involved in deportations are stranded with the slogans „Down with the borders” and „Fire to the deportation prisons!”

Berlin, 18.1.: „We have decided to set fire to a police bus on the occasion of the Rondenburg trial in Hamburg.”

Hannover, 18.1.: „Switch off the highway. In the night after the evacuation of Tempel Town, we set out and dedicated an act belonging to Autobahn GmbB to the fire. Autobahn GmbB is a target that is responsible for so many evictions, evictions of forest occupations and industrial destruction.”

Berlin, 19.1.: „We have put 12 excavators on the 19th occupation site of the A100 (Kreuzberger Strasse - Tempel) with time-delayed incendiary devices. Many propellers like this can bring down the system in the long term. It is also a joyful response to the „Switched-OFF” call, which is now also being echoed vigorously at international level.”

Milan (ITA), 24.1.: ReMax office demolished as ReMax profiteers from Israeli occupation.

Kassel, 26.: AFD was torched.

Berlin, 26.1.: „Solidarity attack for the persecuted & wanted persons in the Budapest trial.” Windows smashed at Collegium Hungaricum, where security policy conferences are held.

Paris (FR), 27.1.: A boat carrying celebrities on the Seine, which was also chosen for the Olympic Games, was the target of a second arson attack. Devastating this time.

Craiova (FR), 29.1.: 400 ready-to-use solar panels are tortured next to a planned photovoltaic park project on a 17-hectare plot in the heart of the Lot forest.

Berlin, 30 January. Anarchists torch a Greek diplomat’s car. We want to show once again that mass migration has its origins in the system and that those who try to control it are the same people who live off our labour and our resources. The thousands of murders at the borders are murders of our brothers and sisters.”

Szolnok (FR), 31.12: The attempt to set fire to a bulldozer at the A9 construction site fails.

Resourse: 22: Internet goes down in several monopolies due to a severed cable.

Lagos, 3.2.: „Last Saturday, 3.2.34, dozens of climate activists sabotaged the grill works at Lagos near Frankfurt. With their action, they are actively opposing the ongoing climate destruction of the steel industry. The construction and building industry is responsible for 38% of all greenhouse gas emissions, particularly from the climate-damaging building material concrete. This means that the grill mixed in Lagos, the main component of concrete, is the driving force behind a construction industry without moderation and with no social or ecological conscience.”

Berlin, 4.2: „It is therefore obvious for us to call the police unions to account for their policies in a very practical way. That’s why we (…) spread two GD cars with slogans, smeared the windows and emptied for extinguishing inside.”

Bremen, 5.2.: „Switched Off: Teen Maya / Disrupt Deutsche Bahn. We had an appointment last night to set fire to two Deutsche Bahn vehicles with incendiary devices. The company not only stands for overpriced train connections and dilapidated infrastructure, but is also deeply involved in armaments, exploitation and neo-colonialism. Specifically, we attacked DB to make the struggles for Teen Maya in Mexico visible.”

Koblenz, 5.2.: A fire caused extensive damage at a gravel works in Koblenz on Monday morning. The fire damaged or destroyed a ball, an outbuilding, two wheel loaders and several conveyor belts. The police currently estimate the damage to be in the high six-figure euro range.

Berlin, 8.2: Two Teslas and two Tesla charging stations set on fire. Several armays use Tesla’s Starlink satellite system in their wars. Also in Gaza. Also Ukraine. Tesla’s Starlink infrastructure is an important military player and attacks on Tesla can be a sign everywhere: against any war! („Green capitalism” stands for colonialism and deadrell!”

In Berlin, 9.2: new concert factory in Berlin, the employees are temporarily suspended. +++++ Drops of people sabotage the great pit in Langen close to Frankfurt +++++ A fire close to Munich destroys a great pit along with a hangar, one neighbouring building and several conveyor belts +++++

It seems that acts of sabotage in the struggle against the destruction of nature are spreading. At the very least, more and more circles are openly discussing whether the old forms of protest haven’t had their day, as they obviously have no effect and would only result in charges and fines. An urgent underway can be recognised in more and more debates and who is surprised that, given the hopelessness of changing the destructive course of events, more and more people are resorting to more consistent means. While the vast majority of environmental and social groups are working to attract the attention of the public and thus put pressure on politicians, whether by legal or illegal means, the urgency of the current situation has led many to consider another option: sabotage, the idea of interrupting the course of events and causing disruption. It is clear and obvious who is responsible for the ongoing destruction of the planet, who is profiting from it and who is making life increasingly impossible for all living beings on this planet. First and foremost, the fossil fuel industry, the oil and gas industries, the military companies, the pharmaceutical and fertilizer manufacturers, the chemical, concrete and steel industries and the more operators. Clear responsibilities, clear homelands. Do we want to appeal to these people, influence their conscience, symbolically draw attention to their role? Or sabotage their business in order to put an end to their activities? These are fundamental questions that need to be asked and dealt with in the struggles, because on the one hand they are the starting point for how we want to act (quantitatively or qualitatively) and on the other hand they indicate how we want to deal with authoritarian forces in general (cooperate with those in power and their apparatus, including cops and press, or confront them on all levels?).

Concentrating on the idea to carry the proposal of sabotage into social movements against destruction of nature last year an initiative called „Switch off! The system of destruction” (switchoff.no/switchoff.org) developed. Within the framework of this proposal, a large number of attacks have taken place in various places, e.g. against the oil and coal industry, the automobile giants and their mendacious e-mobility, against the space industry as well as against extractive infrastructure or political parties. An initiative that tries to carry the proposal of direct attack into the various environmental and climate struggles. An attempt to spread something other than the naive hope that those in power are willing to make reform. However, the somewhat artificially constructed moral reference through the use of a common slogan is not the only thing that the actions share: they attempt to attack and sabotage the destructive production – a „switch off” of the destructive system by their own hands.

Sabota-what?

However, if a sabotage wants to hit a point where the attack actually causes interruptions in economic operations, a minimum of research is necessary. Well, let’s talk about the enemy: the economy of each destruction. A global network. There are those who claim that the material basis of production is coming to an end at some points. The economy

MEGA-PROJECT „ENERGY-TRANSITION“: LOCALISING THE WEAK SPOTS

+++ Subsage: Several creased holes in the just finished LNG-pipeline in Brunsbüttel +++

Burned out truck in the mine ofWietzow +++ One burning concert factory in Berlin, the employees are temporary suspended ++++ Dropping of people sabotage the great pit in Langen close to Frankfurt ++++ A fire close to Munich destroys a great pit along with a hangar, one neighboring building and several conveyor belts ++++

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requires the constant availability of raw materials, trade routes and labour in order to produce goods and sell them on the market. As a result, according to general consensus, technology, everything is precisely coordinated. If certain components are missing, this threatens to have a huge domino effect. And it is precisely this problem that is becoming ever more urgent: numerous raw materials are becoming increasingly scarce or even no longer available for them to be mined. This cannot be met. At the same time, transport routes are becoming more complex and more vulnerable. The consequences are far-reaching. There are no rare earths, no production of raw materials, no smartphones, there are no apps, there is no profit. If there is no electricity or gas, there is no production. If there are no materials, there is no productivity. Therefore, concrete dangers are haunting a wide range of economic sectors and initiating that enormous efforts are being made to decarbonize the industry. The microchip, the backbone of the current “energy transition” is also a huge economic engine to drive enormous structural change in the economy.

In the following, three specific aspects are highlighted, each of whose function embodies a counterpoint having significant significance for the industrial system:

- Energy Grid: One of the biggest restructurings of the “green” economy is taking place in the energy sector. A key element of the global economy is for example the production of hydrogen in various countries (Namibia, China, South Africa, Chile, Argentina, North Africa, etc.) and the construction of hydrogen pipelines in Germany and Europe. In addition to pipelines, renewables networks will determine the construction of a pipeline network with a length of 9700 kilometers within Germany is planned, whereby 60% of old natural gas networks will be transformed in order to produce hydrogen, which can be transported converted into ammonia and then converted again in Europe.

- German politicians are acting in a colonial manner when they pretend that there are “white spots” in the Global South whose development and growth will make the hundreds of thousands of wind turbines would not bother anyone. This is exactly what is happening in German ex-colonies such as Namibia, a country where electricity connection is anything but normal. The fact that the switch from natural gas and oil to hydrogen has anything to do with climate protection quickly proves to be a preposterous argument, as the extreme methane emissions from burning hydrogen may be “CO2-neutral” but they are nevertheless “climate-friendly”. The “energy transition” is a state-led economic project with geopolitical, military and economic objectives.

While the hydrogen grid is being expanded, the electricity grid needs to be expanded. Due to the growth in e-mobility, more and more electricity needs to be available. At the same time, there are constant voltage fluctuations in the European grid, which can only be balanced out with a resilient grid. Germany is only able to produce 50% of the necessary electricity by 2022. In any case, the German electricity grid is too weak to transport all the imported wind and solar energy from the north when the wind is good. In order to make the German gridicry more resilient, the 4-gigawatt, north-south axis, the so-called Nordlink, a 700 kilometer long underwater link, which has been under discussion for years, is now being implemented. This is intended to bring electricity generated by offshore wind farms from the North Sea to southern Germany. This project is of enormous importance for the energy security of the country. Today, it is planned to build 20 new gas-fired power plants, which will run on hydrogen rather than natural gas from 2030 and are generally intended to compensate for fluctuations in supply from wind and solar power, is also in line with this.

- Microchip: Microchips (semiconductors) are everywhere in our lives: smartphones, computers, cars etc. The majority of all microchips are manufactured in Taiwan. Should China actually start a war with Taiwan, this would have fatal consequences for production – the Covid crisis has already demonstrated the fragility of global supply chains, which was particularly painful for the German car industry. In order to reduce these global dependencies, there are various EU projects “Important Project of Common European Interest” that will support the development project in the field of microelectronics and communication technology “along the entire value chain, from materials and to test chip design and manufacturing processes” and thus aim to create key technologies to be researched in Europe, manufactured using European raw materials and are possible (though this is still pure theory) and produced and assembled here.

Intel, for example, has announced the construction of a “mega-fab” with two factories for the production of microchips near Magdeburg. The significance of this factory becomes clear when you consider that the German government is subsidizing its construction with 10 billion euros (partly from a “climate protection fund”). The explicit aim is independence from international supply chains. The construction of three further microchip factories is also underway along the same lines: the Taiwanese company TSMC is setting up in Dresden (5 billion subsidized by the Federal Republic of Germany). In Halle, the world’s largest building chip factory in Dresden (3 billion in funding) and the US company Wolfspeed is also building a chip factory in Saxony in the state of Saxony with state funding. The three German chip manufacturers are all located in strategic proximity to the Tesla and Porsche e-car factories. The fact that the Federal Ministry of Economics has partly prevented the sale of German chip companies to Chinese companies, as happened with IRS Electronics, shows how state-controlled the microchip industry is: the microchip industry symbolizes a key branch of the entire industrial production and is therefore not only promoted, but also steered and driven by the state, as in times of the war economy.

- Deep Sea Mining: The entire production of large energy highvay that supplies the Ostsee and the Baltic Sea with electricity. The report will take until next autumn. The media suspect “no-terrorism.”

Dudowicz (FR), 21.11: Two fibre optic cables torched at different locations in one night. Another one opened, but one person arrested.
Isbë (FR), 21.11: Another prison van torched.
Berlin, 20 November: On Monday night, 20 November, we simultaneously attacked the SPD office in Hermannstrasse in Berlin Neukölln and a German office in Wiesengrund in Kreuzberg as an act against the genocidal war in Gaza.
Athens (GR), 25.11: 2 AB Vasilopoulou supermarkets demolished because hundreds of employees have resisted.
Athens (GR), 25.11: Attack on the offices of a mayor builder by the group “Conspiracy of Revenge.”
Saint-Étienne (FR), 4.12: Sabotage at the Vatik cement plant – electrical equipment and a conveyor belt are sabotaged. "In the face of capitalist companies that exploit people and ecocidal industries, against the bourgeois state and its security system that criminalises our comrades, we will continue to fight with words and deeds.
Athens (GR), 7.12: A huge Christmas tree was torched in a central square in memory of Nikos Gorgopoulou, who was murdered 15 years ago.
Theseokoriotis (GR), 7.12: Molotov attack on MAT nitro cops.
Munich (FR), 7.12: Two Carrefour shops were vandalised. “Conspiracy of Revenge” has recently signed a contract with the Israeli company Electra Consumer Products and delivered food parcels to the IDF and parties responsible for the massacres and ethnic cleansing of the state of Israel and its army due to its corporate policy.”
Manno-Epapgetis (GR), 11.12: A gravel pit of E. Bühler & Fils, managed by Lalph refugee, is sabotaged by manipulating the oil and fuel tanks of machines. “We were delighted to be able to carry out this defensive gesture, knowing full well that these machines are the weapons of the soldiers and the looters with which they attack the possibility of life on earth every day. It’s time for former actors to fail and ready organise themselves to fight back.”
Val-de-Loire (FR), 11.12: A site of the world’s largest concrete company Lafarge is vandalised during the day, windows are smashed, offices are vandalised and everything is spray-painted with slogans. The plant can no longer be used for the time being.
Munich, 11.12: A cable shaft on a pedestrian bridge burns in the centre of the city. On the same night, a forestry machine [for timber] is torched.
Munich, 11.12: Another fire at a central broadband distribution point. The fire is not connected with a fibre optic network, including the town hall in Holzkirchen.
Halle, 13.12: The forms of resistance can be recognised in many ways. Last week, on the night of 7th to 8th December in Halle, it was also very evident. To celebrate the day, there was a literal gift-giving for the local representative of the nationwide body of repression with fire and flames. We wish the federal police at the main station a heated 13.12.”
Athens (GR), 16.12: Two forestry machines are torched.
Athens (GR), 16.12: Three branches of the Israeli company ZOA and a Starbucks branch smashed up.
Athens, 16.12: Collective looting of a supermarket.
Lübeck, 17.12: Two luxury Audis on fire.
Houding (BU), 18.12: A hanger of the customs offices is set on fire. Weapons had previously been stolen.
Athens, 18.12: The “Armed Palestinian Justice” claims responsibility for an earlier firebomb attack on the headquarters of the MAT anti-riot cops.
Munich, 18.12: Two harvester forestry machines are torched inside a forest.
Montfort (FR), 2012: The technical room of a solar park is torched.
Mansell (FR), 22.12: A major event organised by right-wing politicians in a restaurant is disrupted and the windows are smashed.
Athens (GR), 22.12: Hostel and anti-fascist gathered smashed.
Munich, 25.12: A wheel loader burns down.
Berlin, 27.12: Five lorries, the convoy leader for bulk goods and parts of a concrete manufacturer’s technical building group in flames. “Against environmental destruction, oppression and fire for CEMEX concrete plant.” The communiqué explains the environmentally destructive nature of the concrete industry and the role of CEMEX in Israeli resettlement policies.
Welles, 27.12: Unknown persons drive around with an excavator in an open-cast mine and then set it on fire.
Herkönnik (GR), 29.12: Attacks on Starbucks shop with hammers and paint – against the war in Gaza.
Rome (ITA), 31.1.2013: On New Year’s Eve, we carried out an attack on the Antenne PLEINTEDEU (Broadcast and energy company) in Rome, one in Viale Sorrento and one in Via Tognatti. The action was carried out by placing fire on vehicles for devices consisting of fire extinguishers and gas cartridges) between the windows and shutters of the offices. We attacked cars for its existence and against the exploitation and pollution of the earth and the militarisation of the so-called “development countries”. (…) It is essential in extinguishing oil falls off the Gaza Strip and is closely linked to Italian geopolitical interests. This action is a contribution to the campaign SWITCH OFF.
Quaest (BE), 1.1: Two e-cars torched.
Bartley (FR), 31.1: In the four Berlin districts there is no more internet and telephone after a long-distance fibre optic cable was destroyed on the tracks, which also announces radio blackout.
Braunschweig, 41: Investigators have already discovered eight riots defined in an NGO under construction in Schleswig-Holstein and assume sabotage. According to preliminary examinations, the suspected sabotage caused damage totaling at least 1.6 million euros. Apparently there have already been attempts to sabotage the new pipeline construction in the past. In April, a saw-off pipe element was discovered in Groß Nordende; in August, construction machines were attacked in Sachsenburg, again due to the poisoning and pollution of the earth, causing property damage of around 300,000 euros.
Düsseldorf, 7.1: “Switch off” railway strike extended. We have taken the overlapping strikes and protests as an opportunity to once again ring the bells near the railway tracks near Düsseldorf/ Eller with an interior device.”
Gautières (FR), 10.1: Police truck flamed directly in front of their station.
Wassermed-Balingot (BE), 1.5: A parked cop car is torched in Cabanatou. Two hours later, Molotovs and Cobra 6 firecrackers attached to a-destructor flew by into the car park of the pub station.
Mansell, 15.1: Several cables on the railway line to Toulouse are set alight and there are major disruptions.
Gaulin (FR), 13.1: Windows of the mayor’s private house are smashed with a hammer.
Cécil, 16.11: Aircraft belonging to a company of...
Joy of Destruction...

Berlin, 18.10: Five Miles Cashburning cars are torched in one week.

Berlin, 18.10: The Tyrrhen of four company cars belonging to Deutsche Bank (DFH) were burned. The company is involved in the destructive Tren "Maya" megaproject in Mexico.

Berlin, 19.10: Attack with several incendiary devices on a radio tower. The technology as it is currently being used is several times as effective in making people dependent on the system as releasing them of their fears and "problems". Those who are dependent are controllable.

Toulouse (FR), 21.10: During a demonstration against the planned A99 highway, several hundred people ran onto the Canopix cement factory and the site of property developer Bardou Promotions. A workshop, three concrete mixer lorries and a construction machine were set on fire on the cement factory site. On the second building, the windows were smashed and the fences were torn down. The demonstrators then立即 retreated back to the protest camp.

Toulouse (FR), 22.10: Elifage car set on fire. "This company is one of the big fish in the construction industry and therefore builds motorways and prisons. Prisons like the one in which the people arrested on 8 December 2000 were locked up and who are currently on trial in Paris.

Munich, 10.11: An excavator and a lorry born out on a construction site of the Munich transport company.

Melhna (Bahrain), 21.11: An agricultural chicken coop is torched by a group of neighbours. Last week, the same day two years ago, there was also a major fire at the same scene.

Athens, 4.11: Collection looting of a supermarket.

Marseille, 13.11: Vandalism at a railway broadcasting centre, resulting in train cancellations.

Ibex (FR), 14.11: Five cars belonging to the prison administration torched.

Bremen (FR), 14.11: A barricade made of burning tires is erected in front of the "Space Tech Expo Europe" (Europe's largest space trade fair) and the trade fair itself is thrown with paint bottles and pyrotechnics.

The airspace industry is one of the key players in the arms industry. War, high-tech and male fantasies of omnipotence have a long parallel tradition. (In the opinion of the author, the system of destruction.)

Ansrepp (HS), 15.11: ATM torched.

Athens, 16.11: Molotov attack on OPKE special unit. Some pps injured and car burnt down.

Athens (GR), 17.11: Three simultaneous arson attacks on the private homes of organised fascists.

Athens (GR), 17.11: On 17 November, early in the morning, at the construction site of line 4 in the Kaisariani district, at the intersection of Iliriostratos and Fofokou streets, we attacked and set fire to three machines of the Aristo metro.

Saint-Sébastien (FR), 19.11: In a village, the internet and telephone went down completely because fibre optic cables were cut in a small cabinet.

Lorre (FR), 19.11: During the night of 19, we attacked one to two production lines of the Aubert and Duval groups. — In Germany, we saved down a pylons of the 220 kV line that supplies the plant. If only fully — in Arnois-Caras, we turned a 220 kV line in which the high-voltage cables were ducted. We were able to safely reach the foot of the lines and place our igniter there. The Aubert et Duval company is a central cog in the French military industry. It supplies parts for Naval Group submarines and parts for the French and American nuclear power plants.

Toulouse (FR), 20.11: War profiteer Aksen severely burned with waste oil.

Rocha-la-Moilie (FR), 21.11: One of the four feet of a high-voltage pylons was set on fire. This pylons permits the smooth operation of a high-tech is dependent on the availability of specific raw materials such as copper, nickel and rare earths like cobalt. These raw materials are mainly mined in the Global South (e.g. Congo) and China under the most precarious conditions and have to be shipped halfway around the world to arrive in Europe. In addition, the supply chains are subject to geopolitical dependencies and favour. Not only do the majority of rare earths come from China — China is also the player and major operator of mines in Africa. If relations deteriorate or there are disruptions on sea routes, this will have fatal consequences. One possible alternative to dependence on rare earths from China or Chinese companies is deep sea mining. Some countries, such as Norway, are pressing ahead with the massive application of the never-mentioned extractivist method and have opened up an area near Greenland with an area the size of Great Britain for deep-sea mining.

Deep-sea mining involves robots "harvesting" manganese nodules containing various rare earth elements at a depth of two to three kilometres below sea level and then "washing" them directly underground, which is extremely toxic. The absurd thing about this endeavor is the following: the deep sea is the least explored area on earth and is home to a number of organisms and animals that have hardly been researched to date. The only certainty we have about deep-sea mining is that it has extremely destructive consequences and that 90% of all organisms have disappeared where it has been experimented with. We have no idea what the consequences of the dust raised, the radioactivity released, the traces left by the robots on the deep-sea floor and the contamination with chemicals are for this huge, dark terrain, its inhabitants and the oceans as a whole. All we know is that the consequences have a destructive power that cannot be estimated. In this sense, the industrial system is capable of destroying something it doesn't even know what it is and what lives there. And doing exactly that, destroying something without even guessing, let alone understanding, what it is, is being planned at highspeed. The oceans are the lungs of the earth and deaden our future and then destroy its consequences. The fact that this project is being implemented with such speed, despite the fact that some states are even criticizing the destructive consequences, shows the importance of rare earths for the entire industrial system.

Research-who?

When we talk about sabotage, we are also talking about attempts to break weak points: Acts of sabotage can be attempted to intensify social tensions and perhaps inspire others to similar acts. But sabotage can also be an attempt to cause at least a temporary break in the functioning of this deadly economy. If you want to strike where it hurts, you have to localize the pain points. Researching means not only "investigating" and "searching", but also "exploring". The Old French word "rechercher" means "to roam in search" or "to search carefully". This word is based on the Latin "circrare", which means "to walk around something, to roam an area in search". So a bit of searching, a bit of exploring — searching the enemy's terrain and walking around the target — and then striking.

It might be interesting to take a closer look at the three points mentioned above — energy grids, microchip factories and mining, especially deep-sea mining. Each of these three areas represents a key sector of the industry and its mega-project of the "energy transition". Each of these three areas also represents a weak point — sabotage could have fatal consequences for the entire earth-destructing industry. The current period of implementation of the "energy transition" may be a time where many people lose illusions about "green capitalism" and "renewable energy" and become more hostile to the industrial system in general in the face of new destructive infrastructure projects and the ongoing destruction of nature. Or at least those who are hostile to this destructive industrial system will become all the more determined to sabotage it. Perhaps the multiplication of different forms of action — sabotage, mass disruption, small reproducible attacks — fuelled by radical critics on the streets and a growing dissatisfaction with policies can ensure that the possibility of direct action against those responsible for industrial destruction spreads. This spread does not necessarily have to be quantitative, perhaps it is only the qualitative conviction that the way to liberation from the all-destroying industry is not by reform, not by "green capitalism", but by destroying it, that is gaining backbone and support. So, acting against the economy of industrial destruction and against the entire network that sustains the destruction of the earth. Against the gigantic project of the "energy transition", which only renews, expands and perpetuates the infrastructure of earth destruction.
IN THE FACE OF THE ENEMY: BREAKING THROUGH OR CIRCUMVENT THE ENCIRCLEMENT?

Some thoughts on repression in general and on June 2023 in Leipzig

Growing up in this society it also always grows up in institutions: The state, the economy, the family, religion (or science), patriarchy, school, the military, the enlivened white-collar society and so on. These institutions shape, form and educate us, they make us into functioning citizens who are supposed to reproduce the internalized values and norms. Each of these institutions embodies an ideal in which we are supposed to conform (depending on our gender, the respective "dominant culture" and its "tolerance"). The "good citizen", the "hard worker", the "devoted family member", the "humble believer" or "productive scientist", the "perfect man or woman", the "good student", the "obedient soldier", the "recognised, integrated and wealthy member of white society".

"I HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!"

Last June 2023, the verdict was announced in trial of several anti-fascists who were accused of physically attacking a far-right Naczi. The defendants received sentences of up to five years and three months, sentences that have not been handed down to anti-fascists in Germany for a long time in Leipzig, in the middle of Saxony, a region of the Germany where one can read week after week about Nazis arming themselves, ethnically cleansing the countryside and fascist structures within the police and the military, a big solidarity demonstration is called, which is entirely blocked by the city and the police. This is a state practice that has been repeated during the corona pandemic and now also afterwards, as there are fears of riots at the solidarity demonstration. The town is isolated a few days in advance and it is clear that the city will be besieged by police.

Likewise, each of these institutions reacts with repression against those who oppose these institutions, which ultimately make up the essence of this society, who escape them, ignore them or are somehow "different": Repression in the form of punishment, repression, persecution, exclusion, disadvantage, violence – repression in the form of the imposition of marginalised and impoverished conditions, in the form of penal labour, punishment orders and prison, in the form of sexualised and racist violence, in the form of inquisition and persecution. After all institutions are never empty shells or mere abstract metaphors, but very concrete buildings and structures that are only brought to life by people working for them, upholding, defending and enforcing their ideals.

It's the beginning of June 2023 and Zoro is on its way to Abécé Bahnhofplatz. From the journey to Leipzig was stressful. There were cops at every possible Bahnhof and they seemed to be in the mood for identity checks. Zoro was dressed very simply, as inconspicuously as possible. The relaxed demeanour and upright posture in the line of cops at the Bahnhof were also crucial to avoiding being pulled over. The cops' eyes scanned everyone from top to bottom. So I was a great relief to finally arrive at the agreed meeting point with some friends in Community. So let's take a deep breath and see what the plan is now. The demon was banned, the question was where to go and what to do. Zoro didn't have a mobile phone with him, so it had to rely on asking people he knew in the area where to go. I have the information that they would meet at Abécé Bahnhofplatz.

But of course the conditions and life within this exploitative system do not only become violent the moment someone behaves or is "inappropriate" – systematic violence is the status quo of this exploitative, warmongering and killing civilization. But repression is not an exception within this authoritarian society, it is part of the cycle of functioning. The reprints of the institutions and their role therein are omnipresent and ever-present, hanging like an invisible sword of Damocles over their heads.

The generalising moment of revolt arises where the question is not discussed along the lines of "pro-thus", "pro-those", along self-rule and foreign rule, but along the question of oppression and exploitation, regardless of which language the exploiters speak and which culture they belong to. Where soldiers desert, where social revolts break out against all rulers, where resistance is not dominated by authoritarian groups.

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More than half a century ago, the philosopher Günther Anders invented the concept of apocalypse blindness. This term originated from Anders' observations on the nuclear arms race between the superpowers during the so-called Cold War. The destruction of the future inherent in nuclear weapons was not just a potential threat and danger – no, nuclear weapons do not pose a threat that may materialise, the destruction of the future caused by nuclear weapons is just as real and already exists as the thousands of times that have already been dropped. The apocalypse is therefore already a reality, not an event that may occur in the future, because the means to blow up and irradiate humanity dozens of times over already exist, the knowledge of how to produce them cannot be revoked and therefore a bunch of states and military alliances would have the possibility of wiping out the earth and the future at any conceivable point – with which they permanently threaten themselves. According to Anders, this situation is already apocalyptic in itself and not wanting to see, hear or label it as such is apocalypse blindness. Turning away from apocalypse blindness would mean taking responsibility for the possibility of putting a stop to those who threaten our lives and those of future generations. To threaten with death those who constantly threaten us with mass murder. Realising the presence of the apocalypse means having to act.

This possibility of a nuclear war and the associated annihilation of humanity and the future exists today as it did yesterday. One could perhaps say more than ever, as one military conflict after another has flared up in recent times, ethnic cleansing, mass-murder, attacks, genocides, targeted shootings by drones and blanket bombings have followed one another and a state arms race, militarisation and mutual threats and isolation are a global reality. Perhaps we have underestimated the omnipotence of nationalism, which is turning individuals around the world into obedient soldiers and blind followers of orders. While anarchists watch the global escalation of military conflicts, half shocked, half purified, and discuss the questionable solidarity with this or that group – we have to admit that these discussions often have no influence and certainly no existential consequence on the reality of our lives. The faltering capitalist economy is picking up speed again thanks to the economic engine of war, and while war rages here and there, the dice are rolling in the peace zone. War and peace are two parts of the same coin, capitalist peace needs war, just as war needs the smooth production of war equipment.

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The possibility of a third world war is discussed at many kitchen tables in these latitudes. Still quite abstract, perhaps tentative, but again and again. What would happen if China invaded Taiwan? The USA in Yemen? If Ukraine joins the EU as planned – or the USA changes its government and stops supplying weapons to Kiev? All abstract, geopolitical speculation?

There are, however, a few other things that are not abstract, they are very concrete, tangible questions among comrades and we should not forget them. The repression of militarism towards the inside when a country actively enters into war. The importance of the state taking action against the "internal enemy". The fragility of supply lines to the front. The military use of civilian transport and infrastructure. Very concrete things to think about. But perhaps these are things that should not be discussed at the kitchen table, but during a refreshing winter walk.
Dejá-vi: The left is talking about anti-imperialism everywhere and so-called anarchists are waving Lenin's definition of imperialism around. The national flags have been taken out of Cubalbys, the people's liberation front are back in vogue and the people's war is now called the national liberation struggle.' We observe how, with the old anti-imperialist logic, the small states or no-states and their parties are unconditionally supported with the backing of the anti-colonial discourse. It is discussed in terms of identity, collective identities, and as a member of that category you are not allowed to say or criticise this or that. The enemies of our enemies suddenly become our friends, or at least necessary allies, and the attraction of armed resistance ensures that such dubious partnerships are entered into. The main thing is to oppose the West — many people don't care next to whom they take sides. Now it is the wrong time to criticise, we are told, and hostilities against authoritarian groups are becoming blurred. First a state of our own, we are told, then we can talk further. If mirroring racism, criticism is labelled racist and an inverted racism is rapidly and historically justified, which explains the massacre of civilians as at least logical. The suffering of one side is used to explain why they also carry out massacres. And so we see how the logic of state war, of collateral damage, of the national mindset of one culture, one people, one state, as well as compromise and concession to deeply authoritarian, reactionary and para-state structures is gaining ground.

We maintain that the military logic of war and collateral damage cannot be combated by making it one's own. Authoritarian, patriarchal structures cannot be overcome by tolerating or glowing over them. And a state can never be liberating. Global imperialism is capitalism, the economy on all sides that wants to penetrate and exploit everywhere. Western colonialism is present in the entire industrial culture, which wants to subjugate nature and all "savages". Every state is an occupying power, exploiting its population, militarising its territory and continually extending its control.

...but should they nevertheless offend or break with the principles of this authoritarian society and its institutions? As they must realise that this is 'being against it' is not worthwhile and that there is no "outside". The unsavable must be re-educated and integrated with carrots and sticks in accordance with social ideals. Because as long as the inappropriate is integrated, it doesn't bother, the main thing is that it is part of the social institution. When it is actually a contributing part of the institutions or not is ultimately irrelevant, the important thing is that the inappropriate can be managed, that it can be used. The institutions of this authoritarian society are adaptable, they are designed for integration, and everything can be integrated as long as it is not done from these institutions into question, as long as it is integrated into the grey, wall-tree, normative of subjugation and exploitation.

With such an escalation of violence, Zero was aware that the cops' responses would not be long in coming, but it was also an expression of the motivation and anger that some people had in them. So Zero was prepared for all kinds of mischief from now on, but first they had to see where they could and would go with all these people. The chants of "fire around the square" didn't make much sense... as after all there was more or less brute attempt to leave the square and move the confrontations to Community. But the cops seemed to want to stop this anyway, and the armoured personnel carriers were lined up on their side to protect the protesters from being hit by other vehicles, which were in line already, and that was also the case of the fire truck, which was also in line already and was ready to be set on fire... and Zero had planned to do the same, had Zero left a few minutes earlier to change property and hurry a few anaesthetists who were not to be found. During this window of time, the chain of cops closed and everyone was pushed back into the enclosure that had been created. Zero was frustrated and ended up again in an unable expecting itself to fibbing eyes and press.

The first thought was that there were too many violent to ever be able to mislead them all. A failure. But the violent in the front rows convinced themselves to a fewuffle with the cops and chasing all sorts of chants, as if what would not invalidate the cops or even show them away. Well, at least it was not the people that felt good. Zero didn't do any real attempt to break out, and when a few people shouted "fight your way out" there wasn't much of a reaction from the front rows. That's how the first minutes in the enclosure went... Zero didn't want to believe that this situation would last long, if nobody wanted to break out or it's not possible, then there are usually some kind of people who already with their own kind of group of communist gathering, that the cops didn't seem to go for... and at some point the announcement came that an identification name would be organized where all the people would be processed. Zero was getting more and more frustrated and still didn't want to believe it. Hundreds of people were in the entrance area... it was quite clear that somebody was on the inside of the crowd and wasn't that there was an anothesis that was going on...
When we look at repression in this context, two things jump out at us: repression is nothing extraordinary, it is not a scandal — it is normality and a normal part of the administration of this society. Every institution confronts us with repression if we do not respect its principles: if we do not respect the order of property, the rules of the workplace, the unity of the family, the spiritual authority of God or the modernity of science, the supremacy and potency of masculinity, the normality of the heteronorm, compulsory attendance at school, compulsory military service (currently suspended in many country) or, more generally, the self-image of the white West as the shaper of the world — we are confronted with conflicts of repression or another. However, if we oppose all these institutions and their ideals and not only declare ourselves to be their enemies, but work towards their ethical and practical destruction — we will undoubtedly be confronted with repression in one form or another. And we don’t just mean police repression...

So Zoro took his time and inspected the chains of cops around the environment and evaluated where it made the most sense to escape. There was a tree with low-hanging branches, a little away from the house, under which the cops were a good distance apart and even looked a little small. So all Zoro had to do was wait for the right moment and sure enough, the cop Zoro had drawn briefly took off a glove and was busy putting it back on. That was the moment. Zoro takes a deep breath and runs off. Shortly before, Zoro had already gotten into position in front of the cop and had been watching him inconsistently through his sunglasses while shilling in a pair of ciscake. The cop seemed to be deeply relaxed in his run way, even though Zoro was already listening in his immediate vicinity.

That’s why he had decided to take off his glove. Zoro moves off and runs around the cop... Almost then Zoro can already on the first traces of police watching the action with wise eyes, but the cop has a good reaction despite his huge hunch and simply reaches behind him, hoping to grab some of Zoro’s clothes... and sure enough, he grabs Zoro by the back pocket of his pants. He leaves his hands and it dragged along for half a meter, but doesn’t let go. This slows Zoro down drastically and it allows the other cops to pounce on Zoro and take him down. Zoro gets into the final position and expects the worst, but after a few punche and kicks, the cops let up and lock Zoro’s hands. It could have been worse. So Zoro breaks a sip of water and it completely calms. He failed attempt, but at least Zoro will dearly the queue. While Zoro is being led away, some shouting and the trampling of cops can be heard from another corner. Someone else has come to the same or a similar conclusion as Zoro... At 4:30 am Zoro is one of the first people to come out of the prison collections point at Detention and it is completely annulled at having missed the rest in Community. The reports about it have reached the folk. On the way back in Community, Zoro grabs a good night beer and can hardly believe that hundreds of people are still standing and waiting in the enclosure at the time. However, the chanting is still going strong...

Many say that we are facing an increase in repression and there are many indications of this: both at a national level in Germany; in many places, proceedings are for “criminal organisations”, repression against “the climate movement”, bans of demonstrations, public searches for wanted anti-fascists, etc, as well as an international level: bans on anarchist newspapers, double digit prison sentences for anarchists, for example in Italy, Chile or Russia, etc. It may be that the times of “tolerant democracy” and “social pacification” are over and there are some indications that we are moving towards this “totalitarian democracy” with the experiences of the Covid-pandemic in our landscape and the midst of global militarisation. In the following, we want to ask how we intend to deal with this repression in this context.

If one were to visualise the strategy of the repressive authorities, it would look something like this: Identifying the enemy; recording movements, conversations, and contacts; creating a network of enacting the enemy; checking and searching and then possibly arresting the enemy. The first step is identification. What precedes this step? Controlling the territory, restricting movement, preparing the social context in politics, media and measures, defining and shaping the space.

But let’s see how those who didn’t go to the starting point of the dictates and at the same time promises to strengthen a “multi-polar global order” — and on the other side a NATO that predestines itself as ever on fighting “evil and defending democracy, minorities and human rights.***

War of words, war of opinions, war for minds and the sovereignty of interpretation. In the same breath, we are witnessing ethnic cleansing in Nagorno Karabakh, the mass expulsion of hundreds of thousands of Afghans from Pakistan into the Taliban empire, the dropping of (internationally banned) cluster bombs by both Russia and Ukraine, the drowning of more than 700 refugees on 14 June 2013, driven off by the Greek coastguard. Memories of the mass incarceration, torture and starvation of the Uyghurs or the ethnic cleansing of the Muslim Rohingya minority in Myanmar (up to 43,000 dead) have faded in the nervous fast pace of life.

And now the tragedy of Gaza. More civilian deaths in just a few weeks than in the two-year war in Ukraine. Two million people on the run — and Israel and the West are openly discussing the forced distribution of all the Palestinian refugees to various European countries (or the Congo). In the face of the sheer incomprehensible suffering, some are trying to denounce all of this with the word genocide and hold it against the West again and again. But words have lost their meaning and can no longer shock. Nobody is shocked anymore, being shocked seems to be a political affiliation and this could be incorrect. As in a pre-rehearsed sketch, everyone instantly knows what is correct, who to show solidarity with and upholds a fixed opinion. Opinions that increasingly consist only of buzzwords, behind which there are hardly any well-discussed analyses, but whose use makes it clear where you stand: These words you can use, those you can’t. You show solidarity with these people, but not with those. No matter how events develop, you have your opinion, you have your fixed position within the polarisation. Everything else is “incorrect” — as in pandemic times, public discourse is now just a militarised hegemony of fighting terms. A civilian population is declared to be “terrorists” in its entirety, a war is a “defensive operation” to “defend” and “destroy” those “terrorists” in their entirety. Every institution and every person convulsively proclaims their “solidarity” to the public. And anyone who does this with the wrong ones will be cancelled. A new lack of cautionism against Israel with at least 6 months in prison it being called for, shortly before house searches for posts on social media took place. Two years ago, “the covid deniers”, i.e. those who questioned the existence (or dangerness) of the virus, were to go to prison, and now “the anti-Semites” who question Israel’s right to exist (or the war). And once again, ignorance is being sold to us as strength and war as peace.

This time, the repression against those who take to the streets in defiance of all this, while at the same time their family members or those of their friends are being bombed, seems even more inadmissible. This time, the majority of those taking to the streets in protest against the genocide are not white people, but “barbarians”, all of them “anti-Semites” who should all be deported. And so we witness another monotony: That those who administer the German state and its military industry and its train lines, which enabled the most heinous genocide of modern times, explain to the world what anti-Semitism is and label all those who mouth the word genocide as anti-Semites and want to deport them.***

The language is clear: Germany is required to stand behind Israel no matter what military action is taken. Whether orthodox, secular or Sephardic, only Israelis are now known in Israel and they are now at war. An entire country in mobilisation. An internal militarisation too. A country at war allows no contradictions. All-controlled drones fly attacks, automatic and intelligent weapons systems everywhere, air strikes in Iraq, Syria, Iran, Lebanon and the completely destroyed Gaza. Gaza is to be razed to the ground, literally. The USA starts a war with the Houthis in Yemen and the next tragedy is just around the corner in a country where
ALL READY FOR WAR

In the form of a gentle flashing of the smartphone screen and the quiet “bing” of a new report we are informed about the mass murders taking place these days. We wade over the news, the images of mangled bodies, starving children and people searching for loved ones in the rubble, and after that immediately enjoy the football results and the weather report. We read about death tolls, about millions of people fleeing death and being bombed in the meantime, and the next moment we are thinking about tomorrow’s working day, the upcoming holidays and possible travel destinations. Domination trains us in cognitive dissonance, to harden, blithely block out and, come what may, continue to function. When mass murder becomes a note in the mass media, becomes normality, and we apathetically wipe it away, our substance as human beings is attacked at the same time, our ability to empathise, our sensitivity. And thus also our ability to be indignant and to oppose this wartime normality.

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As if we had been taken in by a propagandistic lie about the end of the Cold War in all the years between the collapse of the Eastern Bloc and today, old and new fronts are forming and militarising at every turn. As ever, the West stylises itself as the bearer of the values of democracy and enlightenment, as the protector of freedom, minorities and private property. As if it were only a matter of re-winding the time when the “end of history” was still being declared, when the omnipotence of the West prevailed unques tioned after 1990 and a supposedly wealthy commodity paradise was on offer. Now the rhetoric has changed and what is at stake is openly stated: the “prosperity guardian” (the name of the NATO operation in the Red Sea).

As if in a race, the West (NATO and the EU) and the East (Russia and China) are forging new trade and military partnerships all over the world: on the one hand, hydrogen deals on three continents and arms exports to interest groups (e.g. Saudi Arabia), and on the other, a new trade alliance (BRICS) that far exceeds the power of Western alliances (G7). The interlude in which it was claimed to want to pursue “change through trade” (Europe’s Russia policy of the 00s) is over and each side is clearly defending its interests by military means. The four-month NATO manoeuvre “Stealthy Defender”, the largest since the supposed end of the Cold War, begins in mid-February 2024. Germany will be the host and hub for a major manoeuvre on the borders of Russia and Belarus – from Norway to Romania, NATO is positioning itself and preparing for an emergency. In its own “Quadriga Manoeuvre”, the german Bundeswehr is once again specifically practicing the deployment of troops and matériel. Major General Gerald Funke, the Bundeswehr’s logistics commander, aptly summarises: “Logistics does not win wars, but without logistics, wars are lost.”

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The West, especially France, is losing influence in various parts of the world, such as in West Africa and Sudan, where there have been nine military coups in the last three years and Western states have had to withdraw their soldiers. At the same time, Putin is trying to capitalise on this new situation, using clearly articulated rhetoric against Western colonialism in the midst of his war over Ukraine. A Putin whose troops are occupying Ukraine and who at the same time claims to be fighting against a “neo-colonial system” that is plundering the world “in the name of the rule of the dollar and technological demo used their time: Just a little further south in the city, in Connexxus, a mob of hooded people used their time to build barricades, scare away police cars, attack a small police station and then wait for the cops to arrive and attack them in turn, retreat and build barricades and then attack cops again. The cops, who comb the neighbourhood in their hundreds, are overwhelmed by the small streets and the mobility of the mob, which disperses in time, and ultimately make hardly any arrests. Somewhere in the back streets a beeping Tesla is burning, but that doesn’t bother them any more, they have what they wanted, 1,600 reports, some in custody, and data that the secret service is rubbering its hands over, a huge milieu illuminated... after all, almost 20 people are still being sought in connection with the proceedings, who are said to have gone into hiding...

Let’s look at the task of repression to maintain society: it is an essential necessity for the state and the society structured by it in order to integrate, appropriate, colonise and control everything. Consequently, the integration of anarchists, or simply respecting and honouring the principles of this authoritarian society, would be the goal towards which repression works – in other words, re-education. Not co-operating with the state is therefore a vital necessity for us. A much more far-reaching and complex supposition, however, is not to submit to the permanent repression and not to allow ourselves to be re-educated and integrated into a functioning part of this society and thus to obviously throw the social deals of the work slave, the isolated couple and the idiot striving for integration overboard and banish them from our minds and lives. However, if we do not want to be integrated and broken, both are indispensable. If the enemy prepares the territory in such a way that any unpredictability has been cancelled out in advance and there is therefore no chance of agility and chaos, then you are engaging in a predictable bloc-confrontation. In a sense, a military confrontation in which those who are better prepared and armed win. A confrontation in which the more militarised actor has more power, which is usually the state. Of course, there are many factors that can cause an initially static situation to become chaotic. A confrontation always has a social and psychological component, which we must utilise, because the state needs to contain a confrontation and deal with it in an orderly, i.e. “military” manner, whereby the part that has more and greater resources at its disposal always wins. The interesting thing about the example from June is that it was only a very small territory that the state was actually able to bring completely under its control. And it was precisely this territory that the crowd of black hooded people in solidarity gathered, exactly where the state wanted them. Just a few kilometres further on, there was already room for chaos again, it was already possible to attack and disappear again. Why didn’t the people act unpredictably that day? Of course, you’re always smarter later...
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In general, we have to ask ourselves whether it is not a mistake to focus on developing anti-repression struggles after experiencing repression. The cycle of repression and anti-repression struggles can become a vicious circle if it prevents us from intervening offensively in social conflicts. Anti-repression struggles can be a trap in which we self-referentially only refer to ourselves and our comrades instead of opening up and attacking social issues. For example, does it really make sense to focus on our offensive solidarity on those cliché bad Nazis instead of attacking this state in general, some of whose structures are showing increasingly obvious fascist traits? The structures of the state whose military and police, for example, created the Hannibal network armed with 70,000 bullets, hundreds of body bags, safe houses and death lists. What if the cops had been hired to death at the site of the demo while attacks on the structures of this military and police force were taking pace all over the country? Or on the BILD newspaper, the biggest mouthpiece of racism in this country? Or to all the immigration authorities and migration offices that have just passed a fascist deportation law with the new European GEAS agreement?

All the "what if" make no sense, because we don’t know what would have happened. But next time we will be where we are not expected.

AGAINST RIGIDIFICATION

In the course of life, circumstances may arise that force us anarchists to "run away" involuntarily. We are certainly not the only ones, as millions of people around the world are currently on the run for various reasons, but their initial situation is sometimes more differentiated than that of the revolutionaries who have to go into hiding because of repression in our latitudes. Before us, there were several generations of revolutionaries who went through this experience, but they rarely gave any direct or indirect insight into it, and if they did, then only very timidly.

Nowadays, there are more and more people in German-speaking/European countries who have gone into hiding or are faced with such a decision.

The underlying political mood, the "worldview", capitalist conditions, power relations, even targeted mass attacks and revolts: All kinds of social changes, developments and tensions can contribute to the sometimes unexpected and merciless intensification of repression against those who resist. Be it members of peaceful climate groups who are now portrayed as "terrorists" or anti-fascists who have put their forthcoming into practice and are now wanted all over Europe. All this and much more can lead to people being targeted by investigating authorities and having the opportunity to go - or stay underground.

We want to talk about going underground. With the intention of developing a proactive understanding that one of the various options is to counter repression or even actively evade it.

In recent years, there have been a few publications, books, and articles on the subject of going underground. Not least because of the disappearance of a person from a certain context from one day to the next, you disappear from the lives of others for an uncertain period of time and your communication options are extremely limited and fraught with risk. In a way, you become "invisible" and "absent", but because there are you will naturally try to cover up and protect yourself for as long as possible. Despite all the preparations, illegally can push everyone to their limits. However, there are a few things that can be taken in advance to speed up or facilitate an unexpected disappearance: have cash quickly available, making contacts in order to obtain good identity documents quickly or in advance, playing through scenarios alone or with other travellers to think about the best way to get from A to B. C... getting a "clean" laptop with the appropriate operating system in order to be able to access the internet anonymously as possible. What is proposed here is rather a concise compilation of well-mentioned considerations could be discussed in general and/or in the closest environment.

Of course, you can go much, much further in the preparations, but the ID card aspect alone is probably an almost insurmountable challenge for most people at first. In this respect, it should not be the task of the individual to take care of this in advance or in an emergency, but to create this basis as a "movement". How this should and can be done need not to be explained here. However, it should be pointed out that a certain illegalism has always been part of anarchist practice.

This text is not intended to glorify clandestinity. However, it remains a valid option, a situational decision left to each individual. If the wish is to disappear, then it would be good if everything went according to the person’s wishes. There are moments when we feel strong enough to cope with everything and take it upon ourselves, and then there are moments when the fears and doubts prevail, and then maybe even prison seems like the lesser evil, and depending on that, we determine our future, and that is the important thing I decide, as far as possible, how I want to live, fighting for freedom, in prison or on the run. Nothing is a walk in the park, but knowing that there are almost always always allows us to become rigid in the face of advancing repression.