and the 58th police station, as well as the bombing of the Tanica building, Compañerxs Mónica Caballero and Francisco Solar are facing trial for these actions.

Although the trial was initially scheduled for 19 May 2023, at the request of the defence, it was possible to reschedule on 18 July 2023.

Complicity with those who attack the powerful and repressive!  
Solidarity with Monica and Francisco

## **Words by Mónica Caballero and Francisco Solar at the beginning of the trial**

July 16, 2023

In the next few days will begin the culminating phase of this long judicial process that has kept us in prison for the last 3 years. This oral trial should not take very long insofar as Francisco assumed responsibility for the actions, politically vindicating each one of the attacks. However, everything indicates that the prosecution will spare no effort and resources to achieve all possible aggravations, making this instance the precise moment in which Power will come down with all its brutality.

These 3 years have meant the strengthening of ties of affinity and solidarity with various anarchist spaces of this territory and other distant ones, as well as being part of the coordination of anarchist and subversive prisoners raising multiple initiatives of struggle together with a clear anti-prison perspective. In short, these years have meant facing life in prison with dignity, never ceasing for a moment to be an active part of the informal anarchist galaxy, constantly trying to break with the exclusive role of “prisoner” to which Power tries to delimit us.

The actions that will be judged are undoubtedly part of the long anarchist tradition of responding to, of avenging, the permanent blows of repressors and the powerful. They constitute a clear attempt to put an end to the impunity of those in authority, demonstrating that it is possible, through informality, to provoke upheavals to the established order and to make vengeance present.

These actions also represent a contribution to the anarchist urban guerrilla that refuses to disappear despite the constant repressive blows.

In this sense, we think that it is essential to emphasize the actions for which we are locked up when carrying out solidarity initiatives, encouraging that such actions be strengthened, multiplied and extended.

We want to send a complicit embrace to all the spaces, environments and individualities that make solidarity a permanent practice that allows us to, among other things, continue to participate actively in the broad anarchist undertaking, and through this to give life to the concrete development of a solidarity with revolutionary character.

## **COMMUNICATION FROM MÓNICA**

June 22, 2021

In the last days of the first week of June, the Gendarmería de Chile (Genchi) carried out a massive transfer of prisoners from the Cárcel de Alta seguridad (CAS) to the prison of Rancagua, capital of the O'Higgins region, 87 kilometres south of Santiago.

The prisoners include the Anarchists and Subversives: Juan Aliste Vega, Marcelo Villarroel, Mauricio Hernández Norambuena, Juan Flores, Joaquín García and Francisco Solar.

The transfer of these prisoners was motivated by modifications in the infrastructure of the CAS, which will last approximately one year. Once the works are finished, the prisoners will be returned to the prison according to the information provided by GENCHI, meanwhile my comrades will be away from their affective and political environment. In this way, not only is the prisoner being punished, but also their friends, comrades and family members.

It is also important to emphasize that in the territory dominated by the Chilean State, free transit between regions is not allowed due to measures for the prevention of the spreading of Covid 19.

In the Metropolitan region there are at least three prisons to which they could have taken my comrades, perhaps the powerful took advantage of this transfer to isolate and further segregate the prisoners, perhaps none of the nearby prisons meets the security conditions to guard high-risk prisoners, or it could simply be just another form of revenge.

The transfer may be justified with this and other arguments. What is clear is that no movement of power is haphazard. Each change in the infrastructure of the prison, as well as the transfer of prisoners, must be carried out with caution and detail.

On the one hand, the possible changes they are making in the CAS, cannot bode well for the prisoners. I could make endless speculations on possible new control measures and I would probably be coming up short.

To foresee what could change in the CAS, it must be taken into account that this prison is not and was not conceived like any other, the CAS is the prison of Democracy. This was devised using the

German and Irish model in the fight against revolutionary organizations.

In the year 94 'it was inaugurated as an unprecedented and good prison complex in which it was tried to implement a strict internal regime that contemplated visits through call centres, one hour in the courtyard, among others.

In addition, the prison is practically imperceptible from the outside, so achieves greater isolation and invisibility.

From another perspective it is not clear under what prison conditions or regime the prisoners will be transferred.

La Cárcel de Rancagua is a concessioned prison, meaning that a large part of its operation depends on external companies, unlike the CAS, which depended almost entirely on State entities. This translates for example, among other things, that the prison food is brought in by an external company such as Sodexo, and does not meet even the most minimal nutritional conditions. In addition to this, in concession prisons the entry of parcels by friends and family is restricted in practically every kind of food, books, etc.

Currently all the transferred prisoners are being kept locked in their cells for 24 hours, to be continued for fourteen days due to possible contagion of Covid, a completely unjustified measure since they would not have contact with any other prisoner who is not from the same module, nor would they have contact with the rest of the prison population. Faced with this scenario of total isolation and a new prison regime, the prisoners have begun a liquid hunger strike, demanding an end to the conditions of total confinement and improvements in their quality of life.

Among the mobilized prisoners are the anarchist and subversive comrades whose health condition could become more complex, as it is just over a month since they ended a fifty-day hunger strike. With these words I make a call to all anti-prison, antagonistic, anti-authoritarian individuals and groups

to be aware of the situation of the anarchist and subversive comrades transferred to Rancagua prison, our prisoner comrades can never feel alone.

Hand outstretched to the comrades

Closed fist to the enemy

Active combative solidarity

Mónica Caballero Sepúlveda, Anarchist prisoner

First days of June of 2021

#### Text of Mónica from San Miguel prison October 2021

This week marks 8 years since various groups of the Anarchist Black Cross (ABC) and different individuals around the world raised the initiative to maintain a week of international solidarity with imprisoned anarchists, and that this week coincides with the day on which the anniversary of the legal murder of anarchists Bartolomeo Vanzetti and Nicola Sacco by the U.S. government in 1927 is commemorated.

The official history written by the powerful plus the progressive democratic left and a part of anarchism have been especially concerned with creating a victimized image of Sacco and Vanzetti and far from any illegalist practice. All this based on the recognition by the American judicial apparatus that within the criminal process that condemned Sacco and Vanzetti there were many irregularities and that they would be legally “innocent” (information that became known many years after the murder of the comrades). Probably the comrades had no relation with the expropriation of South Braintree, which is important to know and make visible, as it is also important to emphasize that Sacco and Vanzetti were anarchists of action, who propagated anti-authoritarian ideas and exercised different illegalist practices.

In the territory we call the USA in the early 1900s there were several informal anarchist groups dedicated to expropriations and to the spread of ideas antagonistic to domination. Nicola and Bartolomeo actively participated in one of these groups, specifically in the one surrounding the newspaper “Cronaca Sovversiva”. These last elements “the official history” has omitted them as in the same way they have taken special care not to remember the international solidarity that the

comrades had during the year 1927. There were many demonstrations of repudiation in different localities of the political/legal/police process, as well as explosions in the name of Sacco and Vanzetti, one of the best known being the action that destroyed the Italian consulate in Buenos Aires.

It is not by chance that those who sustain the Power and its false critics use and make up the history related to Sacco and Vanzetti, certainly it is not the first time and it will not be the last. The repressive apparatuses of the State break with their own legality constantly: they create montages, rape, torture and a long etc... These practices, for those of us who position ourselves as enemies of the hegemony of Power, should not surprise us... Trusting in the democratic legality of the State is not part of my political construction. This does not mean that I intend to naturalize the abuses exercised by the powers of the State on a daily basis; making visible is not the same as being a victim.

I see a week of solidarity specifically with anarchist prisoners as one more occasion to make visible what happens behind the high walls. Prison for me is yet another scenario of confrontation, which is felt in the smallest and most everyday things.

The first step I took in a prison was a long time ago, since then I have never stopped feeling the solidarity of my comrades, that solidarity I have had in a fraternal embrace or in a beautiful seditious light in some icon of Power.

94 years after the legal assassination of the anarchists Sacco and Vanzetti, nothing and nobody is forgotten.

Those who fight against Power do not cease to be remembered.

### Words of Anarchist Comrades Mónica and Francisco in View of the Upcoming Trial

Justice is already fine-tuning all the details for his big party, he will choose his best outfit and meticulously sharpen his sword. Nothing can go wrong at the moment when he shows himself for what he is: the executioner of the powerful.

The sword of justice has been kept in storage waiting for the key moment to strike the right blow to our bodies. That moment translated into punitive punishment will find its climax in the oral trial, which is already set for May 19. This trial is expected to be a long process of several months.

During the month of March we were preparing for the oral trial – an instance prior to the trial – where the court, which until now had conducted our criminal proceedings, decided on the basis of what will be our next trial.

Basically, in the trial, the entire the legal process through which we were convicted for the placement of an explosive device in the Basilica del Pilar in Zaragoza will be used against us, as well as practically all the documented evidence of the prosecution, ranging from pamphlets to anarchist books found in our homes.

The recycling of the already closed case in Spain is part of the stubborn insistence of the prosecutor to validate all the antecedents that position us as repeat offenders of the same crimes.

We are approaching difficult days and the outlook ahead is complex. We will once again be sitting on the bench of the accused for the actions we are being charged for and for the propagation of the ideas and practices that are antagonistic to domination that we have always upheld, no matter how many years we risk being sentenced to. We have waited for this moment for almost 3 years, in which we have constantly tried to be coherent with our ideas and to establish the necessary harmony with like-minded environments of comrades in the street, avoiding falling into the recurring welfarism and giving way to a genuine revolutionary solidarity.

We are proud of the road we have chosen and traveled, without leaving aside the indispensable self-criticism that allows us to grow. May our mistakes serve others who are passionate and love the beautiful moments of confrontation against Power, which are where we feel most alive.

These are moments of life that the Italian State intends to take away from the anarchist comrade Alfredo Cospito, condemning him to a gradual and brutal death. May the determination and will of the comrade be a nightmare for the powerful wherever they are.

Anarchist and subversive prisoners to the streets!

Long live anarchy!  
Monica Caballero  
CPF San Miguel – Santiago  
Francisco Solar  
CP La Gonzalina – Rancagua  
April 2023

## **Facing the Preparation of the Trial On March 14, 2023 Against Mónica and Francisco**

15 March 2023

### **Facing the Preparation of the Trial Against Mónica and Francisco**

On March 14, 2023 a series of hearings will begin in the so-called preparation for the oral trial against anarchist comrades Mónica Caballero and Francisco Solar. This phase, which we expect to last a month, will decide which evidence will be brought to trial and which will not.

Both are accused of the explosive attack against the Tánica Building in the midst of the revolt (2020), while Francisco is accused of sending explosive packages to former Interior Minister Rodrigo Hinzpeter and the 54th police station (2019). The prosecution requests 30 years in prison for Monica and 129 for Francisco.

The comrades will be taken from San Miguel prison and Rancagua prison to the justice center for the first hearing, where they will face this judicial process virtually.

In this next step of the judicial process, it is still more necessary than ever to leave aside victimist narratives in order to open debates on the vindication and legitimacy of political violence on all levels, not only from the spectators' box but in the form of concrete support and solidarity to those who face prosecution for such actions.

There's no space for indifference: Solidarity and complicity with those who attack the powerful and repressors!

Freedom for Monica and Francisco!

Freedom for anarchist and subversive prisoners!

## **Meeting in Solidarity with Mónica Caballero and Francisco Solar**

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With the start of preparations for the oral trial of comrades Mónica and Francisco, we call on you to come to the premises of the Injustice Center (located at Av. Pedro Montt 1606, Santiago Centro) on March 14 at 9:30 am. This is the beginning of a process in which the state apparatus will seek to break our networks and momentum, which is why solidarity remains part of our direct confrontation with any authority.

“Our only decision is the permanent attack against power.”

“Until all authority burns, unyielding until total liberation.”

MONICA AND FRANCISCO TO THE STREETS!

## **Taking responsibility. Excerpt from the declaration of anarchist comrade Francisco Solar**

Received 12/21/2021:

Extract from the judicial declaration of anarchist comrade Francisco Solar taking responsibility for sending explosive packages to the 54th station of the carabineros [Federal Police of Chile] and against the former Minister of the Interior, Rodrigo Hinzpeter in July 2019, action claimed by “Cómplices sediciosos/Fracción por la Venganza” [Seditious Accomplices/Vengeance Faction] and for the double attack on the Tánica building on February 27, 2020, in the midst of the revolt, action claimed by “Afinidades Armadas en Revuelta” [Armed Affinities in Revolt].

(...) In November 2017, our idea was to move away from the big cities, mainly Santiago, because of its frenetic way of life, and to start a self-sustaining project. Although I opted for that way of life, I did not stop thinking that the most appropriate way to fight against an overpowering system based on authority and predation is through violent revolutionary action. Only from this is it possible to achieve moments of destabilization that, even if they are fleeting instants, reveal the vulnerability of power

In the middle of 2018 I decided to start pursuing that kind of action (...) Once I made that decision I started to think about some target, being clear that if I was going to take a great risk, the action had to be powerful. I thought of carrying out an action as a response, as revenge against people linked to repression and business power. Both criteria were fully met by Rodrigo Hinzpeter, who in

2019 was manager of the Quiñenco group, whose president is Andronico Luksc. Hinzpeter had also been Minister of the Interior under the first government of Piñera, leaving a trail of repression that will be difficult to forget. He harshly repressed social and student mobilizations, trying to pass a law marked by prohibitions of all kinds, known as the Hinzpeter Law. As Minister of the Interior he was politically responsible for the murder of young Manuel Gutiérrez, harshly repressed the social mobilizations in Aysén and Freirina, militarized the Mapuche territory, resulting in hundreds being wounded, many of them children, and countless prisoners.

In August 2010, along with thirteen other people, we were subjected to the repressive delusions of Hinzpeter, who in his eagerness to put an end to the bombings that had occurred mainly in the eastern sector of the capital since 2005, imprisoned us by inventing evidence, hiring prisoners willing to corroborate the thesis of the prosecution, a thesis that referred to the existence of a terrorist conspiracy.

It was for these reasons that I decided to attack Hinzpeter, deciding that he represented a completely legitimate target. I began to investigate Hinzpeter (...) I went to the Itaú building to see the flow of people, the people entering and leaving. I tried to enter the 14th floor, where the Quiñenco Group offices were located and I could not because of the strict controls at the entrance (...) so I thought it would be best to send an explosive package addressed to Rodrigo Hinzpeter's office, to make sure that he was the one to open the package.

At this point it is important to point out that indiscriminate attacks have never been part of anarchist practice, our objectives are clearly defined and aimed at those responsible for

oppression and repression. As my intention was to carry out a major action (...) I decided to use dynamite.

In 2018 and early 2019, the context was marked by police brutality against students demonstrating against the Safe Classroom Law and for various demands. It was common to see images of carabineros beating students who crossed them and even taking them out of their classrooms to take them to police stations. It is important to point out that this struggle against the Ley Aula Segura [Safe Classroom Law] was the direct antecedent of the call for fare evasion that the students made in the face of the increase in Metro fares which was the trigger for the revolt that began on October 18.

Without the perseverance of the students perhaps nothing of what happened after that date would have happened, therefore I decided to respond to this police brutality by attacking the police in their own facilities. My idea was to attack them as an institution, for what they represent, for their history of blood, torture and death. I decided to attack the 54th station of the carabineros in Huechuraba as a gesture of revenge for the murder of my comrade Claudia López in September 1998.

Although it is clear to me that the officers who worked in that police station in 2019 were not the same ones who murdered my comrade, it was that place that served as a point of operations at that time, and continues to be so for every day of protest. With this I wanted to signal a response: that no one and nothing is forgotten.

My intention was to wound only one carabinero, the highest ranking one, and that was Major Manuel Guzmán, therefore, so I decided the explosive should not be of great power and opted to use black powder inside a steel cylinder.

(....)

The intention of this action, to respond both to the aggressions of the police and to that of a former Minister of the Interior remembered for his repressive role and today manager of an economic group that owns practically all of Chile, was completely fulfilled.

(...)

Regarding the so-called Fact 2 (Tánica), I can explain in order to contextualize. The revolt started on October 18, 2019 was still alive in the last months of 2019 and early 2020, many protests were happening day after day despite the harsh repression of the police. March was looming as a key month where many things could happen, among them even the resignation of Piñera. It was in this context that I decided to contribute to the revolt with the placement of two explosive devices.

The eastern sector of the capital had been the target of some demonstrations provoking the rejection of those who live there out of fear of being threatened and even losing their privileges. One could see how people who were demonstrating peacefully in La Dehesa were insulted and even assaulted, and also how the army and the police shielded those neighbourhoods in a clear complicity between the repressive force and the wealthy class. Therefore I decided to hit those districts, but specifically one neighbourhood within them – Santa María de Manquehue, where the newspaper El Mercurio is located, historical mouthpiece of the most conservative sectors of this country. I am emphatic in pointing out that my intention was not to harm people, but rather to alter the normality of that neighbourhood. Proof of this is that at first I thought of placing the explosive devices inside the toilets of Café Kant, located inside the Tanica building, but due to the risk of injuring people I finally discarded this plan,

## **Two years after our imprisonment. Words from Monica and Francisco from Prison**

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We have always prioritized not having intermediaries when it comes to communicating, that no one speaks for us, and in these days that mark two years since those who sustain the hegemony of power and locked us in these cement pits called prisons, will be no exception.

This second year of imprisonment will bring with it the end of the investigative period of our legal process, that is to say that the period in which the prosecution and the ten plaintiffs were able to gather information against us will end. The closing of the investigation opens an intermediate process prior to the trial.

The judicial investigation against us has spared no resources; the police have made great efforts not to leave any loose ends. The aim is to give us an exemplary sentence that will frighten anyone who makes the practice of political violence their own, especially with regard to the placing and sending of explosive devices. Furthermore, we are not unknown to the powerful; on more than one occasion we have been seated in the dock, and in all of them we have made our anarchist position clear. Our current legal situation is closely linked to our previous judicial trials.

We are self-critical with respect to our mistakes at the time of our actions, each one of them are part of our experience and learning, which we hope will also serve for others.

We feel part of a long road of struggles against domination, a historical road that changes according to the different scenarios of conflict.

Many years ago we decided to walk along anarchy's paths of negation, understanding it as a constant tension that in its constructive/destructive dialectic does not pose itself as an absolute truth nor as a place of arrival.

Our life is not dissociated from our enormous desire to live as much as possible in accordance with our ideas, we take this up with all the contradictions it entails, as well as its consequences.

In these letters we are once again interested in exalting and encouraging attack against every expression of Power. We are emphatic in affirming

that we understand acts of revenge and sabotage as an urgent necessity, whose multiplication and propagation undeniably strengthens the spaces and anarchist positions of combat.

We believe that our wager must necessarily be for the qualification of the conflict, to leave the spaces of comfort to broaden perspectives and hit where it hurts most.

In this sense, we salute each explosive action carried out in recent months, which are undoubtedly a contribution and strengthen the anarchist urban guerrilla.

Every attack on power from an anti-authoritarian perspective is valid for us.

The date when we will be judged is approaching, we know that there are possibilities of spending a long time held hostage in the prisons of the State, we are prepared for it thanks to the fraternal support of an endless number of comrades who, with their every gesture, manage to light up the night.

In these two years of imprisonment we have been part of the “Anarchist and subversive prisoners”, focusing on the return to the street of our comrade Marcelo Villarroel, who is still under sentence by the military prosecutor's office, perpetuating his imprisonment. Achieving Marcelo's return to the streets will certainly be a triumph that will strengthen us and will benefit all the prisoners of the social war. The call is to multiply the actions and gestures of revolutionary solidarity that will allow our comrade to take to the streets once again.

For us the confrontation with domination has not ended, it has only changed form.

-Monica Caballero

San Miguel Prison

-Francisco Solar

La Gonzalina-Rancagua Prison

During the investigation, during which both were under surveillance, the garbage of both was also searched to recover DNA, among other things.

After a year of investigation, which is still ongoing, about 20,000 hours of video footage have been analyzed and countless witnesses have been questioned. Both are accused of attempted murder in several cases, as well as planting explosive devices.

Francisco is serving his sentence in a high-security prison and Mónica in “normal” custody.

For the time being, the detention is set at six months.

Of course, there are many things that could be mentioned in the four hours of the detention examination, but which would be redundant or go into too much detail, such as the cabs, the tickets, clothing and movement profiles.

For us, it is impressive to see how a detention hearing has taken place in this case in Chile and how much “evidence” is already put on the table at such an appointment. Without being any kind of experts on the reality of Chile, we think that for various reasons there is an attempt to get things done. What do we mean by that?

Because of the current situation in Chile, given the revolt that has been taking place since October 2019, the disastrous political and economic situation of the country, making an example and, above all, a personal reckoning with Mónica and Francisco, who could not be imprisoned in 2010.

These are, of course, speculations and hypotheses that we are throwing around, but they do not seem far-fetched. We will continue to report on this case and express our thoughts on it, as well as on topics related to repression.

We wish them both much strength  
Freedom for all prisoners  
Long live anarchy

## **Words of anarchist comrade Mónica Caballero Sepúlveda held hostage by the State in the San Miguel Prison**

23 July 2022

The military dictatorship left large and deep scars on a part of the inhabitants of the territory denominated by the Chilean state, thanks to the state terrorism that spared nothing in crushing all those who could hinder the implementation of the new neoliberal model. This is how the harshest face of repression became known to the thousands who were imprisoned, tortured, murdered and disappeared.

The fear and wounds left by the agents of the state can paralyze anyone, I cannot and do not intend to judge or criticize those who have chosen to stay at home after having lived through torture and/or the loss and/or disappearance of a loved one. On the other hand, there are others who, full of scars, have shed their fear and stood up without victimhood against the system of terror and oblivion. Among these was Luisa.

Luisa could have lived out her mourning within her most intimate space, but she preferred that the death of her children sow the rebellion of hundreds of young (and not so young) fighters.

I remember Luisa today, not only because she is the mother of Rafael, Eduardo and Pablo and because they were combatants assassinated by agents of the State, I also remember her because she is a living part of the history of many who, like her children, decided to confront domination and build a different world.

This first anniversary of her death is full of nostalgia, for those of us who were moved to the core listening to her or who had the pleasure of receiving one of her affectionate hugs. It is also a day to soak up a little bit of the immense strength and resilience that characterized her.

In this month I also commemorate the departure of the tireless Herminia Concha, this great woman who made her life a constant confrontation against imperialism, prison etc..

May we not light candles for our grandmothers but insurrectionary flames!!!!

Mónica Caballero Sepúlveda.

Anarchist Prisoner.

deciding instead to place an explosive device in the park sector of the Tánica real estate company, specifically under a cement bench that would cushion the explosion.

I also contemplated another target for the attack, which was to place another explosive device at the police GOPE [Grupo de Operaciones Policiales Especiales, Special Police Operations Group] which would be set to explode half an hour after the first one (....) at a time when the GOPE would be carrying out a search in the vicinity, with the sole objective of giving them a good scare.

(...)

I decided to attack the carabineros because apart from being historical enemies of we anarchists, at that time they had already mutilated hundreds of eyeballs (...) I also decided to attack the carabineros because they had carried out torture, beatings, the creation of torture centres like the one in the Baquedano subway, which although the justice system has denied it, we all know was so.

From the beginning of the revolt I was part of the different mobilizations that took place every day and I could see, metres away from me, how the young people fell bloodied by bullets and tear gas canisters fired by the carabineros. It was for this reason that the revolt identified the carabineros as one of its main enemies, therefore, an attack against them was essential and completely justified”.

## **Further extension of the trial period in the case against anarchist comrades Mónica and Francisco**

Today, 20 December 2021, in a new hearing by video conference, it was decided to extend the investigation period in the case against the compas Francisco Solar and Mónica Caballero.

The court agreed to two more months’ investigation, pending the gathering of new information in the case of the explosive packages sent to the 54th police station and to the former Minister of the Interior Hinzpeter and the double explosive attack in the neighbourhood of the rich. We remind you that the compas have been in prison, in the jails of Rancagua and San Miguel, since 24 July 2020.

Solidarity and complicity with Monica and Francisco !

## About Orwell and the case of Mónica and Francisco

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That every metropolis fulfills all the criteria of a panopticon, well, that is not really saying anything new. The question becomes, which city has a higher density of surveillance technology at its disposal and how intensively is it used?

Therefore, it is obvious that Orwell's ideas of a completely monitored society were accurate, but not in the dimension that he imagined, or the foundations for it. In particular, dictatorship is unnecessary, which for him would be an important basis of this complete surveillance, to bring it about. Complete surveillance is therefore not an expression of a specific system of capitalism, but it is inherent to its political administration and articulation, namely, the state. So it is a false dichotomy to think that complete surveillance would only be the result of a more "authoritarian" system. Such a way of thinking only feeds on the desire and ideology that the state in better hands could wear a friendly mask. We see this also in the midst of the debate about the corona virus, where leftist groups, but also anarchists, see the saber-rattling of the repression, the introduction of curfew, of quarantine, etc., as a protofascist development and do not want to understand that the state, no matter which – whether democratic or other varieties – always carries such mechanisms and powers (as a monopoly) to guarantee its survival. The political administration and the organization of the State always remains the same, only the criteria and the ideologies of the political forces in power change, this would no longer be a false dichotomy. The State has historically used all the means at its disposal to guarantee the smooth running of its business. The nation-state is therefore the logical consequence, as well as the class society, of capitalism and not the other way around.

We consider this important to say yet again because we never get tired of wanting to understand the basis of the state and capitalism in order to be able to destroy it in real terms. There are far too many foolish historical examples that show us what paths are taken when this is not clear from the beginning.

Now to the case of Mónica and Francisco

On July 24 [2020], Mónica Caballero and Francisco Solar were arrested in Chile. We have extensively dealt with their detention trial, which was

broadcast live on television. This detention trial is in no way comparable to what we are familiar with in Germany or other EU countries. If we think about the fact that such a detention examination here lasts about 10 minutes, simply to clarify whether an accused person is to be remanded in custody because, for example, there is a risk of flight or a risk of collusion, this is apparently different in Chile. It is not clear to us if there is always a live broadcast on television, or if it is due to the covid measures.

Briefly, we want to tell you who Mónica and Francisco are. Monica and Francisco are two anarchists and both were arrested in Chile in 2010 for allegedly committing several explosive attacks. The case became known as the "Caso Bombas" (Bomb Case), in which about a dozen people were accused. Both were released after eight months in pre-trial detention and the case was dropped. In 2013, both were arrested in Barcelona and sentenced to 12 years in prison, which was later reduced to 4 years and 6 months in prison for allegedly placing an explosive device in the cathedral "El Pilar" in Zaragoza, which also exploded. After 3 years and 6 months, they were deported to Chile, in addition to being banned from entering Spain for the next eight years.

In order to give you some insight, we will try to describe what happened during this detention.

As already briefly mentioned, Mónica and Francisco were arrested on July 24th and on July 26th the detention hearing began, which lasted about 4 hours. People who were present or representatives of various institutions, some of which were also represented as joint plaintiffs: the judge, the public prosecutor's office, the Ministry of the Interior, the Chilean Post Office, the City Hall of Santiago de Chile and the lawyers of both defendants.

The judge began by asking whether the arrest was with or without violence. Both said that they were taken to the ground and no force was used, both were told the reason for arrest and a warrant was handed out. The apartments were immediately searched. This is the only moment in which both Mónica and Francisco will speak.

The prosecution explained in detail what the two are accused of.

On July 25, 2019, a letter bomb arrived at the Huechuraba police station, delivered by a mail carrier. This exploded in the office of an officer, as a result two people were seriously injured, one slightly less and five people were lightly injured. What was surprising for us at that moment was that all police officers who were affected by the attack were shown with names and pictures. Now the prosecution started showing video footage from different perspectives from the day before, which allegedly shows the defendant dropping off two packages at the post office. The clothes are described and a movement profile is made where a lot of cabs had been used. All license plates, names, which routes were driven and the corresponding prices were evaluated, and it was added that all cab drivers were questioned as witnesses.

Since on the exploded package, the sticker was not destroyed, where and when the package was delivered could be quickly traced. The name of the sender of the packages is said to have been a police officer. That is why one charge is misappropriation of names. A handwriting comparison was made and there is said to have been a positive match with Francisco's handwriting.

On a video, he is said to be seen getting into a cab and driving it into the city. The driver could be found and described the defendant. Since the cab driver always drives with Google Maps, all locations were stored. On a video it is allegedly seen how he changes his clothes and is on his way with a bag. Subsequently the clothes are searched for, which are allegedly found in a trash can on July 28, 2019. The garbage collector and neighbors testified that this garbage can is never emptied. A cap was found there, which can also be seen on the video from the post office, male DNA was found on it as well as on the other clothes, but they also had different DNA.

On the same day there was also a letter bomb that was sent to the ex-Minister of Interior, this was x-rayed and delivered to the reception. It was defused and Francisco's DNA was allegedly found on it.

The second action which took place, according to the prosecutor's office, occurred on February 27, 2020; two bombs were placed in a park and exploded after a delay. Both are accused of setting off one bomb to attract police so that the second bomb would go off 25 minutes later to kill police officers with it. This also emerges from the communique for this action.

Now, as described earlier, cab drivers are questioned, countless camera recordings are analyzed, and movement profiles are created. It is interesting to see how the police investigate. Mónica, for example, is accused of having made four phone calls warning of the bombs. However, according to the police, it was not possible to react to these calls because of how little information was given. In any case, these calls are said to have always been made from the same cell phone and to have been picked up by the same radio tower which took place at a distance of 1400 meters. There are also said to be countless camera recordings of her. If she is not to be seen times, it is investigated which bus she was on, how far it drove, according to the public prosecutor's office. Since all tickets are stored in an internal bus system, it can be determined when and where these were bought. From there, it could allegedly be traced from where to where Mónica moved. On the whole case, the clothes of both defendants, because they allegedly changed them several times, play a major role. In the course of the custody examination, the prosecution emphasizes this several times, as well as that the defendants changed their appearance with wigs, moustaches, disguises (change of appearance e.g., by false bellies, false nose) and make-up.

Furthermore, the websites where the communiques of the actions were published were also presented as evidence, the anarchist and multilingual site Contrainfo, which was also used in the action in Spain in 2013.

In the focus on the use of cell phones, the purchase of these also played a role, in which the saleswoman in the cell phone store, described a person who was supposed to be Mónica.

The authorities used photos of both of them found on social media to make biometric matches. The purpose of these was to prove that the two people seen on the surveillance cameras were the accused. The distances of the eyes, wrinkles, moles, birthmarks, piercing scar, ear size, mouth, nose and other features were compared.

So were the tattoos, jewelry and shoes of Mónica, which allegedly coincide with footage from surveillance cameras in the subway, where a person is seen wearing tattoos.

During the house searches, clothing was found that can be seen on the videos.