

# BLESSED IS THE FLAME

FOR ANARCHY AND NIHILISM



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## Mauricio Morales present!

15 years after the attempt to attack the nest of jailers; the wall paintings, the books, the activities, the counter-information projects, the burning tyres, the bottles that are flying in the wind, the whistling bullets, the incendiary and explosive mechanisms, continue to carry the name of Punky Mauri through the streets, across languages, kilometres and generations

**Nothing is over, everything continues**

**A death in action is an eternal call to fight**

«Mauricio Morales on the map of the international anarchist offensive», page 8



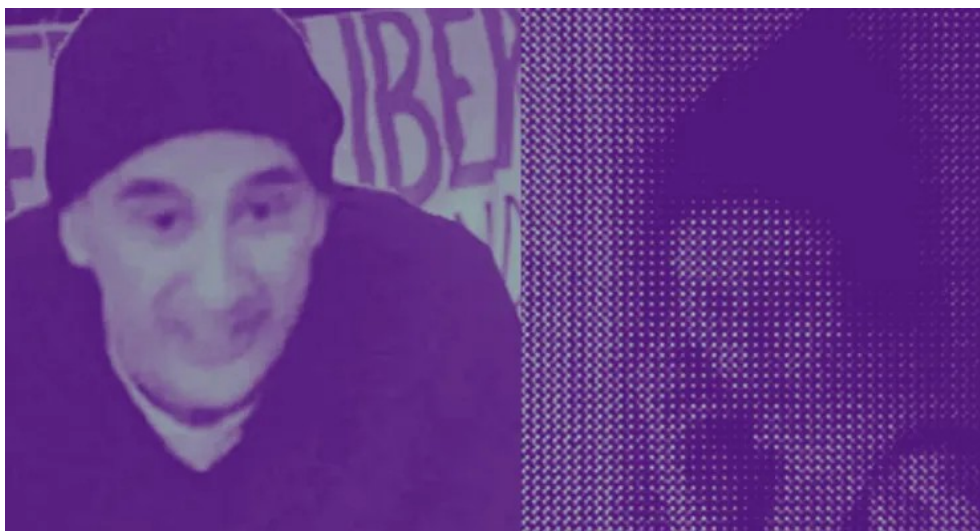
It is still time to generate and strengthen offensive complicities, to keep alive the anarchic action. To keep alive the memory of those who went on the offensive, to be an embrace in solidarity with those who are in the dungeons of capital, to contribute in some way to break its precious social peace.

From the claim of responsibility for an incendiary attack by the Incendiary Cell for the Individual Action "Severino Di Giovanni", *Black Vengeance / FAI-IRF*, page 7

## CELL "ABELE RICIERI FERRARI":

«...In a present like the current one in which every revolutionary hypothesis seems like a vain chimera, we have decided to continue fighting: **they may have deprived us of the hope of a radically different world but not of the thirst for revenge** we feel towards those who perpetuate oppression...»

From a claim of responsibility for the incendiary attack of a private vehicle of a carabinieri, page 4



The sentences of 23 years and of 17 years and 9 months have been finalised for **Alfredo Cospito** and **Anna Beniamino** respectively.

Fiery barricades and destructions in Rome accompanied by the slogan **"Freedom to Anna and Alfredo"**

(*Counter-Info Column*, page 13)

In order to hit the system where it hurts, you need to select issues on which the system will not back off, in which it will fight to the finish. For what you need is not compromise with the system but a life-and-death struggle.

"Ted Kaczynski: Hit where it hurts", page 12



What could equip anarchists to carry out more significant strikes, to hone a *quality of action* that goes beyond the symbolic? [...] To focus on well-conceived attacks that target vulnerabilities in the production and infrastructure [...]

"Making our actions count", page 16



New vindictive maneuvers in **Francisco Solar's** prison situation (*Counter-Info Column*, page 13)

**Mónica Caballero** transferred to CPF prison. Obstacles to continuing her studies

(*"Autonomy and persistence against prisons"*, page 27)

## COUNTER-INFO

**28 February, Berlin, German:** Daniela Klette, a former militant of the Red Army Faction, is captured by special police forces, ending a manhunt that lasted over thirty years.

Source: *Abolition Media*

**28 February, Quebec, Canada:** Anarchists once again attack the construction site of a Northvolt electric car battery factory. Large steel spikes were placed in the various paths used by the machines, and the remaining trees were spiked to maximise the chance of damaging the machines.

"...We must remember that it is only in the city that the electric car can claim to be green. All around, there are mines, always on indigenous lands, all over the world. It's the toxic Rouyn-Noranda refinery. It's the extensions of ports along the St. Lawrence River. From Africa to South America, it's executions of trade unionists and defenders of nature carried out in the name of Canadian mining companies..."

Source: *Montréal Contre-Information*

**29 February, Toulouse, France:**

Anonymous anarchists sabotaged the Toulouse-Narbonne railway line as part of the environmental struggle against the construction of the A69 motorway, setting fire to the cables necessary for the signaling of the trains, resulting in the interruption of traffic in the Toulouse-Castelnodari axis.

«...SNCF (France's National State Railway Company) follows the will of the neoliberal state increasingly abandons the freight system, to favour road transport of goods. The goal is always the same, to flow money into the coffers of private companies (private carriers, manufacturers and private managers). The song is old now, only the rhythm has changed a little, it has accelerated in recent ears.

Increasingly widespread social poverty is only one of the consequences of this song, the devastation of our earth in the name of profit is another.

We want to salute here the rebels who in these winter months tried to resist with anger and determination on the zad of the Crém-Arbre to the steamroller of a mafia and childish system. We imagine that the few nights in these cabins must have been very cold and very humid. This is why we tried through our action to convey a little warmth to you.

We also do not want to praise trains and freight, because we consider that they are part of the same industrial system, oppressive and devastating. We will finally say that it does not matter whether nuclear waste and weapons are transported by train or truck, it is through flows that this system works. And the devastation caused by rail infrastructure is no less significant than that of a highway..."

Source: *Indymedia Lille*

**1 March, Hamburg, Germany:** A group of anonymous people equipped with hammers, paint and tires vandalised the

facades of two luxury real estate agencies in Elbchaussee and set up a barricade in solidarity with the approximately eighty fighters who are being persecuted in the ongoing Rondenbarg trial for the riots that took place in July 2017 against the G20 summit.

Source: *German Indymedia*

**1 March, Athens, Greece:** Incendiary attack at the home of the police unionist Theodoros Foukas by the Direct Action Cells. The responsibility claim can be found on page 25.

Source: *Athens Indymedia*

**1 March, Athens, Greece:** Breaking attack to new shops in Exarcheia by anarchists as part of the struggle against gentrification.

*"...Exarcheia as a neighbourhood and as a place of resistance is targeted by the state and investors with the aim of sterilising and turning it into an entertainment centre for the rich and the tourists. The "new" shops are the showcase of all this, bringing hordes of our political and class enemies to the neighbourhood. The bosses get rich and the residents get kicked out. How much longer will we tolerate this situation, this fiasco, the world is angry..."*

Source: *Athens Indymedia*

**2 March, Beauvais, France:** Unknown persons set fire to the vehicle of a Beauvais prison officer.

Source: *Sans Nom*

**2 March, Hadol, Grand Est, France:** Unknown persons set fire to a fibre optic connection point.

Πηγή: *Sans Nom*

**3 March, Athens, Greece:** The *Anarchist Attack Squad* attacked the New York College building in the Taurus area with an incendiary device using gas cans, causing damage to the entrance.

*"...The Greek state, being a loyal little dog of the USA, follows and implements its liberal policies here as well. More and more aspects of our lives are commoditised. Free public spaces are occupied by tables and seats of "stylish" stores that only make you want to vomit, individual and collective freedoms are suffocatingly restricted in the name of some "security" and capital flourishes. Basic social goods such as health, water, electricity are privatised and passed into the hands of the capital. Large corporations and companies operating in terms of cartels attempt to completely dominate our lives. Universities and education would not be missing in these plans. The dirty work in this condition is done by the entire state apparatus cooperating with large multinational universities such as this one, intensifying more and more the political conflict with the universities..."*

Source: *Athens Indymedia*

**4 March, Brest, France:** A large part of a branch of the Crédit Agricole bank was destroyed by arson. The perpetrator, who was arrested, was also responsible for another arson attack at the same bank in December 2023.

Source: *Sans Nom*

**5 March, Portland, HIA:** An anarchist set fire to three machines at an Oregon Department of Transportation construction site, against the environmental destruction caused by the freeway expansion in Portland. The claim of responsibility is given on page 11.

Πηγή: *Rose City Counter-Info*

**5 March, Berlin, Germany:** The *Volcano*

## Editorial

After almost half a year of absence, we return with the publication of the second issue of our newspaper, reporting the international insurrectionary actions and the struggles of anarchist prisoners for about the last four months, thus trying to fill a large part of the vacuum left by our absence. Since we are now the only anarchist project in Greece that deals adequately with these issues on the international level and takes care to translate into Greek claims of responsibility, statements and texts of anarchist rebels from all over the world.

We are at the doorstep of a new geopolitical order of things and a new technological and industrial revolution, i.e., in a phase of history where global power relations are changing again, and therefore there is a need to have a bridge of communication between affinities from all latitudes and longitudes, since despite the peculiarities of each place, the enemy remains the same: the system of domination called civilisation.

The hegemony of the West is fading, its sphere of influence shrinks as the power of other states such as Russia and especially China increases. The struggle for technological development is perhaps the only front of this heating cold war that the West can hope to gain some superiority. However, regardless of the winner, the course of the techno-industrial civilisation will be the same; artificial intelligence and the new technologies that promise to further connect the natural with the digital world, such as the internet of things, will continue to grow until they too become an indispensable part of our lives, setting the way for a more inhumane technocratic regime where the governance and the enforcement of order will be guided by data science and algorithms, the surveillance of our lives will become more intrusive and domestication and repression more effective.

Digitisation, changes in labour relations, the reduction of rights, gentrification, and, in general, the policies that are being followed in recent years, with their main tool being the successive states of emergency that impose on us with the pretext of the memorandums, the refugee issue, covid, etc., are the first steps of this great socio-economic transformation.

### Wolfgang Landstreicher: A Non-Primitivist Critique of Civilization [excerpt]

*Excerpt from a text written for the Anti-Civilisation Gathering that took place near Barcelona in 2007. We present it here as a supplement to the anti-civilisational discussion that is part of this issue.*

An anarchist and revolutionary critique of civilization does not begin from any comparison to other societies or to any future ideal. It begins from my confrontation, from your confrontation, with the immediate reality of civilization in our lives here and now. It is the recognition that the totality of social relationships that we call civilization can only exist by stealing our lives from us and breaking them down into bits that the ruling order can use in its own reproduction. This is not a process accomplished once and for all in the distant past, but one that goes on perpetually in each moment. This is where the anarchist way of conceiving life comes in. In each moment, we need to try to determine how to grasp back the totality of our own life to use against the totality of civilization. Thus, as Armando Diluvi said, our anarchism is essentially destructive. As such it needs no models or programs including those of primitivism. As an old, dead, bearded classicist of anarchism said "The urge to destroy is also a creative urge". And one that can be put into practice immediately. (Another dead anti-authoritarian revolutionary of a generation or two later called passionate destruction "a way to grasp joy immediately").

But no matter how much the world changes, it remains the same in its core; a world built in the systematic exploitation and oppression of human and non-human beings, alienation and subjugation of individuality, and in the plunder of nature, a reality that is being perpetuated, expanded and is evolving ever since the first cities and the first states began to emerge, in other words since the beginning of civilisation.

No matter how many empires were born and died, no matter how many old religions were replaced by new ones, or how many traditions have changed, how many revolutions have been done, this core remains unchanged. By making this finding, we are released from the toxic feeling of hope and we are no longer satisfied by the illusion of a "better tomorrow" (or a "better yesterday that must become tomorrow" in the case of primitivists). But we do not choose the – unfortunately popular – path to resignation. Repeating the words of the conspiracy of Cells of Fire: "As anarchonihilists we hate both the hand that holds the whip and the back that endures it and passively accepts flagellation without reacting." Disobedient people have always existed and will always exist in every society, who, armed with negation, dare to take life into their own hands, defying fear, shame and any other psychological or material means that are being used in the name of the false idols of law and morality. Individual rebellion is a natural consequence of life in a society and, anyhow, the cornerstone on which the conditions of mass uprisings are built. Thus, anarchy is not placed somewhere in the vague future, but is immediately experienced here and now with every act of disobedience, defiance and rebellion, acts that are not motivated by a utopian vision but stem from the total negation of the existing. To become wild again, to embrace our individuality, and to attack on the structures, institutions and symbols of power that are permanently attacking our lives, bring life to anarchy as a liberatory process.

Under this perspective, the separation between the means and the end, and the concepts of victory and defeat become meaningless. But in order for our attacks to

truly become thorns in the flesh of this monstrosity called civilisation, communication, organisation and coordination at an international level is required. Although the attacks by the Informal Anarchist Federation have been significantly reduced lately, endeavours such as the "Switch Off! The System of Destruction" in the German-speaking parts of Europe show that the informal organisation of affinity groups is still a relevant and effective model of action. This campaign was recently launched by a call of anarchists, autonomists and social revolutionaries for offensive mobilisation against every company, industry and infrastructure is responsible for the destruction of the environment (i.e. all of them). Since then, countless arson attacks and sabotages have disturbed the smooth operation of the capitalist / techno-industrial system and caused damages worth million of euros. This campaign begins to expand to other corners of the Earth, such as the US and Chile (see page 9). Without international counter-information projects this would have not been possible.

Beyond that, something often overlooked, is the need to develop a strategy for our attacks. That is why we include some discussions in this issue around this topic. But it is necessary to know how the world is changing nowadays, as we have mentioned before, so that we can recognise what will the new vulnerabilities of the system be, which of the old vulnerabilities will have been enhanced against attacks, how will the methods of repression against us change, and how our methods of action will need to be changed correspondingly. We are aware, of course, that the ideas mentioned in this text need more pages to be explained adequately. We refer the interested reader to the publications of our project. Here we summarise these ideas to set a framework around which we hope that this newspaper is read. Already, as we gladly observed, the first issue had some influence on the practical level, and this gives us more courage to continue our project regardless of the pressures of our personal lives.

**For anarchy, nihilism and individualism**

### Athens: Claim of responsibility for the incendiary attack on the machinery of the Elikonos Station

In a society that champions the urban landscape as the sole way of existence, our freedom and our very essence endure relentless oppression day after day. To turn a blind eye to this truth is to allow this tyranny to thrive and progress. It's degrading to merely endure this survival state instead of truly living. We must rebel against it by any means necessary. Therefore, on 26/5, we executed an incendiary attack on the equipment situated at the construction site of the Elikonos station within the forthcoming line 4 of the metro. We harbor no delusions that this strike will halt the advancement of the new line project, yet we grasp that it represents a stride in the correct direction. Every development zone of this nature leads to the gentrification of the surrounding locality, causing small enterprises to flounder and rents to soar to exorbitant levels. It is our obligation to stand as the barrier against this dystopian future until total emancipation.

We sternly assert that the metro in Exarchia Square shall never come to fruition. Both it and the uniformed enforcers upholding it shall meet a fiery demise.

**RAGE AND CONSCIENCE, NEGATION AND VIOLENCE,  
FOR THE DIFFUSION OF CHAOS AND ANARCHY**

**UNTIL CITIES AND THE CONTEMPORARY WAY OF LIFE  
ARE ERADICATED**

*Anarchists*

## Athens, Greece: Claim of responsibility for the arson of five private school buses



At dawn on Thursday 14/3 we carried out an incendiary attack on 5 buses at the Kanasi private school on Taxilou Street in Zografou. The result was the total destruction of the buses as well as damage to the building itself. Even at the operational level, the school program was completely disrupted. First of all, we want to make it clear that we are not in favour of either private or public-state education. The purpose of this education system is to "domesticate", the civilising process through the consolidation of values and principles belonging to the system of domination and to produce disciplined slaves, loyal citizens. The way of teaching is fully standardised and sterile, cut off from lived experience, focused on the well-being of the techno-industrial system. Every trace of initiative and creativity is neutralised by making it difficult to develop and sharpen critical thinking. Another goal of the education system is to construct personalities entirely in harmony with regulatory standards and norms implemented through the punishment-reward dipole. The school directly introduces you into a predetermined lifestyle impregnated by the misery of routine and given meaning by wage slavery. At the same time, it forces you to comply with a model of power relations based on the hierarchical figures of teachers and principals who are subsequently replaced by the petty bosses, the disgusting politicians, the judges, the cops, and by any privileged person of the system. This is the school and the deprived life pattern that promotes which perpetuates human alienation. In conclusion, the school contributes to the construction of a decapitated society that is made up of obedient and easily manipulated citizens, who conform with their declining "life". This consent and these resignations for us constitute real death.

For these reasons, every school, every university and every educational institution in general should become ash. In addition, we would like to understand that we do not share the position of some anarchists who are limited to a "struggle" for "rights" bestowed by the state, so that they can taste social acceptance and the possibility of gaining political influence within the micropolitical circles of the universities. The media immediately shaped a climate of fearmongering and the police made blind moves that reeked of despair in order to calm social discontent. Specifically, they went on an raiding operation of the student residences on Olov Palme detaining and eventually arresting people who were simply staying there. Then, while finding and collecting things that are completely legal, they presented them as potential incriminating elements and made a false image of an "arsenal" and "hideout of hooded individuals". At the same time, in Thessaloniki, police raided with no reason the Aristotelian University and arrested 49 students in the squatted area of the university. In this way, the "regulators of the law and order" are praised while their actions are in fact completely fruitless, nevertheless disorienting and directing the opinion of society.

State and capitalist targets are available everywhere, all that remains is to constantly attack them.

**UNTIL THE COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF THE STATE, THE CAPITAL, AND SOCIETY**

*Anonymous individuals*

## Jan D. Matthews: The Role of Schooling in Society

(First chapter of the essay "Toward the Destruction of Schooling")

*"When examined, answer with questions"*

*Graffiti Paris, 1968*

Most people don't like being told what to do. Any institution that aims to structure and regiment a person's life is, to a certain extent, in conflict with that person. The interesting thing is that that person is not always in willful conflict with the institution. Those who are obedient and fulfill their role as students understandably try to ignore the negative effects their schooling is having on them. But who would honestly deny that these effects are quite visible? Students are taught, through the process of schooling, to be conformist, unimaginative, docile, and a great many other things that are by and large considered virtues in the working world. Stay this way and you may never feel good about yourself, but you will be congratulated by authority figures for the rest of your life. I think that the antagonistic feelings that people have toward school reflect what schools are trying to do to you. Our present situation in which compulsory schooling appears to be so natural has a historical context; the forces at work and reasons why we spend so much of our lives in school can only be adequately explained from a perspective that looks at schooling historically in terms of the means employed and the ends desired and looks at where these institutional designs leave the individual caught up in school. Such a perspective can be revolutionary only if it identifies with the individual caught up in school — with their needs and desires, their anger and frustration. We must look at how schooling fits into the whole of society and what sort of social relationships and institutions are hinged upon keeping this individual — you, for all practical purposes — acquiescent. The problem, namely, that most people do in fact do what they are told, is a problem with the totality civilized social relations.

Schooling is a fundamental process of our society. It can be understood as the ensemble of techniques by which a society instructs the young in the knowledge, values, and attitudes necessary for becoming responsible members of society, reproducing the dominant social order. The bells, the classes, the rules, the discipline — all are important aspects of a controlling process aimed at molding the individual into a form more desirable to others — to authorities. Schooling, like work, is based on coercion. Generally speaking, one does not do schoolwork because the experience itself is rewarding. One does not do schoolwork on one's own terms. Also, there is a carrot or a stick guiding your progress —

usually both. Max Stirner had it right when he said that "the school question is a life question."<sup>1</sup> The most important life-skill taught in schools is subservience. It is absolutely essential to all hierarchical social systems. Education, as William Torrey Harris (U.S. Commissioner of Education at the turn of the century) once defined it, is "the subsumption of the individual."<sup>2</sup> Nobody is absolutely free of social pressures, material forces, outside influences. But it does not follow that we should submit to the ideal of the individual's "adjustment" to the social terrain: behavior modification administered by the guardians of the Republic. There is an essential tension here: the tension between unique individuals and the social institutions that prevent their self-determination.

The necessity of schools is deeply ingrained in the modern psyche. Implicit in the acceptance of any modern political ideology is the assumption that the individual exists to serve the common good or some higher principle exterior to personal subjectivity — in fact, this seems to be the basis of all ideology, all political systems, all forms of rule. So, proceeding from this assumption, the sufficiently schooled person — the university student, for example — assumes the thinking of a social planner with regard to all political questions. Critical thinking is so discouraged that many are virtually incapable of taking an anti-political stance against all the moral baggage of formal ideology, against the totality of "mental production."<sup>3</sup> Alexander Inglis had the following to say about this aspect of schooling: "It must be recognized that in American society each individual must be not merely a law-abiding citizen but also to some extent a law-making citizen."<sup>4</sup> In a democratic state, social stability rests principally on the internalization of the values behind the rules, the morality behind its reification in law. One can dislike school and still believe in its mythology — most people do. The stereotypes of good students, bad students and every other category of student conceal the question of the desirability of systems of grading and categorization. "Banalities, due to what they conceal, work for the dominant organization of life ... words will not cease to work until people do," wrote Mustapha Khayati.<sup>5</sup> The mythology of this dominant organization of life consists of myths such as the necessity of being schooled in order to learn, the detached objectivity (and intelligence!) of the intellectual, and many others, all reflecting capitalist values — the most salient of which is Progress.

Group (Vulkangruppe) carried out an arson attack on a high-voltage pylon resulting in a nine day long shutdown of the largest Tesla car manufacturing plant in Europe  
*Πηγή: Sans Nom*

**6 March, France:** As an act of solidarity in the fight against the construction of the A69 motorway, an NGE machine was vandalised.

*Source: Communiquer Relayer Informer Combattre*

**6 March, Cardiff, Wales:** Anarchists demonstrated outside Cardiff Probation Office in solidarity with political prisoner Toby Shone. For the past three and half years, Cardiff's probation officers have worked with the police to target Toby because of his anarchist ideas.

*Source: Dark Nights*

**7 March, Patras, Greece:** Butcher shop vandalised by the *Anarchist Counterattack*.

*"...veganism as a personal choice and nothing more is reformist. Meticulous veganism and its emphasis on nutrition, facilitates its assimilation by capitalism and techno-industrial civilisation, as yet another lifestyle choice, which does not attack any system of torture, no industry embraces respect for life and freedom. We do not consider anyone consumable therefore we do not perceive anyone as a product. At the same time, because consuming plant products (and consumption more broadly) is not an act of resistance, we aim to not participate in anything that creates and sustains product-consumer relations. Furthermore, the struggle for total liberation is classless, so we do not discriminate between big industries, small neighbourhood fur shops and any boss who profits from the confinement and abuse of animals. That is why we advocate veganism as a form of practical refusal to entrench authoritarian attitudes and relationships in our daily lives and we support every attack, expropriation, sabotage, etc. On all the individual parts of the same system..."*

*Source: Athens Indymedia*

**7 March, Italy [Brenner Trial]:** The trial of the fighters who participated in the aggressive demonstration against the building of an anti-immigration wall on the Italian-Austrian border has been completed. Several of the comrades have been acquitted of all charges, the majority will receive a new appeal decision to apply substitute measures and/or to redetermine their sentence

*Source: La Nemesi*

**8 March, Athens, Greece:** During the nationwide student demonstration against the establishment of private universities, the Jenin Faction carried out an attack with molotov bombs on the NYX Esperia hotel of Israeli interests and on the police squad that was guarding it. The attack was carried out in solidarity with the Palestinian people.

*Source: Athens Indymedia*

**9 March, Athens, Greece:** The group *Carnava-listes* broke into an AB Vasilopoulos supermarket in Ilioupoli and expropriated basic necessities, distributing them to the neighbouring street market.

*Source: Athens Indymedia*

**11 March, Vecqueville, Grand Est, France:** The Informal Pirate Action Group to Sink the Ferry attacked the main supply line of the FERRY-CAPITAIN industrial foundry, temporarily shutting down its operation and damaging several machines. The reason for the attack was

FERRY-CAPITAIN's participation in the CIGÉO nuclear waste disposal project. "...In 185 years, FERRY CAPITAIN has fully contributed to the ecological and social disaster by making possible, with its tailor-made machines, parts and tools, the extraction and exploitation of raw materials from the subsoil..." Source: Indymedia Lille

**11 March, Bremen, Germany:** An anonymous group of fighters threw stones at the Neustadt police station in solidarity with arrested militant Daniela Klette. The claim of responsibility is on page 22.

Source: German Indymedia

**12 March, Naples, Italy:** Anarchist prisoner Zac (Marco Marino) was transferred from Terni prison to house arrest.

Source: La Nemesi

**14 March, Athens, Greece:** Anarchists carried out an arson attack on five buses of the Kanasis private school, in the Zografou area, resulting in their total destruction as well as causing damage to the building itself. The claim of responsibility is on page 3.

Source: Athens Indymedia

**14 March, Henry County, Georgia, USA:** Eight heavy construction machines of the Brent Scarbrough company, responsible for the deforestation of the Weelaunee forest, were set on fire.

Source: Scenes from the Atlanta Forest

**14 March, Savery, France:** The *Bande d'élans Musqués* claims responsibility for the arson of fifteen Tesla cars that took place on 6 October, 2023.

"...This world is full of cars and machines of all kinds. Some serve to move the techno-bourgeoisie, like the Tesla cars that leave the factories of one or another of the richest people in the world. There are machines for modern warfare, where humans hiding in an office use intelligent drones to slaughter other humans hiding in a trench. In order for the techno-bourgeois to move peacefully, fiddling with their smartphones all day, others must massacre each other, because technology does not fall from the sky: war is fought for it and with it. The decisive issue of the next conflicts, beyond their ideological or ethnic character, is also the access and control of energy resources and infrastructures. And the shocks caused by this already globalized war will cause the electricity, convergent technologies and nuclear markets to grow, while maintaining those of oil. Tell this to a techno-bourgeois with his Tesla and he will probably tell you with a grimace that he had nothing to do with it, that he is just an environmentalist and that you are conspiracy theorists. However, behind a normal electric car and the electronic chips inside it, this is the reality that hides (that is, that everyone pretends not to see). Behind every new technology, there are new slaves, new wars and the ravages of our world..."

Source: Indymedia Nantes

**14 March, Athens, Greece:** Breaking attack on a Sklavenitis supermarket and three ATMs in New Philadelphia by anarchists against the new Penal Code.

"...The Greek state, on 22 February, passed a new Criminal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure. A law that clearly targets the action of our movement and the survival choices of the grassroots, providing for incarceration for sentences

The student, like society, is continually making progress. The student's progress, like that of society, is fundamentally a domestication of the human animal. When Derrick Jensen asked himself why schooling takes so long, the answer he came up with was straightforward and truthful: "It takes that long to sufficiently break a child's will. It is not easy to disconnect children's wills, to disconnect them from their own experiences of the world in preparation for the lives of painful employment they will have to endure."<sup>6</sup> A few centuries earlier, Immanuel Kant put it more succinctly: "Man must be disciplined because he is naturally wild..."<sup>7</sup> Discipline is at the heart of the educational enterprise. Schools are obviously not organized by the students — they are the population that is to be controlled, monitored, measured, and disciplined. Discipline is "what the factory and the office and the store share with the prison and the school and the mental hospital."<sup>8</sup> There are certain rules to be followed and the student is watched at all times to make sure she is conforming. Discipline is essential, but it does not explain all aspects of schooling. Knowledge, the commodity that the school deposits in you or showers you with is something exterior to the student, who accumulates knowledge in a process beyond her control. Knowledge is power, most commonly to the extent that one can serve the interests of power and secure a comfortable or powerful place in the social order. Foucault pointed out that power necessarily produces knowledge: "... power and knowledge directly imply one another ... there is no power relation without the correlative constitution of a field of knowledge, nor any knowledge that does not presuppose and constitute at the same time power relations."<sup>9</sup> Highly specialized knowledge of the type that schools impart reflects complex power relations hinging on extensive hierarchy

and division of labor. The increasing importance of schooling in modern society reflects society's increasing totalitarianism, in the sense that more and more human activities are subordinated to and conditioned by the advanced techniques of a technological society whose driving force is Capital.<sup>10</sup> It is obvious that any critique of schooling must have within it a critique of the social order of which the schools are a part and vice versa. Schooling seems to be a positive feedback system: more and more people go through schools, capitalism advances, and more schools are needed to keep people subservient to the bosses. Education is such an important "right" for all people that it "shall be compulsory" according to Article 26 of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights.<sup>11</sup> Education seems to be something that all the ideologues can agree on. It is obviously helping people to adapt to the insanity of modern society. We become automatons, docile bodies — boring, dumb, and monotonous from doing schoolwork with the same characteristics. By and large, students submit to their behavior modification and faithfully reproduce the current social order.

<sup>1</sup>Max Stirner, "The False Principle of Our Education," [www.nonserviam.com](http://www.nonserviam.com). This article was originally published by Marx in the *Rheinische Zeitung*. After Stirner wrote his masterwork *The Ego and Its Own* (an excellent book), Marx was so infuriated by it that he devoted a large (most of the book) and largely irrelevant portion of *The German Ideology* to a critique of Stirner's ideas.

<sup>2</sup>John Taylor Gatto, *A Different Kind of Teacher: Solving the Crisis of American Schooling* (Berkeley, CA: Berkeley Hills Books, 2002), 61 – 62.

<sup>3</sup>"The ideas of the ruling class are in every epoch the ruling ideas: i.e., the class which is the ruling material force of society is at the same time its ruling intellectual force. The class which has the means of material

production at its disposal, consequently also controls the means of mental production, so that the ideas of those who lack the means of mental production are on the whole subject to it. The ruling ideas are nothing more than the ideal expression of the dominant material relations, the dominant material relations grasped as ideas; hence of the relations which make the one class the ruling one, therefore, the ideas of its dominance." *Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, The German Ideology* (Amherst, New York: Prometheus, 1998), 67.

<sup>4</sup>Alexander Inglis, *Principles of Secondary Education* (Cambridge, Massachusetts: Riverside Press, 1918), 343.

<sup>5</sup>Ken Knabb ed., *Situationist International Anthology* (Berkeley, CA: Bureau of Public Secrets, 1995), 170–175. Situationist International (1957–1972) was a relatively small yet influential Paris-based group that had its origins in the avant garde artistic tradition. The situationists are best known for their radical political theory and their influence on the May 1968 student and worker revolts in France. The most important situationist books are probably *The Society of the Spectacle* by Guy Debord, *The Revolution of Everyday Life* by Raoul Vaniegem, and the anthology cited above.

<sup>6</sup>Derrick Jensen, *A Language Older Than Words* (White River Junction, VT: Chelsea Green, 2000), 102. This book is possibly the most accessible and convincing critique of civilization.

<sup>7</sup>Immanuel Kant, *The Educational Theory of Immanuel Kant* (Philadelphia: Lippincott Company, 1904), 225.

<sup>8</sup>Bob Black, *The Abolition of Work and Other Essays* (Port Townsend, WA: Loompanics, 1986), 20. The theme of the essay "The Abolition of Work," readily available on the internet, closely parallels the theme of this essay.

<sup>9</sup>Michel Foucault, *Discipline & Punish: The Birth of the Prison* (New York: Vintage, 1977), 27.

<sup>10</sup>Jacques Ellul, *The Technological Society* (New York: Vintage, 1964).

<sup>11</sup>[www.un.org](http://www.un.org)

## Rome: Claim of arson attack against a private vehicle of a carabinieri by the Cell "Abele Ricieri Ferrari" of Black International

"Soon we anarchists rush to the dagger for victory or death, with petroleum and dynamite, every class and the government to eradicate..."

Anarchist song

While the Mediterranean is increasingly a mass grave filled with the corpses of the oppressed from the south of the world, Gaza is being razed to the ground in front of the world's eyes and the winds of war are blowing in every corner of the globe, leading the proletarians of the whole world to the massacre at the hands of the bosses' interests, we have decided to act, to attack. Identifying in the military of all sides an enemy to be destroyed for anyone with a desire for freedom, without neglecting the specific responsibilities of our local army, we have decided to direct our hatred and our revenge against the military of the Carabinieri corps.

In a present like the current one in which every revolutionary hypothesis seems like a vain chimera, we have decided to continue fighting: they may have deprived us of the hope of a radically different world but not of the thirst for revenge that we feel towards those who perpetuate the oppression of one class to another and its defenders (such as the police) and those who get rich by depleting the planet in a wicked way.

The attack against power in every place and time, even in a moment like today, in which repression hits every glimmer of conflict ever harder and is burying alive our comrades held hostage in our country's prisons, it seems to us that this is the best way to give continuity to the centuries-old clash between the oppressed and the oppressors, of which as Anarchists we feel we are a part of.

Hoping that these flashes of individual revolt can brighten up this gray and pacified present, we reiterate that as anarchists we place the liberating violence of the oppressed before the systematic violence of those who hold its monopoly and we firmly affirm the legitimacy of revolutionary violence as an instrument of struggle against state and capital.

It is in the firm belief in the rightness of our ideals of freedom and equality that lies the courage to fight, personally, choosing to take the knife by the handle and trying to return, even if in a small part, the blows inflicted by the enemy.

For these and 1000 other reasons we chose to attack 1 private car belonging to a cop using incendiary tools: The choice to attack in the "private" environment arises from the desire to make those who choose to pay the price of their choices in an increasingly targeted manner defend

the established democratic social order by wearing a uniform.

COPS, BOSSES AND BOURGEOIS:

YOU WILL PAY HEARTLY AND YOU WILL PAY EVERYTHING.

We take this opportunity to reiterate our solidarity with the Anarchists Alfredo Cospito, Anna Beniamino, Juan Sorroche-Fernandez, Pierlorenzo Fallanca, Luca Dolce and with all the Anarchists seized in state concentration camps everywhere. You are not alone comrades.

Incendiary greetings to the fugitives, may life smile on you, we'll see you again on the barricades.

Cell "Abele Ricieri Ferrari"  
(Black International 1881 – 2024)

29 March 2024

**Note from Italian counter-information project "La Nemesi":** There are errors in the initial quote. The song mentioned is "Mano alla bomba", translation of the Spanish song "Arroja la bomba", and the correct portion of the text is the following: *Soon we anarchists rush / To fight for victory or death / With petroleum and dynamite / Every class and the government to destroy and eradicate*. According to what is known, the Italian version was published in "Guerra di Classe", newspaper of the Italian Section of the CNT-FAI, Barcelona, year II, n. 14, 1 May 1937, p. 6, with the

title "Mano alla bomba!" and the VIR adaptation indication. Theme of the anarchist anthem "Arroja la bomba" (VIR is

the pseudonym of Virgilio Gazzoli, an anarchist from Pistoia). "Arroja la bomba" was composed during the dictatorship of

Primo de Rivera (1923 – 1930) and was sung in prisons by imprisoned anarchists.

# Anarchy and insurrection

Anarchist ideology has some elements that make it up and are common to all its tendencies. Antistatistism, defense of the poor and the wronged, opposition to every power, internationalism, criticism of wage labor, respect for the natural environment, all-out growth of man and horizontal organisation are probably the most basic ones. However, in this particular text we will deal with five individual ideological elements that for us make up the insurrectionary tendency of anarchy, which we mainly perceive it with a view of commitment, consistency and struggle, and less as a brief deafening period of riots. When we say insurrection we are not referring so much in a great social explosion, but basically to the insurrection of the consciousness of the individual and the corresponding action and attitude of life it entails. A time when the wrath and conflict will diffuse on the road is legitimate, but much more dangerous to power is for us the rebellious consciences and the thousands of daily acts of resistance and creation born through them.

## RUPTURE WITH THE EXISTING

One of our starting points is the rupture with the existing system of power and exploitation. We deny the model of life that was suggested to us since we were young children: school-undergraduate studies-postgraduate studies-military service-family at 30s-career-indifference-tediousness-retiring-death. Our appreciation for life goes far beyond this model; we refuse to just be a few more gears in a vast social machine. We were born for things much more beautiful, great and essential; we will not consent to the elimination of life, we want to experience our emotions and to develop our personalities throughout them, with complete respect for man and nature.

Still, we could not be silent in front of barbarism and injustice where we see them around us. All the more so since they are neither accidental nor individual, but are inherent elements of the system in which we live. We cannot just look only our own interest, we do not accept to bow to the existing so that we can live a quiet life, we will fight power even if it puts us in problems. After all, it is mainly a matter of luck that we are not in the position of the most oppressed people of this society and we cannot ignore this in no way.

## INFORMAL ORGANISATION

An informal organisation certainly does not mean non-organisation, nor inadequate organisation for the sake of our ideological purity. Informal organisation simply means organisation without bureaucracy. There are no protocols and official statutes, there is only the reconciliation and agreement of the people who make up the body each time. We choose this particular form of organisation, mainly because we believe that if it is put on the right bases it is the most effective, the most useful to move forward and the most dangerous to the enemy. The informal organisation is flexible, it can change forms and shapes when necessary, it can operate immediately without obstacles, relies on the personal contact and confidence of individuals, cultivates individual initiative, seeks organic collective camaraderie.

In addition to the above, informal organisation does not mean that there can be no stable forms of organisation, such as collectives or political organisations. Since there are people who agree on some basic

principles, it is legitimate to move together by relying on their agreements, without binding them eternal. As long as the agreements and the common desire are maintained, we move together, in another case we are looking for new forms and shapes that our action will take.

The struggle continues constantly, based on the individual faith of each of us. Stable anarchist structures are merely its expression. The informal organisation can include everything in a polymorphous and flexible way: initiatives on a specific issue, coordination for a single action, political groups with long-term horizon, group-comrade communication networks from different cities, open social structures, few-member trust groups. LP. All of the above shapes move parallel to each other, there is no hierarchy between them except communication whenever needed, everything contributes freely to the same purpose.

## DIRECT ACTION

As direct action, we mean the culture that it considers that there are no "mature conditions" to wait, but the struggle must be everyday and uninterrupted. Anyone can offer at any time the best thing they can give, the enemy is always here and has never stopped attacking us by all means, and we must lift up and resist, build our communities, contribute to eliminate power. History is unpredictable and the only sure thing is that we have to influence it immediately, we cannot let the state and capital determine it unhindered and one-dimensionally. Direct action means taking responsibility for our participation in history.

Also, it is almost certain that we will never be able to say that power was permanently defeated, that every trace of it from the world was destroyed and now we live in the era of anarchy. And if that happens, again we have to be vigilant for the possible return of power, it will never be time for total complacency. So this means that the anarchist struggle is continuous and without a clear end, it is basically a method of constant action and not a proposal of governance. We do not envision as much as an ideal future society that we try to describe, but we are struggling in the here and now, with whatever means we have, individually and collectively, to experience anarchy as much as we can, to eliminate power from our lives and our societies, to defend every person who faces injustice and exploitation.

In our opinion, anarchy develops daily where there are people determined to fight for it and is not based on large-scale revolutionary events, which will follow as a natural consequence of the daily anarchist struggle and will be memorable moments. Every anarchist consciousness that is born is the greatest victory for us. From the polymorphous sabotage of the existing to the creation of structures on the bases of freedom and solidarity, our action must be continuous and pervasive. Solidarity, resistance and self-organization are not theoretical concepts of an indefinable time; they seek to find their application here and now.

## CRITIQUE OF SOCIETY

Critique on society is the perception that in the evolution of human history no one is uninvolved. Indeed, society may be under



the sovereignty of state and capitalism, but on the one hand it chooses to be compatible with its submission, on the other it ends up reproducing many powers within it. In a world with many elements of barbarism and violence such as ours, we consider it to be morally unacceptable to "look at your business". If no one had ever erected their stature against the rulers of their time, humanity would not have taken a step forward.

Even more, a society that reproduces within it a, to a non-negligible degree, behaviours that are patriarchal, homophobic, aggressive to the weak, competitive between colleagues, racist, etc., is not without responsibilities. We are not saying that it is our main enemy, after all, we have grown up in this society, but we could only look suspiciously and criticise it. And certainly not to change our anarchist perceptions in order to become liked. People change and evolve, this is our hope, this is what we are trying to do and we will surely keep our doors open to those who choose to cross them.

## EMPHASIS ON THE INDIVIDUAL

The anarchist struggle, in the way we perceive it, begins and ends in the individual. His own pain is the cause of our commitment to anarchist action and his happiness is our purpose. We are not interested in reaching a supposed dream society, we are interested in all people being able to feel the happiness they deserve. At the same time, we believe that each one is particularly important; we do not nullify the individual for the sake of a common political vision. We do not stifle its individual features, but on the contrary, we enrich our collective shapes. We do not want a mass of unsully faithful followers of the revolution, we want a union of determined people who are fighting for anarchy with conscience and responsibility. At the same time, anarchy not only encourages, but is largely based on the internal evolution of individuals. It chooses to believe in their constant rebirth, the methodical effort to eliminate their authoritative characteristics, in their ability to become increasingly responsible, increasingly companionate, increasingly sufficient to actively participate in the processes of self-organization. We do not accept any external enforcement, so the only solution we have is the cultivation of each person's consciousness separately. We want people who are constantly evolving, who cultivate their spirit, who develop their abilities in all areas and shape comprehensive personalities.

Finally, this is exactly what makes anarchy particularly dangerous to the enemy: that every person who is deeply involved in the struggle makes it absolutely consciously, relying on their free will. It is not at all easy to deal with hundreds or even thousands of people who have decided to continue to strive and interfere with various social fields, regardless of the adverse conditions, persistently and steadily.

They will continue to be there despite the individual defeats or frustrations, they will continue to be a threat to any power, because for them the connection to anarchy is not only political but also existential. The

exceeding one year in prison, effectively abolishing probation except in special cases. A law that exacerbates the class nature of justice to the maximum, reinforcing the existing framework of redemption of sentences for those who have the ability and forced labour for those who are on the social fringes. Its aggression, cruelty and racism are clearly reflected in the immigrants. The law provides for their imprisonment and subsequent deportation in the event of a final conviction for a felony.

From our side, we do not separate our action into legal and illegal, choosing to attack the state and capital in many ways. Against the fear and despair they try to wear on us, we choose to attack. The landscape of repression is changing with the new penal code, but targets are accessible all around us. Let's not stop hitting them.

For a world of equality, solidarity and freedom. For Anarchy."»

Source: Athens Indymedia

**15 March, Berlin, Germany:** Six concrete trucks were completely destroyed and three excavators were damaged by fire at the A100 motorway construction site in Kiefholzstrasse. These machines belonged to the German group HeidelbergMaterials, the second largest cement producer in the world, and the second largest responsible for the destruction of the climate in Germany. In December 2023, CEMEX, another cement giant, was active in the area, where on the 27th of that month it was attacked, destroying five concrete mixers, a conveyor belt and a technical building, while on 19 January 2024, two excavators that were on the same construction site were also consumed by the flames of fury.

Source: Sans Nom

**15 March, Patras, Greece:** Breaking attack on the facade of the company SPACE HELLAS by anarchists in solidarity with the Palestinian resistance. SPACE HELLAS provides control and surveillance services, cooperating with the Greek state in police stations, camps, on the Greek-Turkish border, in ministries and banks.

Source: Athens Indymedia

**16 March, Cenon, Gironde, France:** The Intervention Group for the Extinction of Construction Sites sabotaged two NGE machines at the construction site of Cenon station using various methods such as cutting cables, jamming locks, etc.

"... Our action is part of a more general climate of attack on power structures. Not a week goes by without a 5G antenna or a police car burning, without groups breaking into companies to sabotage, without parallel networks being organized to avoid the influence of the deadly capitalist world. We know there are many like us and we don't want to wait any longer..."

Source: La Grappe

**March 18, Quebec, Canada:** New sabotage against Northvolt construction site destroying local wetlands.

Source: Montréal Contre-Information

**19 March, Aude, Occitania, France:** Unknown persons cut railway cables in two locations; on the Perpignan-Navronne axis and on the Lesignan-Corbières axis, resulting in long service delays.

Source: Attaque

**20 March, Santiago, Chile:** Hooded students of Liceo de Aplicación took to the streets to demonstrate in memory of comrade Deli (a student from the same

institution who died some time ago) and caused riots just a few days before 29 March, anniversary of the young fighters.

*Πηγή: Informativo Anarquista*

**20 March, Athens, Greece:** Breaking attack on an AB Vasilopoulos, an Attica Bank and three ATMs by the same anarchists who carried out the attack on Sklavenitis and three ATMs on 14 March against the new Penal Code.

*Source: Athens Indymedia*

**March 22, Pernier, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, France:** Unknown persons broke the front door of the town hall of Pernier and threw stones at its main window.

*Source: Sans Nom*

**March 23, Athens, Greece:** The group *Pro-Palestinian Saboteurs* sabotaged the water supply of a hotel owned by Israeli real estate investment firm Zoia, cutting off the supply and cementing the clock. The claim of responsibility is on page 18,

*Source: Athens Indymedia*

**March 23, Brest, France:** A newly installed camera in the town square, which had caused resentment in the neighborhood, was covered with paint.

*Source: Bourrasque-Info*

**24 March, Hamburg, Germany:** An arson attack on a Noske-Kaeser company vehicle, a supplier to the Bundeswehr (German Armed Forces), the United Kingdom Navy, the Israeli Army, the South Korean Army, the Australian Army, and others.

*“What can we do about wars that are co-financed and supported here? For example, attacking the infrastructure here that enables these wars.... [...] Let's fight for antimilitarism, let's oppose companies that make millions from death and war, which enrich themselves from the misery of humans, animals and nature. Antimilitarism is found in the streets and nights, actively practiced. Words and discussions are not enough for us, which is why we actively oppose war, exploitation and the accumulation of goods by a few, based on death, abuse of others and the environment. With all the means at our disposal....”*

*Source: German Indymedia*

**24 March, Wallonia, Belgium:** Twenty-one ticket machines vandalized at various train stations between Liège and Charleroi. The methods used, such as inserting insulating foam or screws into the bank card reader, were previously used again in the area.

*Source: Sans Nom*

**25 March, Basel, Switzerland:** A soon-to-be-occupied new building in St Johannspark, owned by the real estate company “SF Urban Properties AG”, was attacked with hammers and paint as part of the fight against gentrification.

*Source: Barrikade*

**26 March, Milan, Italy:** A sledgehammer attack on a RE/MAX real estate office in Milan's Via Noe in solidarity with the Palestinian people. RE/MAX buys houses of evicted Palestinians and rents them to Israeli settlers.

*“...After almost six months of massacres and horrors in Gaza and the West Bank, we do not want to forget that the accomplices of the genocide are also here...”*

*Source: La Nemesi*

**26 March, Halle, Saxony-Anhalt, Germany:** An arson attack on the *Gladiator Fight Academy* combat sports center, causing hundreds of thousands of euros in damage, a month before its opening. The *Gladiator Fight Academy* was a neo-Nazi attempt to strengthen its presence in the region by creating a

dedication to the anarchist consciousness is what gives us the opportunity to experiment with our ideas, to evaluate our efforts and to repeat them from a better starting point next time. Because, we are and we will be here, we are not passers-by, we continue to walk on the path we have chosen freely.

*they don't bring down their life  
not even by a centimetre*

*dying, they bite death in its  
larynx*

(G. Lykiardopoulos)

*Anonymous submission*

*From Athens Indymedia, 06/06/24*



**Liceo de Aplicación (20 March)**  
*Hooded students break through the fortifications of their school gate to take to the streets and riot in memory of comrade Deli. The gate had been fortified over the summer with steel plates, padlocks and barbed wire in an attempt to prevent the students' struggle.*



**Pudahuel, Santiago (23 March)**  
*Snapshot from the actions for the Day of the Young Fighters*



**Clashes outside Instituto Nacional in Santiago (16 April)**



**Concepción (26 Απριλίου)**  
*Action in solidarity with anarchist and Mapuche prisoners.*

## Chile: A spring full of fires, clashes and agitations

Anarchic memory connects different generations of comrades through action, fuelling the struggles of the present and inspiring the struggles of the future. Below we present some snapshots of recent incidents and agitations that took place in Chile on the occasion of various anniversaries of black memory (and more), as well as some statements by Chilean comrades where the memory of the fallen fighters becomes fuel for their subversive words.

In particular, the following events had happened:

- 8 March: Agitation in Liceo de Aplicación in memory of comrade Samu, one year after his death, and of Cristian Valdebenito who got killed by cops four years ago, at the time of the social – antisocial insurrection.
- 18 March: Commemoration event for Javier Recabarren Olivares, an eleven years old antispeceist anarchist who died nine years ago by being hit by a bus.
- 20 March: Demonstration and agitation at Liceo de Aplicación in memory of comrade Deli, a student from the same school who died some time ago. The same day an agitation was held in the streets of Santiago in solidarity with anarchist prisoner Marcelo Villarroel.
- 26 March: Agitation in the Victoria area of Santiago, for the 31 years since the killing of Norma Vergara Cáceres from cops.
- 27 March: Riots outside various high schools and universities in Santiago for the Day of the Young Fighters.
- 29 March: Events, demonstration and riots in Santiago's Pudahuel commune for the Day of the Young Fighters. The same day an agitation was held at the outskirts of Santiago against drug trafficking, the state and the police.
- 16 April: Riots outside Instituto Nacional
- 18 April: Commemoration event for the fallen urban guerilla fighters Erick Rodríguez and Iván Palacios
- 26 April: Fiery barricades and propaganda action στην Concepción (second largest city in Chile) in solidarity with anarchist and Mapuche prisoners.
- 1 May: Violent demonstrations in Santiago for May Day and for the 15 years since the death of comrade Mauricio Morales. There had been clashes, arsons, roadblocks, lootings and sabotage.
- 8 May: Commemoration event outside San Miguel Prison for Mauricio Morales and the 81 prisoners who died in a fire that occurred in that particular prison.
- 15 May: Fiery barricades in Concepción in memory of comrades Mauricio Morales και Pablo Marchant.
- Fiery barricades, clashes, arson attacks and agitations in a weekly basis throughout May in memory of comrade Mauricio Morales.

## Mónica Caballero: “If the streets could speak”



If the streets of this city could speak, they would tell us stories of barricades and fire, mixed with sweat, blood and tears. In those stories would be the petite and resilient figure of Luisa Toledo, who with a couple of words moved generations, and who, no matter how many years passed since the murder of her sons Eduardo and Rafael by the police, never stopped taking to the streets to commemorate their death and above all their lives as young fighters.

Today, March 29th, new stories of barricades and fire will emerge, those that will rise up for Eduardo and Rafael, and in turn for the dozens of young fighters who decided to take the step towards the offensive attack against domination.

The stories of yesteryear of the young people who fought the dictatorship give us a rich and nourishing path, in which today's young people grew up and lay new paths for those to come.

If the streets could speak, they would tell the stories of the young fighters of yesterday and today, and we must do our best to make them tell the stories of those to come. Just as Luisa Toledo did with blood, sweat and tears.

Only those who forget die die. May the barricades never stop burning.

*Monica Caballero Sepúlveda  
Anarchist prisoner*

## Santiago: Claim of responsibility for the incendiary attack on a bus by the Incendiary Cell for the Individual Action "Severino Di Giovanni", Black Vengeance / FAI-IRF

15 years after your death in action.

**MAURICIO MORALES YOU LIVE IN THE FIRE.**

*"On my back lying on the floor of the street, with the frozen cement, I see my fall pass close by and I see myself lying on this very spot... with my heart beating in a hurry and the rain washing hard the blood from my surroundings"*

**Mauricio Morales**

*"We keep our dead in our hearts. We carry them with us in wild moments when the anarchist attack disturbs the order of this world. Anarchy has neither victims nor heroes."*

**Conspiracy of Cells of Fire**



On May 27, 2024 at a few hours before midnight we stormed a public transport bus. With a clear objective, to break the monotony of the city's rhythm and illuminate the cold night of May in memory of the anarchist comrade Mauricio Morales.

15 years ago... on May 22, 2009 around 1:30 am, a roar shook the silent and cold night of the Matta neighborhood. The wit that transported in the direction of the damned school of gendarmerie of Chile had detonated in advance, the Punky Mauri as he was known in the anarchist environments, died at the instant of the detonation melting with the device that had been arranged to place in that nefarious institution.

Today we remember you with action. That bomb in which you met your death resounds in every complicit gesture that attempts against domination.

We want to contribute to the call for a Black May, an anti-prison May, an anarchist May. It is still time to generate and strengthen offensive complicities, to keep alive the anarchic action. To keep alive the memory of those who went on the offensive, to be an embrace in solidarity with those who are in the dungeons of capital, to contribute in some way to break its precious social peace.

More than a year after their arrest, we embrace the anarchist comrades Aldo and Lucas Hernandez, this also goes for you.

We call for action and to make visible the prison situation and the attempt to bury through isolation the Anarchist comrade Francisco Solar.

Freedom for: Juan Aliste, Marcelo Villaruel, Mónica Caballero, Joaquín García, Aldo and Lucas Hernández, Francisco Solar, Juan Flores, Anti-speciesist Prisoners, Political Prisoners and Mapuche Political Prisoners.

**FIRE AND DYNAMITE TO THE JAIL. FIRE AND LEAD TO THE JAILER.  
TO MULTIPLY AND INTENSIFY THE ATTACKS, BY THE EXPANSION OF THE ANARCHIST URBAN GUERRILLA.  
AGAINST THE PRISON AND DOMINATION SOCIETY.  
LONG LIVE ANARCHY!**

*Incendiary Cell for the Individual Action "Severino Di Giovanni"*

*Black Vengeance / FAI-IRF (Informal Anarchist Federation – International Revolutionary Front)*

## Athens: Claim of responsibility for attacking a MAT police squad in the Exarchia square in memory of Mauricio Morales

Shortly after midnight on Saturday (18/5) we carried out a coordinated attack on the MAT (Unit for the Restoration of Order) protecting the metro construction site in Exarchia square. We attacked them simultaneously from three different streets, Themistokleous, Solomou and Metaxas. The cops, once again, were running in panic trying to get away from the fires.

This action came amid a time when the sheet metal of the construction site is expanding, where the government is preparing the ground for new more repressive measures, both in the universities and more widely in the neighbourhoods, taking advantage as usual of the summer season when the possibilities for organised and mass resistance are reduced. So this is our response to remind them that, as always, they will find us in front of them.

15 years after the death of Mauricio Morales we send a signal of fire and complicity from Greece to Chile, honoring the international cooperation that existed between these two lands not many years ago. Let the slogan "spark in Santiago, fire in Athens" become a reality again.

**Mauricio Morales present**

MTA



**From the violent demonstration for May Day in Santiago.**

The banner reads:

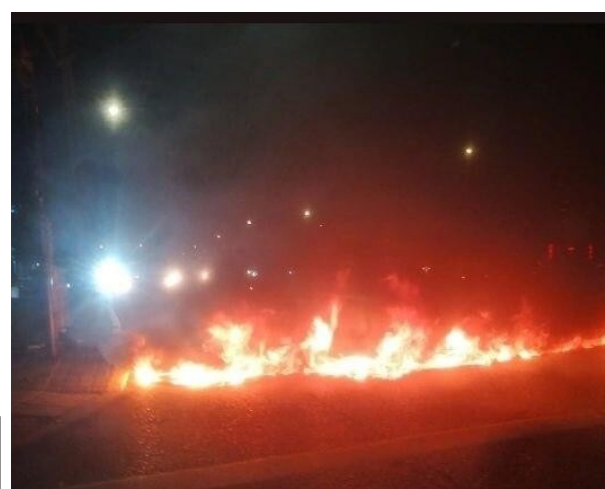
*"For the expansion of chaos  
Long live anarchy  
Mauricio Morales present"*



**Anarchist agitation in the streets of Santiago in memory of Mauricio Morales (3 May)**



**Anarchist agitation in the streets of Santiago in memory of Mauricio Morales (10 May)**



**Concepcion (15 May)**

*Burning barricades in memory of Mauricio Morales and Pablo Marchant*



**University of Chile (23 May)**

*Snapshot from the incendiary exit of students from the campus. Leaflets were thrown, barricades were set up, clashes with carabinieri occurred, as well as an arson attempt against a bus.*

training center for far-right fighters.

*Source: German Indymedia*

**26 March, Dijon, Lorraine, France:** Unknown youths broke the window of the principal's office of Rouget-de-L'Isle's school and destroyed the computer and photocopiers.

*Source: Sans Nom*

**26 March, Pennsylvania, USA:** Anarchists sabotaged a Securitas security company vehicle in response to the deplorable conditions at SCI Rockview prison.

*Source: Philly Anti-Capitalist*

**27 March, Santiago, Chile:** After reviewing the sentence of anarchist comrade Francisco Solar, the judiciary rejected the defense's request and upheld the 86-year prison sentence for the comrade's explosive attacks on the powerful, the oppressors and the wealthy.

In reality this sentence remains a hidden life sentence. We reiterate the call to overcome the helplessness and indignation brought about by the endorsement of this state attack, understanding this condemnation as a blow to the entire anarchist movement. Our solidarity justifies the attack and defends our comrades in anarchic and informal actions. Solidarity with those who attack the powerful and the oppressors! Francisco Solar on the way!

*Source: Informativo Anarquista*

**27 March, Santiago, Chile:** On the eve of the Day of Young Fighters, students walked out of their schools, set up barricades, threw leaflets, clashed with carabinieri and attacked with Molotov cocktails.

*Source: Informativo Anarquista*

**27 March, New York, USA:** A group of anarchists caused various acts of sabotage at a RE/MAX office on the occasion of Palestinian Land Day, rendering it unable to operate for the next few days.

*Source: Instagram*

**28 March, Athens, Greece:** Vandalism by anarchists on the facade of an AB Vassilopoulos supermarket. The anarchists were located and arrested shortly after.

The announcement of those arrested is on page 21.

*Source: Athens Indymedia*

**29 March, Rome, Italy:** The Cell "Abele Ricieri Ferrarri" of the Black International carries out an arson attack on a private Carabinieri vehicle. The disclaimer is on page 4.

*Source: La Nemesi*

**29 March, Philadelphia, USA:** Unidentified persons vandalised cars in the Fishtown neighborhood against gentrification.

*Source: Unravel*

**30 March, La Bastide de Cheron, Occitania, France:** Vandalism of a golf course by unknown persons. The ground around the holes was dug with shovels, the seats of the carts were cut with a cutter, the GPS consoles were removed or painted with the slogan "ACAB". The carriage covers were also painted in the same manner.

The same venue was attacked again in exactly the same way on 30 June 2023, in the context of the protests against Nahel's murder, where the slogan "No justice, no peace" was also written on the walls of the sports club's office.

*Source: Sans Nom*

**31 March, Brussels, Belgium:** The *Gravediggers of Property* attacked around fifteen real estate agencies by pouring glue on door locks and painting the facades with slogans.

*"...In Brussels, as elsewhere, we are doomed to suffocate in unlivable living conditions. More than 7,000*

people are now homeless and 50,000 families are on a waiting list for an indefinite period to obtain social housing. In the meantime, thousands of buildings are empty and abandoned, rents are soaring, squatting of empty spaces is criminalized and the poor are displaced and dispersed to the outskirts of the city. [...]

By attacking some real estate agencies, we wanted to attack the quintessential symbol of housing as a commodity..."

Source: Stutt

**1 April, Paris, France:** About forty ATMs were vandalised in the Paris suburbs with glue and foam. On some of them were written the slogans "H.S." and "No to the Olympics".

Source: Indymedia Lille

**3 April, Tours, France:** The brasserie "Saint-Germain" is attacked with stones by unknown persons, causing damage to the facade of the building. The reason for the attack was the fact that the brasserie hosted an event by the far-right group Des Turs et des Lys on 15 March.

Source: Attack

**4 April, Marseille, France:** Unknown persons attacked the Félix-Pyat police station with Molotov bombs. Two patrol cars were completely destroyed by the flames.

Source: Sans Nom

**4 April, Munich, Germany:** An excavator, two loaders and a Unimog (Mercedes off-road van) were set on fire in the Meillerweg area with six-figure damages. This place, apart from being a stone's throw from the Nymphenburg Palace, the summer residence of the former rulers of the Kingdom of Bavaria, it is also the site of the S-Bahn, the city's second main metro line.

The "ghosts of Munich", as journalists and cops call them, are responsible for around thirty devastating attacks from 2019 to date, responsible for damages costing at least 20 million euros.

"...They set fire to power lines and construction equipment, telecommunications antennas and electric cars, railways are also a target of their attacks, as are geothermal pipelines. Their identity and origin remain a complete mystery. Like ghosts, they leave no usable trace or claim of responsibility..."

Source: Sans Nom

**4 April, Le Lamantine, Martinique, Caribbean:** An unknown number of people broke the windows of a France Travail building and vandalised its offices. France Travail is the French state agency responsible for the unemployed. The service has come under frequent attacks in recent times, including stone throwing, graffiti and anonymous letters containing bullets.

Source: Sans Nom

**4 April, Athens, Greece:** A group of anonymous anarchists attacked Mediterranean College and IEK AKMI, two of the most well-known private schools in central Athens, with sledgehammers. The facades of both buildings were broken, and at IEK AKMI, computers and screens inside were also broken.

"...The constitution is something that is written by a select few for themselves, and creates an illusion of freedom and security in the modern world for everyone else. Here a need of the capital is recognised (private higher education institutions) and the stat This is why our position is not confined to the role of the guardian of



Liceo 7 (24 - 25 May)



Instituto Nacional (24 - 25 May)



Liceo Manuel Barros Borgoño (23 - 24 May)



Santiago University (28 May)

In memory of Mauricio Morales and Francisca Sandoval

## Mauricio Morales on the map of the international anarchist offensive

From *Informativo Anarquista*, a counter-information project, we write these words 15 years after the death in action of comrade Mauricio Morales, Punki Mauri.

Death is an event that inevitably takes us away from the body of the person who has passed away. But as quickly as the body withers, the common imagination turns to the dawn and unfolds the culminating fact of death towards hundreds, if not thousands, of memories, testimonies and actions that forge in the skin a vitality capable of driving a heart that beats in all directions.

Memory is not an exercise in unanimity or homogeneous plenitude. It does not always have the same points of reference or the same explanations. What it is, however, is collective, at the same time as it integrates shades and particularities that respond to their own places, to solitary or loose voices, which converge and meet on certain occasions between one and the other. In this sense, anarchic memory has been a point of connection, a motive for encounter that gives way to the search for and rapprochement of affinities with the decisions and paths that a companion built in life.

Mauricio Morales reflects, in part, what we want to say; how the heart of a dead comrade can be pumped with insistence. That, despite the pain and sadness, the persecutions and imprisonments that this brought, networks were built, complicities were strengthened and his anarchic memory continues to this day. We agree with the now extinct counter-information project Liberación Total (2011), that 'death is an unbeatable obstacle, but in contrast, forgetting and passivity are walls that we know how to break down. Not only in relation to the comrade Mauri but to every insurrectionary spirit that has to live through the hardest circumstances of the paths we choose in life'.

In the exercise of their memory, the counter-information pages crossed communicational frontiers and provided an effective means of dissemination through which comrades from all over the world learned of Mauri's death. The publication in them of words written by squatted social centres, friends, publishers, prisoners, action groups and Mauri himself, made possible the translation into different languages and the externalisation of an offensive memory to an international affinity.

Consulting a legend of black internationalism in the book Mapping the Fire (2012), one reads, no more and no less, that the pages of counter-information 'are the messengers of our decision to get off the train of commitments and start a global journey of anarchy without a return ticket'.

The propagation of Mauricio Morales' ideas, thoughts and contradictions was and is precisely the sign of a passage without a return ticket, especially because the comrade declared that the ideas coming out of our mouths were not enough, but the ones prevailing in active hands. Thus, the Italian counter-informative project Culmine understands that '(...) the affinity that we feel with Mauri is not only limited to the nihilistic aesthetics of his thoughts, no! We know that we have in front of us a comrade in action, one who has always confronted power to its ultimate consequences'.

Contagious of this spirit, in 2009, in a vindication of the explosive attack against the Chilean consulate in Greece, Conspiracy of Cells of Fire wrote that there are 'people we have never met, but we know that we always look at things from the same perspective'. And a year later, also in reference to the Mauri, Marco Camenisch\* expressed from a prison in Switzerland that 'every death of ours, every failure of ours becomes a victory in the "strategic field" of the offensive'.

As a striking element of the black memory, we deny the rise of martyrs, heroes or untouchable figures, connecting with our dead comrades as a living whole that navigates agitated waters.

15 years after the attempt to attack the nest of jailers; the wall paintings, books, activities, counter-information projects, burning tyres, bottles flying in the wind, whistling bullets, incendiary or explosive planning, continue to carry the name of Punki Mauri through the streets, across languages, kilometres and generations.

**Nothing is over, everything continuous.**

**A death in action is an eternal call to fight.**

**Together we can continue to keepo ensuring that anarchy lives on**

*Informativo Anarquista*

May 2024

## Colombia: Rioting in memory of Mauricio Morales

On May 22, hooded students set up barricades and clashed with the Unit of Dialogue and Maintenance of Order (UNDMO) using Molotov bombs outside the National Pedagogy University, in honor of Chaos Day and anarchist comrade Mauricio Morales. According to a photojournalist, the action was also taken against the national government. In the midst of conflict, some of the hooded students parked a bus at the university entrance to prevent entry, a situation in which UNDMO responded by opening fire, injuring several students.





# The conflict in Abya Yala and its proximity with the “Switch Off!” campaign

## Anarchist words concerning the necessary struggle for the Earth

Faced with devastation: sabotage and war! As the comrades who have raised and formed part of the campaign have understood it, “Switch Off! The system of destruction”<sup>1</sup> consists of the “attack against companies and infrastructures that feed the ecological catastrophe across the world”. Here also, in Abya Yala (ancestral name for the territory known as America), multiple struggles for the defense of the earth have been developed, from the precolonial peoples who continue fighting, to new anarchic perspectives that tip more and more into the struggle for the earth. While we haven’t been able to stop the ecological catastrophe entirely, we can find concrete examples of territorial victories that have managed to stop, expel or at least considerably push back the materialization of extractivist projects, like the resistance and armed offensive of diverse mapuche organizations in Wallmapu.

The struggles in different latitudes aren’t detached from one another and they aim at the same enemies. This is why we believe it favorable to make the “Switch Off!” campaign our own, endowing it with our own territorial circumstances to avoid overlooking our particularities.

The history of Abya Yala has been characterized by pillage and assault by various imperialist hands and powerful economic groups, both local and transcontinental, belonging to the same machinery of exploitation and theft. Today we continue to be the cornerstone of capitalism and its new twist “green capitalism”, the supposed “sustainable” version, finding ourselves with new interests perpetuating ecocide. One of these is lithium extraction that today plays a fundamental role for the reformulation of the system of depredation as was once the case with oil, whose disastrous consequences we already know all too well. This is how the parasitic logics continue over the territories called “developing” or “third world”, that at the cost of destruction make possible and sustain the status and quality of life of the

“first world”.

But faced with the manifold forms of exploitation, the expressions of combat and resistance carried out in different territories are also manifold. This is demonstrated by the communities inhabiting the amazon jungle that confront deforestation, displacement and the destruction of ecosystems, a situation that is repeated across the continent. Also the various environmental struggles, especially pursued by state intelligence, its armed wing and the corporate hitmen, showing the discomfort and annoyance that these conflicts generate in power even when they are partial or even addressed only by legal means. Likewise, there is the anarchic offensive that is part of these conflicts, as in the north of the continent where the comrades of the “Coordinadora de mujeres anarquistas por la defensa de nuestro cuerpo-territorio” [Coordination of anarchist women for the defense of our body-territory] sabotaged the works of the ecocidal “Tren Maya”<sup>2</sup> project, or the resistance in the defense camp in the “Atlanta Forest” where a police training center is being built, and where anarchist comrade Tortugueta was killed in the course of the clashes. <sup>3</sup> On the other hand, the situation in the south of the continent is very similar, in the territory dominated by the Chilean state, where these attacks spread and expand: in the Maule region, the “Grupo Autónomo Revolucionario del Maule” [Maule Autonomous Revolutionary Group] attacked machinery of a concrete and asphalt factory <sup>4</sup>; in the Metropolitan Region the “Célula Anárquica Bosque Negro” [Black Forest Anarchic Cell] attacked a telecommunications antenna located on an urban hill <sup>5</sup>, the “Célula Insurreccional por el Maipo – Nueva Subversión” [Insurreccional Cell for the Maipo – New Subversion] attacked a concrete factory <sup>6</sup> and a refrigeration factory and slaughterhouse <sup>7</sup>, both located along the same river, and the “Nuevas Subversiones Anárquicas – Célula Alex Nuñez – FAI” [New Anarchic Subversions – Alex Nuñez Cell – FAI] attacked the

“Oxiquim” <sup>8</sup> factory with explosives, just to name a few of the claimed actions of the last period. This is not to leave aside or devalue other attacks that, without being explicitly for the earth, target and attack the same power that degrades the planet.

Considering our similarities and particularities, as well as the urgencies and necessities that bring us together, we find it relevant to adhere actions against the machine of degradation on this continent and the world to the campaign “Switch Off!”, with the goal of strengthening our struggles and deepening the combat against the existent and its historically internationalist character, visibilizing on a global level the urgency of negating this reality in practice with everything we have at hand, demonstrating through action that its possible to fight, returning the pain to those responsible, the creators of these conditions, and that it’s possible to embrace a dignified life that breaks with the misery in which they want to suffocate and bury us.

*“Remember that the mechanisms of subjugation and control surround us. Wherever you are, you don’t need to venture very far to find the veins of industry; go and cut them”.*

We redeem the memory of the comrade Emilia Bau, who was assassinated in a conflict for the defense of the water in Mapuche territory, the comrade Santiago Maldonado who became part of the Mapuche struggle and who was disappeared by the Argentinean state in the course of confrontations with police, and later found dead. Also the weichafes Matías Catrileo and Pablo Marchant, who were assassinated by the police in Wallmapu while exercising territorial control and sabotage, respectively, against colonizers and loggers.

**Freedom to anarchist, subversive and mapuche prisoners!!**

**For anarchy, for the earth, for our lives**

*Insurreccional Cell for the Maipo – New Subversion*



the constitution, but we attack the foundations of this repressive charter of democracies and beyond.

In the previous part, the role of guardian of the constitution was assumed by the domestic left. They are using it as an arrow of their propaganda, while their quiver was empty. It is also known that the leftist students conduct an institutional struggle, such as decisions of general assemblies motivated by their union vehicles and by making behind-the-scenes deals with each other, the factions try every time to patronise any struggle that breaks out within universities. A typical example is the “mass” general assemblies that took decisions about weekly squats, in which only the factions with their own schedule and own locks could participate, **making the means of struggle by squatting completely meaningless**, since lectures and examinations were carried out without hindrance in almost all departments. This had **not only undermined the tool of struggle of squatting, but also left a legacy of disuse of this means. The fetishisation of '06-'07 and of the struggles that were preached in every 3rd row of their texts, makes them look like outliers and not as pioneers, as they want to present themselves. This stems from their basic mode of action, which aims only at extracting political surplus value for the benefit of their organisations...**”

Source: Athens Indymedia

**4 April, Patras, Greece:** MacDonals store vandalised in solidarity with the Palestinian people. The group then set up barricades with the intention of clashing with the police, who, however, did not show up and instead carried out massive and indiscriminate searches of people in another part of the city, hauling in and thrashing unrelated people.

Source: Athens Indymedia

**4 April, Montreal, Canada:** Anarchists armed with various tools vandalised the McGill University administration building in response to the administration’s move to call the police on a person who drew a graffiti.

Source: Montréal Contre-Information

**4 April, Costa Brava, Catalonia:** One day after a protest by farmers, an unknown person sabotaged and disabled three wells that were previously responsible for salinising the region’s aquifer. Their recent reopening had caused strong reactions.

Source: Indymedia Barcelona

**6 April, Agen, New Aquitaine, France:** A core of the GIEC signing as *Groupe d’Idéalistes Enrayant le Capitalisme* sabotaged an NGE construction site by adding abrasive products to the tanks of the machines located in the area.

“...This disarmament comes after months of fierce struggle at Crem’Arbre against the brutality of power. In recent days, one of the branches of this power (France’s Biodiversity Office) has recognized the illegality of cutting down trees occupied by squirrels [...] The State has been striking for months. Now, a beautiful spring day gives five months of reprieve – temporary of course. Nothing surprises us anymore with the absurdity of this system, and for that we respond with words as well as action...”

Source: Sans Nom

**6 April, Brest, France:** The surveillance camera in the town square was covered with paint again.

Source: Bourrasque-Info

**10 April, Athens, Greece:** Responding to the call of the *First Sector of the Anti-Fascist Pyre*, the *Sector of the Municipal Faction "Anti-Fascist Athens"* attacks with a low-powered incendiary device the entrance to the residence of Dimitroulias Georgios (Faidriadon street 2) who was a municipal councilor candidate under Kasidiaris, former deputy leader of fascist Golden Dawn.

"...It is up to the anti-fascist movement to prove to the garbage in question that by taking off the T-shirts of Golden Dawn and wearing suits they will have the same painful end as they had on the street..."

Source: Athens Indymedia

**10 April, Pößneck, Thuringia, Germany:** A massive 70m tall telecommunications antenna was destroyed by an arson attack, cutting off communication in the area and causing 500,000€ in damage.

Source: Sans Nom

**10 April, Conflans-Sainte-Honorine, Ile-de-France, France:** Fiber Internet cabinet set on fire. This is the fourth arson attack on optical fibers in twelve months in the Parisian region.

Source: Sans Nom

**10 April, Athens, Greece:** Breaking and painting of the office of the rector of the Agricultural University of Athens by a group of anarchists as a reaction to the cooperation of the rectoral authorities with the police to suppress political events and self-organised ventures in universities and other places.

Source: Athens Indymedia

**10 April, New York, USA:** OMNY machines, surveillance cameras, and card readers were sabotaged in response to the growing use of surveillance technologies on New York City citizens and the increased presence of police and National Guard in the subways.

Source: Instagram

**11 April, Valence, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, France:** A hooded man with a ladder damaged the surveillance camera installed in the central square of the Valensolles district and fled before police arrived. The ladder was abandoned.

Source: Sans Nom

**11 April, Chile:** Under heavy security measures, anarchist prisoner Mónica Caballero was transferred from San Miguel Prison to the San Joaquín Women's Detention Center.

Her statement is on page 27.

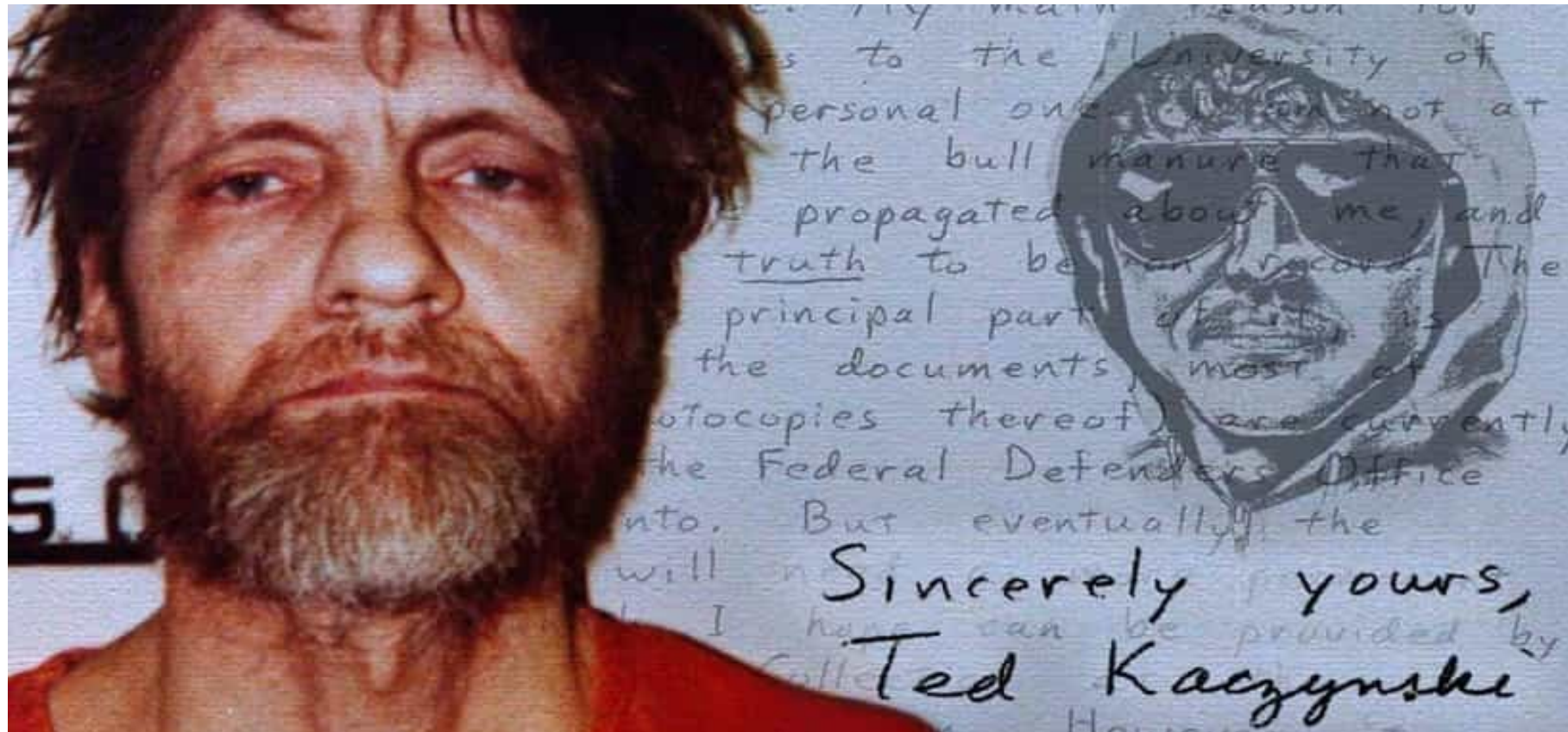
Source: La Zarzamora

**12 April, Labège, Occitania, France:** 5G antenna set on fire.

"...We have decided to burn down one of the infrastructures of the ongoing war. 5G is a basic infrastructure for the mandatory digitisation of our lives, this new world that we are being sold with technological developments. 5G is a key infrastructure for a new world under control, under constant surveillance. An infrastructure that allows us to be overwhelmed by more and more interconnected commodities to buy. An infrastructure for modern, remotely controlled, intelligent and advanced warfare. An infrastructure for exploitation, at the expense of the impoverished of this earth and the resources of this planet. Energy, cobalt, lithium, and so on. Let us respond with resistance to the total war raging against us.

We would also like to pay tribute to the worker who died during the late winter at a construction site for the third metro line, a stone's throw from the burnt antenna."

Source: Indymedia Lille



## One year after Ted Kaczynski's death

On 10 June, 2023, Ted Kaczynski died in prison, known for his radical critique against the techno-industrial system, which he had made into action between the 1970s and 1990s, sending a series of mail bombs to various individuals and targets related to the technological development. He was sentenced to eight consecutive life sentences without the possibility of suspension, after being arrested thanks to the help of his brother, who had recognised his way of writing in his manifesto: *The Industrial Society and its Future*.

Whether or not one agrees with the strategy of his attacks or with his approaches, he was undoubtedly a remarkable revolutionary spirit, in the view that, having perceived the destructive course taken by modern society, he did not remain in words, but decided to do something with whatever means we could, defying the comforts and security of a peaceful "normal" life.

Below is a critical analysis of some key points of his political theory published anonymously online at the *Anarchy Press Gr* on the occasion of his death anniversary, as well as a profound strategic article written by Kaczynski himself in 2002 for the *Green Anarchy* magazine. Although 22 years have passed since then, his words about what are the truly vulnerable points of the system and how to attack them, remain extremely relevant, and there are still not enough discussions about this important issue.

### Anarchy Press Gr: "Text that was sent to us, on the occasion of the one year anniversary of Ted Kaczynski's death"

*Angels with needles poked  
through our eyes  
And let the ugly light of the  
world in  
We were no longer blind  
— M.M.*

Such days, one year ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Ted Kaczynski died in his cell, more widely known by the nickname Unabomber. Kaczynski spent the last 27 years of his life in prison for bombings in favour of conserving the natural environment that cost the lives of three people during his 17-year long struggle. According to the official version, Kaczynski committed suicide while in the final stage of cancer. Details of his suicide were not officially known, but leaks say he was hung. On the internet or in a relevant documentary one can find a plethora of information about his course as a miracle child who was accepted at Harvard at 15 years old to study mathematics, about the abuse he received there, about his gender concerns that (supposedly) shaped his later life and about the very interesting legal consequences of his arrest. Here, however, I will refer to the political dimension of his action, which is rather overlooked.

Kaczynski exercised a peculiar charm in a politically motley crowd. On the one hand, his criticism of the left, for the most part of justified, and his embrace with the values of conservation – something rare in environmental circles – made him a favourite in part of the far right. On the other hand, his dedication to the environmental struggle and his practical eco-centered way of life - abandoned his life in civilisation to live in a hut in the wild forests of Montana – made him inevitably part of the ecological movement. At the same time, his anti-industrial orientation, as shown in *The Industrial Society and its Future* and his

later books and texts that emerged, to a large extent prophetic for what we live today, brought him very close to the so-called green anarchism. It is well known that, as many have already emphasized, the anti-industrial positions developed by Kaczynski were not original, but discreetly stolen by Jacques Ellul. I would add that he often echoes in his work what Marcuse had first formulated. In addition, the common features of Kaczynski's action with the revolutionary avant-garde of the new left, as it was expressed in the 1960s and 1970s, is evident (I will come back to it).

It is rather obvious that from a moral perspective the blind blows of Kaczynski that killed citizens are invalidating in the bud his fight. However, there are two interesting points of Kaczynski's thought and action that have not been underlined, as I believe, as much as they should have been, and I would like to summarise them. The first point is the complete disenchantment of the nature and the pre-industrial lifestyle as an ideal or something better than today's world in which we are all consumed, a view that is often found in related discussions: as he had explained in detail in the letters he once exchanged with Zerzan and in his criticism of primitivism, even this radically eco-centric lifestyle is horrible. Horrible in a different way, but in any case horrible – with a lot of pain, violence and inequality, both within human communities and against other animals. Kaczynski mentions typical examples of primary sources for the murderous hunting that was done en masse by the Indians, for the deliberate torturous deaths caused by the animals by the Pygmians, and for the complete depreciation and ridicule of animals from the latter at the time they leave their last breath. No, the infamous "respect" of animals murdered for their supposed reasonable use by

humans has not been a dominant example in any society and is nothing more than a vacant wish list of animal abusers to justify their unjustified wretchedness. With corresponding examples, Kaczynski highlights how sexism and various hierarchies are reproduced maximally in human societies that have direct contact with nature.

So if the above apply, if there can be no real harmonisation with nature and our relationship with it will remain in any case competitive and social hierarchies heightened, why would one seek to live in nature and as part of nature? Because, Kaczynski tells us, living in this way we get rid of the sad diseases of civilisation: we cease to have depression, nutritional or sleep disorders, chronic stress and so on, while at the same time we cease to be concerned by socially constructed barren material desires. I guess that in the eyes of most of the people this answer seems oversimplified. After all, even if we have the mood for such a resignation and change – which is very doubtful about the overwhelming majority of us – it may be impossible for those who are infected with the germ of civilisation to eliminate these diseases. But the argument continues in a more political context: Living in this way we do not recognise any authority over us, except of an ultimate naturalistic flow of things. At this point Kaczynski's imperative ceases to be liberating. The futile and painful element of our existence continues to exist, but we accept it as a natural event and not as a product of oppression or as something imposed by an anthropogenic system that we never approved. No repression is imposed from above, and no painful condition: we choose it on our own. In this new and mostly ascetic context the answers – and not the solutions – are not found in social antagonism but in internal reflection, which is directly shaped by the

environment.

The second point comes from the first and concerns the context in which Kaczynski gave his fight. In classical political philosophy, Hobbes grants absolute power to Leviathan, in the turn however giving to the citizen the freedom to privatise and deal with their personal life. Something similar can be said that also applies to the case of the departure proposed by Kazinski, as through this choice one denies the obligations to modern civilisation along with the conveniences he provides, and seeks to exhaust his freedoms and examine his self within the nature. Kaczynski in 1971 set up his small hut in Montana's forests, without water and electricity, and over time developed excellent survival abilities. Soon, however, he himself found out that the isolation he had chosen is not possible, when he saw the construction of a highway happening at a short distance from his hut and realised the power and expansion of industrial civilisation. Then, as he said in an

interview, the priority of his life became a revenge for the system.

So somewhere there Kaczynski thinks he has to take action and the rest is pretty much known, but it's worth staying at this point. Kaczynski was looking for a shelter in the Montana forests that he eventually didn't find. Not because he didn't look for it well enough, but because he had not realised from the outset that there was no escape from the industrial civilisation that he hated. Realising that it is impossible to get out of the system, Kaczynski begins his campaign of revenge. But can a social project be characterized by revenge? Definitely no. So what struggle is that? It is a struggle that can be either collective or individual, but it is certainly not social and not democratic – and that, I believe, is one of the few characteristics that the environmental movement has in common with the animal defense movement – since even if it was possible for a sustainable living of 8 billion people (which does not exist), "society" at every opportunity

proves in practice which side it takes in this confrontation and what priorities it has.

Didn't Kazinski know these? Of course, he knew them, that's why he described his struggle as an act of revenge. It is precisely this awareness that makes him a part of the tradition of revolutionary avant-garde and separates him from the majority of the ecological movement, which rarely comes out of the bounds of harmlessness and/or cartoonism. Also, it was this awareness of his that broke the political barriers and brought him mentally with people from different starting points. What these people could do if once, in an unspecified way, came together in a literally sense, is a melancholic question.

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*From Anarchy Press Gr, 19/06/24*

<sup>1</sup>The date is wrong. His death was at 10 June 2023.

## Ted Kaczynski: Hit where it hurts

### 1. The Purpose Of This Article

The purpose of this article is to point out a very simple principle of human conflict, a principle that opponents of the techno-industrial system seem to be overlooking. The principle is that in any form of conflict, if you want to win, you must hit your adversary where it hurts.

I have to explain that when I talk about "hitting where it hurts" I am not necessarily referring to physical blows or to any other form of physical violence. For example, in oral debate, "hitting where it hurts" would mean making the arguments to which your opponents position is most vulnerable. In a presidential election, "hitting where it hurts" would mean winning from your opponent the states that have the most electoral votes. Still, in discussing this principle I will use the analogy of physical combat, because it is vivid and clear.

If a man punches you, you can't defend yourself by hitting back at his fist, because you can't hurt the man that way. In order to win the fight, you have to hit him where it hurts. That means you have to go behind the fist and hit the sensitive and vulnerable parts of the man's body.

Suppose a bulldozer belonging to a logging company has been tearing up the woods near your home and you want to stop it. It is the blade of the bulldozer that rips the earth and knocks trees over, but it would be a waste of time to take a sledgehammer to the blade. if you spent a

long, hard day working on the blade with the sledge, you might succeed in damaging it enough so that it became useless. But, in comparison with the rest of the bulldozer, the blade is relatively inexpensive and easy to replace. The blade is only the "fist" with which the bulldozer hits the earth. To defeat the machine you must go behind the "fist" and attack the bulldozers vital parts. The engine, for example, can be ruined with very little expenditure of time and effort by means well known to many radicals.

At this point I must make clear that I am not recommending that anyone should damage a bulldozer (unless it is his own property). Nor should anything in this article be interpreted as recommending illegal activity of any kind. I am a prisoner, and if I were to encourage illegal activity this article would not even be allowed to leave the prison. I use the bulldozer analogy only because it is clear and vivid and will be appreciated by radicals.

### 2. Technology Is The Target

It is widely recognized that "the basic variable which determines the contemporary historic process is provided by technological development" (Celso Furtado\*). Technology, above all else, is responsible for the current condition of the world and will control its future development. Thus, the "bulldozer" that we have to destroy is modern technology itself. Many radicals are aware of this, and therefore realize that there task is to eliminate the entire techno-industrial

system. But unfortunately they have paid little attention to the need to hit the system where it hurts.

Smashing up McDonald's or Starbuck's is pointless. Not that I give a damn about McDonald's or Starbuck's. I don't care whether anyone smashes them up or not. But that is not a revolutionary activity. Even if every fast-food chain in the world were wiped out the techno-industrial system would suffer only minimal harm as a result, since it could easily survive without fast-food chains. When you attack McDonald's or Starbuck's, you are not hitting where it hurts.

Some months ago I received a letter from a young man in Denmark who believed that the techno-industrial system had to be eliminated because, as he put it, "What will happen if we go on this way?" Apparently, however, his form of "revolutionary" activity was raiding fur farms. As a means of weakening the techno-industrial system this activity is utterly useless. Even if animal liberationists succeed in eliminating the fur industry completely they would do no harm at all to the system, because the system can get along perfectly well without furs.

I agree that keeping wild animals in cages is intolerable, and that putting an end to such practices is a noble cause. But there are many other noble causes, such as preventing traffic accidents, providing shelter for the homeless,

...(continues in the next page)

**12 April, Santiago, Chile:** Clashes between hooded students of the Instituto Nacional and carabineros. The gate of the high school was sealed in order to prevent the entrance of the student protesters who were trying to maintain the cohesion of the demonstration against the chemical attacks of the carabineros. The students were able to temporarily open the gate, but school officials were able to close it again.

One student lost part of one of his fingers.

*Source: Informativo Anarquista*

**13 April, Athens, Greece:** Anarchist attack on the glass window of a posh clothing store on Tositsa and Spyrou Trikoupi streets against the gentrification of Exarchia.

"...The People's Trust knows very well when, where and to whom it will give away its money in order to displace the poor and create a trendy neighborhood, only for rich consumers and tourists, instrumentalising our oppression. Capital is trying to kill the political, rebellious and social character of the neighbourhood through AirBnBs, posh shops, policing and repression. It will not pass. Here are some more of the stores sponsored by the company. Ode to socks Zoodochou Pigis 41, Aleξ The Fresh Pasta Bar Massalias 3, Κομπραί in Didotou Street, Magic Kitchen in Themistokleous, Daydreamers in Valtetsiou and Mavromichali, A place to dress Strangers in Spyrou Trikoupi, Peru in Deligianni Street. Their offices are located in Athens at 4 Zalokosta Street, Kolonaki and 5 Salaminas Street, Thessaloniki."

*Source: Athens Indymedia*

**14 April, New York, USA:** An autonomous group of anti-capitalist and anti-imperialist anarchists attacked multiple buildings of the Chase Bank which finances the military technology company Elbit Systems, and the Zionist entity in general.

The attackers chained the doors, sealed them with foam and painted the facades of the buildings with pro-Palestine slogans.

*Source: Unravel*

**15 April, Laval-sur-Luzège, New Aquitaine, France:** Unknown persons broke the windows of a forestry machine, cut the cables and filled it with slogans such as "stop", "shame", "trees help us breathe" and drawings of animals and fungi. There have been similar attacks in the past in the same area.

*Source: Sans Nom*

**15 April, Caen, Normandy, France:** Anonymous persons carried out an arson attack on the Internet supply of the Caen Nuclear Safety Authority, against nuclear power.

*Source: Sans Nom*

**15 April, Athens, Greece:** A group of internationalists and solidarity activists attacked a Starbucks store in Glyfada with hammers and spray, while a fire extinguisher was opened in the kitchen resulting in the suspension of the store's operations. Starbucks is being targeted because of the financial and moral support they provide to the IDF.

In addition, The Met, a hotel owned by Israeli interests, was also spray-painted.

"...With the Western world supporting the genocide and the NATO-EU-US-ISRAEL alliance contributing to the bloodshed the least we can do is **to bring the war back to the metropolises of the West...**"

*Source: Athens Indymedia*

**16 April, Santiago, Chile:** Hooded students of the Instituto Nacional clashed and threw Molotov bombs at carabineros in response to the events of April 12

## USA: Claim of responsibility for the arson of machines at a highway construction site in northwestern Portland

On Tuesday morning I burned three large machines at an Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) construction site in Portland. They were destroying the forest hillside on the south side of the st. Johns bridge to protect highway infrastructure.

ODOT construction sites, and highway construction in general, often leave expensive (and highly flammable!) specialized equipment unattended and unsecured overnight, making them easy targets. ODOT is planning major highway expansion in the Portland area over the next few years, despite long campaigns by Youth vs ODOT and other environmentalist groups. Acting through the political system is a futile and insufficient response to the current crisis, as capitalism must continue its endless growth no matter how bad things get. The highway system can only expand if we allow it to. With some creativity, courage, and determination, capital is far more vulnerable than it would have

you believe.

### How the incendiary device was constructed:

I used plastic 1 gallon milk jugs filled with gasoline. A flare attached to the side of the container (so that it sticks out past it) makes for a convenient delay, burning down for 5-10 minutes before the flame reaches the plastic and ignites the gasoline, leaving plenty of time to get away before the fire starts. You can steal flares from most large hardware stores and car supply stores. I placed each milk jug underneath the engines of the machinery, where the heat would rise to the most flammable and critical components.

It was easy, fun, and I think I'll do it again. You should too!

XOXOXO

*Anonymous submission to Rose City Counter-Info*

(counter-information column, page 10).

Source: *Informativo Anarquista*

**16 April, Fayette County, Georgia, USA:** Anonymous arson attack on construction site excavators next to a Fayetteville hospital. The damaged equipment belongs to the company Brasfield & Gorrie, one of the main contractors of Cop City, the upcoming training center for the Atlanta police. The company is also a donor to the Atlanta Police Foundation (ATF). The company was targeted again in the spring of 2022 in Birmingham, Alabama.

More generally, there have been dozens of attacks in Atlanta and other states against businesses that work for Cop City.

Source: *Sans Nom*

**17 April, Lleida, Catalonia:** Barrage of arson attacks on fibre optics in the wider area. A similar attack in the same area was carried out in July 2023. The authorities did not report the event.

“...In recent years the media has been silent on similar acts of sabotage in Catalonia claimed by anarchists: burning relay antennas, railway cables, etc. **It is not surprising that those in power refuse to admit the existence of attacks on power, especially if they point to the fragility of certain infrastructures.** The Lleida fire had very specific and interesting results. Without internet, not only can one not pay by card, but also banks cannot function, so many services had to be closed for at least a day...”

Source: *Indymedia Barcelona*

**17 April, Saix, Occitania, France:** Around thirty people from a GIEC cell who sign as *Gang d'insolent.es éclatant le capital* break into the construction site of the A69 highway and burn four NGE machines destroying them

Source: Information Anti-Autoritaire Toulouse et Alentours

**17 April, Bassecourt, Switzerland:** Geophones (sensors used in geothermal energy) were stolen and then burned. These sensors are used for geophysical measurements and are part of a large project in the area to build a geothermal station, for which they have generated a lot of reactions. A few months ago, two vans carrying out geophysical measurements were vandalised.

The protesting residents oppose the project because of the environmental damage that will be caused by the fracking that is necessary for the construction of the specific geothermal plant.

Source: *Sans Nom*

**17 April, Saint-Cloud, Ile-de-France, France:** Vandals destroyed a large part of the grass area of a golf course, planted potatoes, caused sabotage and wrote the slogan “expropriation of arable land”.

Source: *Attaque*

**18 April, Quebec, Canada:** Anarchists sabotaged a truck carrying a drilling rig at the Highway 20 expansion site, protesting the environmental destruction the project is causing.

Source: *Montréal Contre-Information*

**19 April, Turin, Italy [Operation Scintilla]:** The appeal of the trial of Operation Scintilla, which in February 2019 led to the evacuation of the Squatted Asylum, the arrest of seven comrades and the 270 bis charge against eleven others, has been completed.

The appellate court confirmed all acquittals, but upheld the sentence of 4 years and 2 months against a comrade accused of a bomb attack.

Source: *La Nemesi*

**21 April, Athens, Greece:** As a continuation of the anti-fascist action carried out on 10 April by the *Anti-Fascist Pyre*, this time the same group planted an

recycling, or helping old people cross the street. Yet no one is foolish enough to mistake these for revolutionary activities, or to imagine that they do anything to weaken the system.

### 3. The Timber Industry Is A Side Issue

To take another example, no one in his right mind believes that anything like real wilderness can survive very long if the techno-industrial system continues to exist. Many environmental radicals agree that this is the case and hope for the collapse of the system. But in practice all they do is attack the timber industry.

I certainly have no objection to their attack on the timber industry. In fact, it's an issue that is close to my heart and I'm delighted by any successes that radicals may have against the timber industry. In addition, for reasons that I need to explain here, I think that opposition to the timber industry should be one component of the efforts to overthrow the system.

But, by itself, attacking the timber industry is not an effective way of working against the system, for even in the unlikely event that radicals succeeded in stopping all logging everywhere in the world, that would not bring down the system. And it would not permanently save wilderness. Sooner or later the political climate would change and logging would resume. Even if logging never resumed, there would be other venues through which wilderness would be destroyed, or if not destroyed then tamed and domesticated. Mining and mineral exploration, acid rain, climate changes, and species extinction destroy wilderness; wilderness is tamed and domesticated through recreation, scientific study, and resource management, including among other things electronic tracking of animals, stocking of streams with hatchery-bred fish, and planting of genetically-engineered trees.

Wilderness can be saved permanently only by eliminating the techno-industrial system, and you cannot eliminate the system by attacking the timber industry. The system would easily survive the death of the timber industry because wood products, though very useful to the system, can if necessary be replaced with other materials.

Consequently, when you attack the timber industry, you are not hitting the system where it hurts. The timber industry is only the “fist” (or one of the fists) with which the system destroys wilderness, and, just as in a fist-fight, you can't win by hitting at the fist. You have to go behind the fist and strike at the most sensitive and vital organs of the system. By legal means, of course, such as peaceful protests.

### 4. Why The System Is Tough

The techno-industrial system is exceptionally tough due to its so-called “democratic” structure and its resulting flexibility. Because dictatorial systems tend to be rigid, social tensions and resistance can be built up in them to the point where they damage and weaken the system and may lead to revolution. But in a “democratic” system, when social tension and resistance build up dangerously the system backs off enough, it compromises enough, to bring the tensions down to a safe level.

During the 1960s people first became aware that environmental pollution was a serious problem, the more so because the visible and smellable filth in the air over

our major cities was beginning to make people physically uncomfortable. Enough protest arose so that an Environmental Protection Agency was established and other measures were taken to alleviate the problem. Of course, we all know that our pollution problems are a long, long way from being solved. But enough was done so that public complaints subsided and the pressure on the system was reduced for a number of years.

Thus, attacking the system is like hitting a piece of rubber. A blow with a hammer can shatter cast iron, because cast iron is rigid and brittle. But you can pound a piece of rubber without hurting it because it is flexible: It gives way before protest, just enough so that the protest loses its force and momentum. Then the system bounces back.

So, in order to hit the system where it hurts, you need to select issues on which the system will not back off, in which it will fight to the finish. For what you need is not compromise with the system but a life-and-death struggle.

### 5. It Is Useless To Attack The System In Terms Of Its Own Values

It is absolutely essential to attack the system not in terms of its own technologically-oriented values, but in terms of values that are inconsistent with the values of the system. As long as you attack the system in terms of its own values, you do not hit the system where it hurts, and you allow the system to deflate protest by giving way, by backing off.

For example, if you attack the timber industry primarily on the basis that forests are needed to preserve water resources and recreational opportunities, then the system can give ground to defuse protest without compromising its own values: Water resources and recreation are fully consistent with the values of the system, and if the system backs off, if it restricts logging in the name of water resources and recreation, then it only makes a tactical retreat and does not suffer a strategic defeat for its code of values.

If you push victimization issues (such as racism, sexism, homophobia, or poverty) you are not challenging the system's values and you are not even forcing the system to back off or compromise. You are directly helping the system. All of the wisest proponents of the system recognize that racism, sexism, homophobia, and poverty are harmful to the system, and this is why the system itself works to combat these and similar forms of victimization.

“Sweatshops,” with their low pay and wretched working conditions, may bring profit to certain corporations, but wise proponents of the system know very well that the system as a whole functions better when workers are treated decently. In making an issue of sweatshops, you are helping the system, not weakening it.

Many radicals fall into the temptation of focusing on non-essential issues like racism, sexism and sweatshops because it is easy. They pick an issue on which the system can afford a compromise and on which they will get support from people like Ralph Nader, Winona La Duke, the labor unions, and all the other pink reformers. Perhaps the system, under pressure, will back off a bit, the activists will see some visible result from their efforts, and they will have the satisfying illusion that they have accomplished something. But in reality they have

accomplished nothing at all toward eliminating the techno-industrial system.

The globalization issue is not completely irrelevant to the technology problem. The package of economic and political measures termed “globalization” does promote economic growth and, consequently, technological progress. Still, globalization is an issue of marginal importance and not a well-chosen target of revolutionaries. The system can afford to give ground on the globalization issue. Without giving up globalization as such, the system can take steps to mitigate the negative environmental and economic consequences of globalization so as to defuse protest. At a pinch, the system could even afford to give up globalization altogether. Growth and progress would still continue, only at a slightly lower rate. And when you fight globalization you are not attacking the systems fundamental values. Opposition to globalization is motivated in terms of securing decent wages for workers and protecting the environment, both of which are completely consistent with the values of the system. (The system, for its own survival, can't afford to let environmental degradation go too far.) Consequently, in fighting globalization you do not hit the system where it really hurts. Your efforts may promote reform, but they are useless for the purpose of overthrowing the techno-industrial system.

### 6. Radicals Must Attack The System At The Decisive Points

To work effectively toward the elimination of the techno-industrial system, revolutionaries must attack the system at points at which it cannot afford to give ground. They must attack the vital organs of the system. Of course, when I use the word “attack,” I am not referring to physical attack but only to legal forms of protest and resistance.

Some examples of vital organs of the system are:

- The electric-power industry. The system is utterly dependent on its electric-power grid.
- The communications industry. Without rapid communications, as by telephone, radio, television, e-mail, and so forth, the system could not survive.
- The computer industry. We all know that without computers the system would promptly collapse.
- The propaganda industry. The propaganda industry includes the entertainment industry, the educational system, journalism, advertising, public relations, and much of politics and of the mental-health industry. The system can't function unless people are sufficiently docile and conforming and have the attitudes that the system needs them to have. It is the function of the propaganda industry to teach people that kind of thought and behavior.
- The biotechnology industry. The system is not yet (as far as I know) physically dependent on advanced biotechnology. Nevertheless, the system cannot afford to give way on the biotechnology issue, which is a critically important issue for the system, as I will argue in a moment.

Again: When you attack these vital

organs of the system, it is essential not to attack them in terms of the system's own values but in terms of values inconsistent with those of the system. For example, if you attack the electric-power industry on the basis that it pollutes the environment, the system can defuse protest by developing cleaner methods of generating electricity. If worse came to worse, the system could even switch entirely to wind and solar power. This might do a great deal to reduce environmental damage, but it would not put an end to the techno-industrial system. Nor would it represent a defeat for the system's fundamental values. To accomplish anything against the system you have to attack all electric-power generation as a matter of principle, on the ground that dependence on electricity makes people dependent on the system. This is a ground incompatible with the system's values.

### 7. Biotechnology May Be The Best Target For Political Attack

Probably the most promising target for political attack is the biotechnology industry. Though revolutions are generally carried out by minorities, it is very useful to have some degree of support, sympathy, or at least acquiescence from the general population. To get that kind of support or acquiescence is one of the goals of political action. If you concentrated your political attack on, for example, the electric-power industry, it would be extremely difficult to get any support outside of a radical minority, because most people resist change to their way of living, especially any change that inconveniences them. For this reason, few would be willing to give up electricity.

But people do not yet feel themselves dependent on advanced biotechnology as they do on electricity. Eliminating biotechnology will not radically change their lives. On the contrary, it would be possible to show people that the continued development of biotechnology will transform their way of life and wipe out age-old human values. Thus, in challenging biotechnology, radicals should be able to mobilize in their own favor the natural human resistance to change.

And biotechnology is an issue on which the system cannot afford to lose. It is an issue on which the system will have to fight to the finish, which is exactly what we need. But — to repeat once more — it is essential to attack biotechnology not in terms of the system's own values but in terms of values inconsistent with those of the system. For example, if you attack biotechnology, primarily on the basis that it may damage the environment, or that genetically-modified foods may be harmful to health, then the system can and will cushion your attack by giving ground or compromising — for instance, by introducing increased supervision of genetic research and more rigorous testing and regulation of genetically-modified crops. People's anxiety will then subside and protest wither.

### 8. All Biotechnology Must Be Attacked As A Matter Of Principle

So, instead of protesting one or another negative consequence of biotechnology, you have to attack all modern biotechnology on principle, on grounds such as (a) that it is an insult to all living things; (b) that it puts too much power in the hands of the system; (c) that it will radically transform fundamental human values that have existed for thousands of years; and similar grounds that are

inconsistent with the values of the system.

In response to this kind of attack the system will have to stand and fight. It cannot afford to cushion your attack by backing off to any great extent, because biotechnology is too central to the whole enterprise of technological progress, and because in backing off the system would not be making only a tactical retreat, but would be taking a major strategic defeat to its code of values. Those values would be undermined and the door would be opened to further political attacks that would hack away at the foundations of the system.

Now it's true that the U.S. House of Representatives recently voted to ban cloning of human beings, and at least some congressmen even gave the right kinds of reasons for doing so. The reasons I read about were framed in religious terms, but whatever you may think of the religious terms involved, these reasons were not technologically acceptable reasons. And that is what counts.

Thus, the congressmen's vote on human cloning was a genuine defeat for the system. But it was only a very, very small defeat, because of the narrow scope of the ban — only one tiny part of biotechnology was affected — and because for the near future cloning of human beings would be of little practical use to the system anyway. But the House of Representatives' action does suggest that this may be a point at which the system is vulnerable, and that a broader attack on all of biotechnology might inflict severe damage on the system and its values.

### 9. Radicals Are Not Yet Attacking Biotech Effectively

Some radicals do attack the biotechnology, whether politically or physically, but as far as I know they explain their opposition to biotech in terms of the system's own values. That is, their main complaints are the risks of environmental damage and of harm to health.

And they are not hitting the biotech industry where it hurts. To use an analogy of physical combat once again, suppose you had to defend yourself against a giant octopus. You would not be able to fight back effectively by hacking at the tips of its tentacles. You have to strike at its head. From what I've read of their activities, radicals who work against biotechnology still do no more than hack at the tips of the octopus's tentacles. They try to persuade ordinary farmers, individually, to refrain from planting genetically-engineered seed. But there are many thousands of farms in America, so that persuading farmers individually is an extremely inefficient way to combat genetic engineering. It would be much more effective to persuade research scientists engaged in biotechnological work, or executives of companies like Monsanto, to leave the biotech industry. Good research scientists are people who have special talents and extensive training, so they are difficult to replace. The same is true of top corporate executives. Persuading just a few of these people to get out of biotech would do more damage to the biotechnology industry than persuading a thousand farmers not to plant genetically-engineered seed.

### 10. Hit Where It Hurts

It is open to argument whether I am right in thinking that biotechnology is the best issue on which to attack the system politically. But it is beyond argument that radicals today are wasting much of their

energy on issues that have little or no relevance to the survival of the technological system. And even when they do address the right issues, radicals do not hit where it hurts. So instead of trotting off to the next world trade summit to have temper tantrums over globalization, radicals ought to put in some time thinking how to hit the system where it really hurts. By legal means, of course.

## Place the Blame Where It Belongs: The Green Anarchy Collective Response to "Hit Where it Hurts" by Ted Kaczynski

Although the Green Anarchy editorial collective whole-heartedly supports Ted Kaczynski as an anarchist political prisoner, we had serious reservations about running this article due to Ted's hostility towards feminism and his casual, off-hand dismissal of other liberation struggles which he chooses not to prioritize in his own life. Racism, sexism, homophobia and poverty are not "non-essential issues" to us, as they appear to be to Ted; compulsory heterosexuality, socially-enforced sexual conformity, racism, mysogyny, and class division are all products of a hierarchical, patriarchal power structure, and none of these problems can ever be fully solved within the context of civilization. It's not "technology, above all else, which is responsible for the current condition of the world", as Ted claims -- it's civilization/patriarchy -- and if we want to dismantle the technological megamachine that is now devouring the biosphere, then we need to understand how the megamachine came to be, what led to its creation, and how it serves the interests of civilization's rulers.

We ultimately decided to print this article because Ted is a sharp strategic thinker, and because we feel strongly that more discussions like this need to be occurring in the pages of the anarchist press. At the same time, we feel compelled to say that Ted's analysis of patriarchy and civilization is severely lacking, and we take offence to his disparaging use of the queer-identified term "pink," which is reminiscent of the fairly overt homophobia we have seen in previous pieces by Ted, like *Ship Of Fools*. Simply and solely removing technology as the total liberatory answer is a limited and mechanistic approach. We face a totality of domination which oppresses all life and we need to try to see the whole picture. For anti-authoritarian transformation, many struggles are necessary and need to be respected along with an awareness of the underlying connectedness.

Of course, there can be no doubt that technology is a major link on the chain of our oppression and it's important that anarchists / anti-authoritarians purge themselves of the liberal belief that technology is "neutral." There are five books that we can recommend to our readers that will help get them started on the process of deconstructing their faith in and allegiance to technology. They are:

- **The Technological Society** by Jacques Ellul (out-of-print, but readily available in any good used bookstore),

incendiary device in the office of Phoebus Margaritis (1 Paparigopoulou Street), who was also a municipal candidate adviser to Kasidiaris, like the previous target.

Source: *Athens Indymedia*

**22 April, Atlanta, USA:** Responding to the call for autonomous actions against Cop City on Earth Day, a group of anonymous individuals destroyed five Flock cameras and one APD camera. These cameras are based on artificial intelligence and record a remarkable amount of information, such as a vehicle's color, model, stickers stuck on a vehicle, as well as information about a vehicle's route.

Source: *Scenes from the Atlanta Forest*

**22 April, Chile:** After upholding the 86-year sentence against anarchist comrade Francisco Solar, the gendarmerie made a new maneuver in the comrade's prison situation. After remaining in Rancagua Prison's Maximum Security Unit 2, what would have been appropriate would have been to transfer him to Maximum Security Unit 1 as a convict along with the rest of his anarchist and subversive comrades. But this time, seeking to deepen the legal revenge, the partner is taken to a floor in the same Maximum Security Unit 2 to serve his sentence in an extraordinary regime of punishment and isolation.

Source: *Informativo Anarquista*

**23 April, Berlin, Germany:** Two Tesla cars set on fire.

Source: *Sans Nom*

**24 April, California, USA:** Twenty City of Berkeley and UC Berkeley parking pay stations were sabotaged by filling them with inflating foam.

*"This is our latest contribution to the memory of Rosebud anarchist martyr Abigail Denovo and the defense of People's Park.*

*If the City of Berkeley and UCB want to take People's Park, we will make them pay.*

*Our action is inspired by a similar action that took place earlier this month in solidarity with the Palestinian people. Rebel salute to all who are fighting back against the colonial nightmare."*

Source: *Indybay*

**24 April, Chania, Greece:** The anarchist group *Sto Sfyri* attacked the Ambassador hotel of Israeli interests with hammers.

Source: *Athens Indymedia*

**24 April, Italy [Operation Scripta Manent]:** The Court of Cassation upholds the sentences of 23 years and 17 years and 9 months for Alfredo Cospito and Anna Beniamino.

It is worth noting that in the morning hours of April 22, the DIGOS police forces of Turin imposed 19 preventive measures on comrades who participated in the events of the 4<sup>th</sup> of March, 2023 march in solidarity with Alfredo Cospito, as part of a series of repressive intimidation against those mobilising to support the comrade.

Source: *La Nemesi*

**24 April, Rome, Italy:** Burning barricades and an attack on a post office and an ATM. Also on the front of the post office was written the slogan "*Freedom to Anna and Alfredo*".

Source: *La Nemesi*

**25 April, Quebec, Canada:** Anarchists claimed responsibility for vandalising Airbnb rentals ahead of Renters' Day.

*"...Because we are tired of passing in front of accommodations that, instead of housing our neighbors, serve above all to enrich the owners. We will never again turn a blind eye to these new buildings that are only used for short-term rentals while we struggle to find a roof over our heads..."*

Source: *Montréal Contre-Information*

**26 April, Concepción, Chile:** Burning barricades in solidarity with comrades being seized and locked up in the prisons of the Chilean state.

“We vindicate each of their struggles against this system of death that only seeks exploitation for financial interests, destroyers of earth and life.”

Source: *La Zarzamora*

**26 April, New York, USA:** A group of anonymous individuals set off the Brooklyn Marriott Hotel's fire alarm and released 300 crickets, disrupting an APD (Atlanta Police Department) hiring event.

Source: *Scenes from the Atlanta Forest*

**27 April, Thessaloniki, Greece:** Anarchists claim responsibility for the expropriation of a Bazaar supermarket that took place on 22 February, 2024, during a student march. The products were distributed to the people of the march.

“...Among other things, this act is also a small attack on the dominant student identity, as it is often built by the media, the state and also a large part of the left. A student identity that is linked to the rule of law and in which, even if you fight as a student, you must do so within the limits of the law, but also of trade unionism. For our part, we remind you that students can be hooded and vice versa. At the same time it was a way to put some of our slogans into practice.

**Because as long as our life becomes the property of merchants and our breath is measured in money, expropriation among other things will be an assertion and an attack...**

Source: *Athens Indymedia*

**27 April, Athens, Greece:** Attack with sledgehammers on the windows of the Alter Athens hotel against the gentrification of Exarchia.

“We will blow to smithereens the suites with the 100 euros stays. We don't want any hotel, any airbnb, any shop to remain standing. We only want squats and enclaves of lawlessness to make our thoughts breaths of freedom. We recognise that **in this suffocating world we live in, the only option is systematic and consistent attack, and we favor its escalation.**”

Source: *Athens Indymedia*

**29 April, Quebec, Canada:** Anarchists set off an arson attack on railroad tracks in St. Henri with the aim of temporarily halting train traffic in solidarity with Palestine and the anti-capitalist May Day.

Source: *Montréal Contre-Information*

**29 April, New York, USA:** Anonymous person claims destruction of three OMNY readers and MetroCard machines in memory of indigenous comrade Tortugueta killed by the state, and due to the increased policing of the homeless, the blacks and the pro-Palestine protesters, as well as against surveillance technologies.

Source: *Scenes from the Atlanta Forest*

**29 April, New York, USA:** Another APD recruitment event was sabotaged by anarchists, this time by clogging the toilets of the Brooklyn Marriott Hotel with cement.

Source: *Scenes from the Atlanta Forest*

**30 April, Madrid, Spain:** Barrage of attacks by anarchists. They set fire to an Amazon van and another Secur van with a lighter and gasoline. They attacked with hammers the windows of the building of the Caixabank bank, as well as the windows of the building of the insurance company Fremap. In addition, the locks of various temporary employment agencies were sealed.

“...Because we will never give up on the attack. Because there are always a

- **Technics and Human Development: The Myth Of The Machine** (Volume 1 by Lewis Mumford, **Technics and Civilization**)
- **My name is Chellis & I'm In Recovery From Civilization** by *Chellis Glending*
- **Four Arguments For The Elimination of Television** by Jerry Mander, which focuses on the destructive impact of a very specific technology but which also offers an incredibly strong critique of technological mediation – which has a much wider applicability.

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# Developing action capacity

Note from “*Blessed Is The Flame*”: *The recommended readings of this article are all in English. A great part of the topics discussed is missing from Greek literature. Many of them however will be translated by us and we will publish them in the future in the Greek language. See page 18 for more information about the No Trace project.*

*“We are not special. Our skills are not overly technical or advanced, and our tools are simple to acquire. If you are reading this, you are capable of doing what we do.”*

– Από ανάληψη ευθύνης για εμπρησμό περιπολικού του APD στο Lakewood των ΗΠΑ

While I agree with this sentiment, the reader is left with many questions about how to develop such a capacity for action, even if they are motivated. What exactly does it take to not get caught carrying out heavy actions like arson? This is especially important in the long run; not getting caught for a single arson is one thing, but being able to continue carrying out attacks in the face of heightened repressive attention is quite another.

For anyone who wants to carry out actions like this, but isn't doing so yet, I've sketched an outline of the steps I think are necessary to sustain hard-hitting attacks on domination (limited to the topic of “operational” considerations, i.e., acquiring skills). This brief outline is intended to orient you and provide a “learning path” — each step has recommended reading that actually goes into the appropriate amount of depth on the subject. Use the Tails operating system to visit these links, which runs from a USB drive and leaves no trace on your computer. What I've written here is by no means definitive, and I hope to spark a dialogue about any operational aspects I may have neglected, as well as anything outside this scope that is important for sustaining and intensifying the capacity for action.

## Deepening bonds

For anyone who doesn't already have an action group, deciding who to act with is the first obstacle to overcome. I prefer to act in groups of two or three; it's easier to maintain a high level of trust and agility with just a small handful of people. Most actions don't require more than three participants, and when they do, action groups can collaborate. I prefer not to act alone because some aspects of actions are less risky when there are at least two people (for example, having a lookout).

In deciding who to act with, there is a tension between flexibility and consistency. Acting in several different configurations allows you to develop trust and experience with more people, which makes you more resilient in the face of arrests, burnout, or interpersonal splits. On the other hand, acting in a more consistent configuration can make it easier to develop a higher capacity for action in a shorter period of time. Action groups only form because someone takes the initiative to propose them to a comrade with whom they want to deepen affinity and trust.

## Affinity

Deciding who to approach in your network should be based on a sense of affinity between you, as this will determine what the action group decides to focus on. Affinity means sharing analysis, discovered through getting to know each other, that leads to prospects for action. It means knowing that you share goals and want to act in similar ways to pursue them.

The long-term exploration and deepening of affinity across a network, beyond a specific action group, opens up many more possibilities for the configuration of action groups to adapt over time, as well as for collaboration between them. I've chosen to use the term “action group” rather than “affinity group” to emphasize that affinity exists in many different constellations, each with its own potential.

Recommended reading:

- Archipelago: Affinity, Informal Organization &

Insurrectional Projects

<https://sproutdistro.com/catalog/zines/history/nothing-is-finished/>

## Trust

Trust is contextual — you may trust someone to be a good friend, but that is different from trusting them with your freedom. Deciding who to approach in your network should be based on trust that they can live with the possible consequences of their actions without betraying their comrades, even if it means a long prison sentence. Trust is qualitative in a way that can't be reduced to a simplistic formula. It's based on an intimate knowledge that can only come from singular experiences within a relationship. However, there are established practices for deepening trust that are still worthwhile.

Recommended reading:

- Confidence, Courage, Connection, Trust: A proposal for security culture  
<https://www.noTRACE.how/resources/#confidence-courage-connection-trust>
- Stop Hunting Sheep: A Guide to Creating Safer Networks  
<https://www.noTRACE.how/resources/#stop-hunting-sheep>

## Laying the groundwork

Once there are two or three people who want to experiment with acting together, I recommend starting with actions that do not have particularly serious consequences if you get caught, such as breaking windows. This allows you to assess whether the configuration is a good fit, practice any skills that are new to anyone, establish operational approaches and a good “workflow” for the tasks involved, and develop an interpersonal dynamic that meets everyone's needs, all in a relatively low-stakes environment. Progressively increasing the intensity of the action also gives you the opportunity to practice moving through fear so that decision-making, communication, and execution in high-stress situations can remain unimpeded.

## Operational security

“Operational security” means the practices that allow you to get away with crimes. I recommend that your action group first discuss each of the highlighted resources at the No Trace Project (<https://www.noTRACE.how/resources/#highlighted-only>) before taking action, in an outdoor and device-free location. Many of these discussions are well suited for larger affinity constellations than your action group. This will take a considerable amount of time, but an in-depth discussion of these topics will provide a necessary foundation. Don't make the mistake of assuming that everyone is already on the same page. These conversations will also be an opportunity to discuss how you will prepare for any repression that may result from your actions.

## Action planning

With this foundation in place, you are now in a strong position to begin action planning. As you gain experience, organizing and executing actions will become much more natural. What was initially a lot to keep track of will eventually become second nature. This is another reason why it's a good idea to start with actions that aren't particularly risky.

Recommended reading:

- How To Have A Fun Night To Forget  
<https://www.noTRACE.how/resources/#how-to-have-a-fun-night-to-forget>  
This will give you a quick overview of the steps involved in taking action.
- Threat Library  
<https://www.noTRACE.how/threat-library/zine.html>  
This will give you a framework for planning the operational security measures for a specific action (for example, what surveillance detection measures you will take before going to a meeting).  
<https://www.noTRACE.how/resources/#topic=direct-action>

## Materializing your dreams

Before your action group engages in actions that will be more intensively investigated, it is especially important that you become competent in two operational security practices:

### DNA minimization protocols

DNA minimization protocols (<https://www.notrace.how/threat-library/mitigations/dna-minimization-protocols.html>) are necessary to avoid leaving evidence at a crime scene. However, these precautions are not perfect, so the action should be conducted in such a way as to leave nothing behind that could have DNA traces on it. I recommend learning and practicing this skill long before you actually need to use it for high-risk actions.

Recommended reading:

- Resources: DNA topic  
<https://www.notrace.how/resources/#topic=dna>

### Surveillance detection

If there is no evidence left at crime scenes, and you have established practices that prevent targeted digital surveillance from providing leads, investigators will be forced to use physical surveillance to try to incriminate you. The main goal of physical surveillance is to surveil the suspect during an action (as they did for Jeff Luers [<https://www.notrace.how/threat-library/repressive-operations/case-against-jeff-luers.html>]), and if that doesn't work, to surveil the suspect while they are preparing for an action (buying materials, doing reconnaissance, etc.), all the while mapping the suspect's network to find more suspects.

Detecting physical surveillance (<https://www.notrace.how/threat-library/mitigations/surveillance-detection.html>) is a skill that takes a lot of practice, so I recommend that you start learning it long before you actually need to use it for high-risk actions. If you are ever the target of an investigation, this is the only thing that will prevent the police from following you to an action or preparation for an action.

Recommended reading:

- Resources: Physical surveillance topic  
<https://www.notrace.how/resources/#topic=physical-surveillance>

### Action techniques

Of course, skills related to action techniques are also important. For example, there are many ways to start a fire. Some are better than others in terms of reliability and effectiveness, but your approach should always be adapted to the specific scenario (target, exit plan, expected response times, etc.). Whatever techniques you end up using, it's important to stay open to innovation rather than limiting yourself to following a guide.

Action technique is also related to operational security: for example, if you decide that the incendiary device(s) need a delay, it's critical to be very confident that the delay won't fail,

as this would leave evidence for investigators to take samples from. Thoroughly test its reliability under the same conditions, and build in redundancy by using multiple delays on each device. Depending on the circumstances and terrain, you may even want to make a plan for noticing if any fires don't start, such as choosing an exit route that provides a line of sight and pausing along it until you see the light of the flames.

Recommended reading:

- A Recipe for Leaving No Trace  
<https://scenes.noblogs.org/post/2023/09/09/a-recipe-for-leaving-no-trace/>
- The Simplest Way to Burn a Vehicle  
<https://scenes.noblogs.org/post/2023/08/21/the-simplest-way-to-burn-a-vehicle/>
- Warrior Up  
<https://warriorup.noblogs.org/>

### Connecting constellations

The next step in developing capacity for action requires going beyond one's own group. This is where things get really interesting: coordination between autonomous groups allows them to accomplish far more than they could on their own, while their autonomy wards off hierarchy and centralization (<https://dimanche.pm/english.html>). Of course, conspiring with more people involves risk and must be balanced with the need for compartmentalization — the need-to-know basis (<https://www.notrace.how/threat-library/mitigations/need-to-know-principle.html>) can help here.

Affinity is the strongest foundation for a common project among these groups — while affinity within an action group is based on interpersonal experience, affinity between action groups is based more on affinity with the project than with each other. The long-term search for affinity beyond your action group is what makes this foundation possible. Informal organization can then grow between action groups, which is a model that has been experimented with since the '70s (<https://www.elephanteditions.net/library/toward-a-generalised-attack#toc30>). Informal organization is born and shaped by the pursuit of specific goals, such as preventing the construction of Cop City through diffuse sabotage. "It doesn't have a name to defend or assert, only a project to bring about (<https://theanarchistlibrary.org/library/avis-de-tempetes-to-start-over>).

This outline touches on what I think are the minimal steps necessary to develop a capacity for hard-hitting action, limited to the topic of acquiring skills. Much more is needed — learning other skills beyond this baseline, experimenting with informal organization while navigating its challenges, developing analyses to understand the changing terrain, studying the vulnerabilities of domination, and focusing on all the other aspects that contribute to sustaining and intensifying action.

*From Scenes from the Atlanta Forest, 22/02/2024*

*thousand reasons to attack the gears of wage-labour..."*

Source: *Indymedia Barcelona*

**30 April, Volvic, Auvergne, France:** Two people broke into the Volvic Water Company plant and set fire to a technical room in the pumping station, destroying equipment and facilities inside. The factory was shut down for the next few days.

A slogan was also written in pink paint: "Water extraction? No, but what about the water?"

Source: *Sans Nom*

**1 May, Berlin, Germany:** At least sixteen Amazon vans were destroyed using six incendiary devices. The claim of responsibility is on page 15.

Source: *German Indymedia*

**1 May, Santiago, Chile:** Riots and incidents occurred from the morning to the afternoon, as part of the May Day. The carabineros appeared with auras. Hooded anarchists armed with various tools and Molotov bombs clashed with the police, set up barricades, destroyed various shopping areas and threw incendiary devices into Central Station. The carabineros arrested sixteen people, including five who were holding firebombs.

Source: *Abolition Media*

**1 May, Portland, USA:** Dozens of bank buildings, Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Starbucks, and Verizon were attacked during protests, while protesters later threw stones at a police station, causing damage. Also on the same day, an autonomous group attacked a number of Airbnb properties

Sources: *Rose City Counter-Info and Puget Sound Anarchists*

**1 May, Philadelphia, USA:** Black bloc anarchists attacked Airbnb accommodations during protests, causing various damages.

Source: *Philly Anti-Capitalist*

**1 May, France:** In Toulouse, Lyon, Nantes and Paris, there were incidents during the May Day demonstrations, which led to the injury of dozens of police officers, arrests and property damage. In Nancy, after the protests ended, hooded anarchists attacked the bookshop Les Deux Cités, which is a far-right hotbed in the area, destroying the glass and the door and painting the facade with anarchist and anti-fascist slogans.

Sources: *Attaque and Sans Nom*

**2 May, New York, USA:** Anarchists attacked various heavy machines of Caterpillar, due to the cooperation of this industry with the Zionist regime.

*"...Caterpillar is clearly an agent and symbol of terror. We strike against it today to show solidarity with those who lost their lives to the Caterpillar D9 armed bulldozer. Since Caterpillar is involved in the war, it can be attacked in any area. We are striking the Caterpillar today to show solidarity and appreciation for the Palestinian fighters who are an inspiration to all freedom fighters around the world..."*

Source: *Abolition Media*

**3 May, Santiago, Chile:** Incendiary agitation in memory of Comrade Mauricio Morales.

Source: *Informativo Anarquista*

**4 May, Bern, Switzerland:** The area around the Reitschule social center turned into a battlefield. Barricades were set up and there were clashes with the police. Many people who were at the Reitschule contributed to the action.

*"...Police harass and intimidate people in and around the Reitschule almost every day. They chase them, throw them to the ground, humiliate them, arrest them, lock them inside. The Reitschule was once an autonomous*

## Berlin, Germany: Claim of responsibility for the incendiary attack on sixteen Amazon vans

**Hey Jeff, do you see the clouds of smoke?**

On the night between 30/04/2024 and 21/04/2024<sup>1</sup>, with 6 incendiary devices we permanently disabled at least 16 Amazon vans in a company parking lot in Berlin/Thyssenstraße.

Notoriously, May 1 is the international day of struggle of the working class. Our gasoline barbecue is meant to incite the struggle against the oppression of people and nature and fuel the inevitable clash between exploited and masters.

Ralf Kleber, former head of Amazon-Germany:

"We are much more disturbed by a frostbite than a call for a labor struggle by ver.di"

The dismissal or even socialization of large technology companies and global players such as Amazon, Tesla, Apple, Facebook or Google is inconceivable and cannot be a prospect for the exploited. We believe that reforming these companies or making them more "socially acceptable" is futile because their power is too great and the ideas and concepts of humanity inherent in them are diametrically opposed to our idea of freedom. We believe that the desire to scrutinize and control every human thought, every social relationship and even the smallest step in work processes is a threat to life itself. If then even these smallest dimensions are to be controlled and adapted to a predetermined appearance, it is violent domination in its purest form! Often it is the megalomaniac white men who seek to shape and exploit the whole earth according to their patriarchal ideas. All this is called progress, although in reality these patriarchs are only trying to direct society in an all-powerful way toward their abstruse authoritarian visions of the future! Jeff, Elon, Mark, Bill and the like, rest assured that you



will not rest!

These large corporations plan to dominate, surveil, and exploit people more and more intensively. Their digital networks, algorithms and technologies have become indispensable and permeate all areas of our lives. They affect our existence, our daily lives, our feelings, our thinking, our communication and our social relations. The technological onslaught thus also targets everything that has so far resisted capitalist exploitation. A dystopia that tends toward its fulfillment: endless amounts of data are collected, selected, evaluated and analyzed so as to ensure continuous and real-time analysis of social and relational processes. They must be monitored in order to predict developments and (ir)regularities. Small changes and shocks in the fragile economic market can affect supremacy in the race to maximize profits.

H Amazon Web Services (AWS) represents the symbol of the link between the repressive organs of the state and capital. Not

space guarded against raiding cops. A place where problems were solved collectively and without the involvement of the state, and maybesomething like that can still be done..."

Source: German Indymedia

**4 May, Italy:** Anarchist prisoner Luca Dolce, known as Stecco, carried out a beating with prison staff in solidarity with eight comrades arrested in Genoa on the same day and imprisoned in Marassi and Pontedecimo.

**"...Prison is not the end of struggle and solidarity, but its strengthening and continuation..."**

The arrests were made because the comrades got into an argument with some police officers who almost hit a dog with a car. They were eventually released on parole.

Source: Il Rovescio

**4 May, Barcelona, Catalonia:** Vandalism of two Caixabanc ATMs on Avinguda del Paral·lel.

Since April, there have been other anonymous actions against Caixabanc in Barcelona. Exact dates are unknown.

These actions are in response to the call of the anarchist collective *Sobrenmotius* for offensive actions against this particular bank until it withdraws from the trial of five comrades who are accused of sabotage against bank properties during the 2022 May Day riots in Barcelona. In particular, the partners are accused of organised crime of violent extremism, while they themselves did not even know each other before their arrests.

Sources: Indymedia Barcelona

**5 May, Tarn, Occitania, France:** A construction machine set on fire at the A69 motorway construction site in Puylaurens. The machine belonged to the company EHTP, a subsidiary of NGE.

Source: Attaque

**5 May, Quebec, Canada:** Anarchists planted five incendiary devices at the construction site of Northvolt's electric car battery factory but failed to activate due to humidity.

Source: Montréal Contre-Information

**6 May, Berlin, Germany:** Two Bauer drilling rigs were destroyed using incendiary devices, gasoline and tires placed on their cables.

Their action was done in solidarity with the struggle of the indigenous Wet'suwet'en of Canada, who for years have been fighting against the eco-killing natural gas pipeline construction projects on their lands. Bauer participates in these projects by supplying its equipment.

Source: German Indymedia

**10 May, Santiago, Chile:** Incendiary agitation in memory of Comrade Mauricio Morales.

Source: Contra Info

**11 May, Berlin, Germany:** Attack with stones, butyric acid and paint on the Bundeswehrverband and Zukunft-Umwelt-Gesellschaft, two institutes associated with militarism, war and the false promises of green capitalism.

Source: German Indymedia

**13 May, New Caledonia, Pacific Ocean:** The indigenous Kanak rebellion against French colonialism begins.

**13 May, Leipzig, Germany:** A number of Tesla cars were destroyed by arson, but most of the incendiary devices failed to activate due to technical errors, limiting the damage.

Source: German Indymedia

**14 May, California, USA:** The President of the University of California was attacked due to the university's involvement with the Israeli state. The

surprisingly, AWS has also specialized in armaments. For example, offering a new type of data center that will be used to gain military advantage anywhere in the world: the so-called AWS – Modular Data Centre (AWS – MDC), which is basically a modular database system placed in a container. It provides access to many of amazon's cloud-based services and can be easily expanded with additional modules (containers). It can be downloaded anywhere, which is a clear military advantage: of course, Amazon limits the availability of AWS – MDC to U.S. government customers eligible for "Joint Warfighting Cloud Capability" (JWCC). In this case, it is the U.S. Department of Defense that will be able to acquire cloud computing capabilities and services directly from commercial providers of such services (including Microsoft, Google, Oracle, etc.) at the desired speed and at all classification levels, from core to tactical.

The struggle against the exploitation of people and nature is a struggle against the wars of the rulers, their military, their armament industry! For the social revolution!

There are endless arguments and possibilities for attacking companies like Amazon and Tesla. That is why we look forward to an exciting week of action against Tesla.

Hi Jeff! Do you think your ego is as big as Amazon's tower? Can you see the clouds of smoke from up there?

Elon, your GIGAntesco ego won't be able to protect your

electric carts!

Our greetings go out to all those who took to the streets last night at the "Take back the Night" demonstration, to all the anarchists and anarchists in prison, to the comrades and comrades affected by the "We are conspiring"<sup>3</sup> proceedings, and to all those who are currently on the run.

**Notes from Italian counter-information project La Nemesi:**

<sup>1</sup>There is likely an error in the date. From what can be learned from German regime media, the action was completed on the night of April 30-May 1, 2024.

<sup>2</sup>German trade union, one of the largest in all of Germany.

<sup>3</sup>In German *Wir haben eine Verabredung*. This is a campaign in solidarity with two anarchists who, in February 2023, were located by a German federal police helicopter (apparently flying a routine reconnaissance mission) in a Berlin railway tunnel. The cops who arrived in large numbers at the scene claim to have found near the tunnel, in a cable shaft, a backpack containing incendiary material, as well as other items of great interest to their investigation (gloves, radios, a list of license plates of plainclothes cops' vehicles, lighters...). The two comrades were taken into custody and released after 40 hours in custody. They are currently subject to precautionary measures (requirement to sign), awaiting trial for "conspiracy to commit crimes (fire) in conspiracy with unknown persons." The trial will begin on May 27, 2024. This is the website of the solidarity campaign: <https://verabredet.noblogs.org/>

# Making our actions count

*Note from "Blessed Is The Flame": Even though the article uses as an example the attack against the US military industry, the same reasoning applies for every other section of the techno-industrial complex, both in USA and in every other capitalist country. The development of such offensive strategy requires good knowledge of the economic functioning of any industry or company that is to be targeted."*

A recent text outlining a path for developing action capacity (pages 14-15) concludes that "studying the vulnerabilities of domination" also needs attention. If a capacity for destruction is present, then the question naturally arises of how to aim it so that this destruction hits where it hurts. Let's imagine what such an approach might entail by turning our gaze to a central pillar of global power and counterinsurgency: the U.S. "defense industry."

Anarchists and other rebels based in the U.S. are well-placed to strike at its war machine—the '60s saw a prolonged social upheaval driven primarily by this objective, and in the many years since, anarchists here have occasionally moved beyond opposing war to attacking it. The current genocide in Palestine has heightened social tensions against U.S. militarism, though the actions of anarchists in this moment have mostly had little impact on their targets and not contributed much to the popular imaginary of how militarism can be attacked. What could equip anarchists to carry out more significant strikes, to hone a quality of action that goes beyond the symbolic? To this end, the proposal put forward by "Fragments for an Insurgent Struggle Against Militarism and the World that Needs It"<sup>1</sup> deserves discussion: to focus on well-conceived attacks that target vulnerabilities in the **production and infrastructure** of war.

**Breaking the links in the chain**

The production of war starts here: the U.S. is by far the world's largest arms exporter. Of SIPRI's "Top 100 Arms-Producing and Military Services

Companies," 42 are based in the U.S., accounting for 51% of total global revenues. Most visible are the factories that churn out arms, ammunition and other war equipment. Less visible are the supply chains that transform raw materials into the components the factories need (production stage supply chains) or transport the finished product into the hands of States (distribution stage supply chains). "Fragments for an Insurgent Struggle..." proposes to focus destructive attention on the upstream supplier bottlenecks inherent in high-tech production, an industry "dependent on numerous expensive and difficult-to-obtain resources," rather than on the well-secured assembly plants:

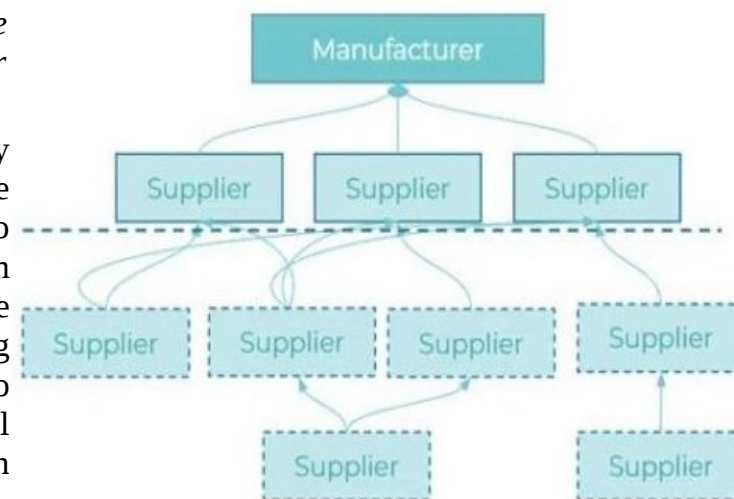
*Arson attacks on the vehicles of arms companies and their suppliers, as well as on the vehicles of the logistics companies that transported their war material, etc., as well as a perhaps even larger series of paint attacks on the headquarters of these companies offered, and still offer, a militant perspective of intervention in war production. And yet: it would be news to me that supplies to the war fronts ever came to a standstill in the process. The interruption of production was too minor, the sabotage of logistics too insignificant. Nothing that could not have been made up by an additional night shift. And the financial damage? Well, let's say that the management of these companies make calculations in other dimensions.*

It is by no means my intention to talk down these attempts at intervention, to discourage people from attacking even when the enemy seems overwhelming and one's own room to maneuver seems too small in comparison, one's own

resistance too insignificant. None of this is a reason for me to refrain from attacking. Rather, I think it is worthwhile to reconsider established strategies from time to time and, if necessary, to revise them when it becomes apparent that one's actions within them are largely ineffective or becoming predictable.

The world's largest defense contractor, Lockheed Martin, saw its annual revenue drop by 8.9% between 2021 and 2022 due to supply chain constraints (in other words, it couldn't produce \$6 billion worth of weapons). Of the 41 other U.S. companies in the "Top 100," 31 also saw their annual revenue decline for the same reason. By identifying the specific supply chain bottlenecks that are already severely hampering these leviathanic entities, it becomes possible to exacerbate shortages in a way that *actually impacts* weapons production.

Supply chains consist of "tiers" and look more like a network than a linear "chain." First tier suppliers directly supply a company like Lockheed Martin, second tier suppliers supply the first tier, and so on. The average U.S. aerospace company relies on about 200 first-tier suppliers, and the second and third tiers involve more than 12,000 companies. Irreplaceable suppliers are called "sole-source," and are often present at all tiers. As one engineer recently warned in the trade press, "Dassault has five thousand suppliers for its Rafale, and all it takes to block everything is for one to get stuck."





In addition to supplying product components, supply chains must also provide specialized factory machinery. For example, the production of the machinery required for the microelectronics (semiconductors) used in virtually all military technology is a severe bottleneck causing shortages in this sector. In February 2022, the Department of Defense (DoD) released an action plan for “*Securing Defense-Critical Supply Chains*” which warns that “the high-tech company ASML (Netherlands) is currently the sole-source for extreme ultraviolet (EUV) lithography tools that are required to mass produce semiconductor die in technology nodes below 7nm<sup>2</sup>. Such consolidation increases sole-source risk in the global microelectronics supply chain.” ASML produces only about 40 machines per year (each taking 12-18 months and involving more than 1,000 first-tier suppliers). They have a \$50 billion backlog and their closest competitors are a decade behind EUV technology<sup>3</sup>.

All supply chains have bottlenecks, and most have “single points of failure,” it’s just a matter of locating them. The tools to gain this visibility are included in the field of “supply chain risk management”—our enemies are publishing much of this research. The same DoD action plan describes “persistent sub-tier<sup>4</sup>, supply chain vulnerabilities, from raw materials and chemical shortages to critical subcomponents produced by fragile suppliers.” It goes on to provide a high-level overview of supply chain issues for “areas in which critical vulnerabilities pose the most pressing threat”: **missiles, batteries, castings, microelectronics, and critical minerals.**

More recently, for the first time in its history, the DoD released a “*National Defense Industrial Strategy*” to provide a roadmap for “developing more resilient and innovative supply chains.” Their plans are not infallible—one advisor describes the document as lacking “a focus on long-term solutions to supply chain issues that have plagued the defense industry.” Equally interesting are the publications of RAND’s National Security Research Division, especially those of its National Security Supply Chain Institute.

## The infrastructure of peace is the infrastructure of war

Logistics means the movement and storage of goods between different points in the supply chain (e.g., from manufacturing plants to assembly plants to distribution centers). Logistics works through infrastructure. Not all supply chain problems involve logistics—for example, a supplier’s factory burning down has nothing to do with whether the component can be moved efficiently, but rather whether it can be produced.

The angles of attack can be adapted to the context: a supply vulnerability depends on *supplier bottlenecks*, and a logistics vulnerability depends on *infrastructure bottlenecks*. For example, an arms factory may be located in a region with ample infrastructural redundancy that would make sabotaging logistics difficult, but perhaps it has a sole-source supplier. Conversely, the factory may have invested in building a supply chain with significant redundancy, but its product is shipped to market through ports with limited rail connections.

Regardless of supply and logistics flows (which, it must be emphasized, are

generally fraught with severe bottlenecks), a factory needs to be connected to a functioning electrical grid in order to operate, and it often needs to be connected to the Internet via fiber optic cables. Energy and telecommunications vulnerabilities extend far beyond the well-secured perimeter of a factory, decentralized to such an extent that even a militarized police force would be incapable of protecting them.

To return to the proposal in “*Fragments for an Insurgent Struggle...*,” it suggests that an anti-militarist practice could sabotage “the entire logistical system in which these weapons are shipped, loaded, transported by rail or truck, rather than limiting itself to attacks on logistics companies,” as well as focusing on “the frequent freight rail connections of weapons companies’ production sites.”

The “dual-use” infrastructure that serves logistics quickly becomes the infrastructure of war when the State goes to war or has to turn against its own population in an insurgency scenario. The text “War Starts Here: Let’s Cripple its Infrastructure Where We Can”<sup>4</sup> criticizes that “*Fragments for an Insurgent Struggle...*” leaves out “the most important raw material of war: oil or energy in general. Especially at the beginning of a war, the amount of energy needed to move troops is gigantic, but throughout the war, fuel has to be transported from some stockpile and/or refinery to the front, where it is needed to fuel the engines of the war machines. And especially when a war is not taking place directly in their own territory, but the logistics of supplying the troops with energy pass through this territory, it might be worthwhile to take a closer look at this infrastructure.”

In a very inspiring recent initiative, comrades did exactly that<sup>5</sup> in the context of the EU’s infrastructure of war. Their words are no less relevant here:

*We encourage people to make their own analyses of the military-industrial complex, its raw materials and its logistics, with no less than its efficient sabotage in mind. We feel the lack of such analysis all the more sharply because we believe that our ability to fight domination (and its wars) is irrevocably dependent on knowing its infrastructures, understanding the mechanisms that make them function and, not least, establishing the necessary skills and a certain routine for attacking identified vulnerabilities.*

## An insurgent struggle against militarism

Identifying vulnerabilities is certainly a step in the right direction. Mapping the “defense industrial base” with an eye to its vulnerabilities is an enormous and long-term project that anarchists in the U.S. have barely begun.<sup>6</sup> An initiative in the German context could provide inspiration: “Attack the Aims Industry”<sup>7</sup> It collects companies and institutions into the categories of producers, suppliers, logistics, research, financing, and legitimisation. They have written a tutorial sharing their approach entitled “An Introduction to Mapping the Local Arms Industry and its Vulnerable

Points.”<sup>10</sup> As in the ’60s, disillusioned soldiers and veterans are well positioned to undermine the military with their access to insider knowledge, and this information would be easier for them to share anonymously if an equivalent project existed for the U.S. context.

Studying the enemy to identify vulnerabilities *enables* a quality of action, but *putting that knowledge into practice* is what makes it truly consequential. What are the current obstacles to anarchists developing a capacity for action on a significant scale, organized in small autonomous groups that can coordinate around a particular focus? In other words, what needs to happen for more anarchists to *establish the necessary skills and a certain routine for attacking identified vulnerabilities?*

Only by fostering an *incisive* quality of action can we hope to bring the factories of death to a standstill, to disrupt the infrastructure of war, and more broadly, to make meaningful contributions to the social upheavals on the horizon. The task at hand is not straightforward, but that does not make it any less necessary.

*From Scenes from the Atlanta Forest, 02/03/2024*

<sup>1</sup><https://actforfree.noblogs.org/2022/04/10/publication-war-against-war/>

<sup>2</sup>Microelectronics products containing silicon die chips are typically described as being manufactured at a certain technology node (e.g., 45 nanometers), which refers to the dimension in nm of the smallest element in a transistor. State-of-the-Art (SOTA) is currently considered to be <10nm and is used in advanced computing (data centers, artificial intelligence, supercomputers, etc.). State-of-the-Practice (SOTP) is between 10nm-90nm and is generally what is used in conventional weapons, although today’s SOTA will become SOTP and legacy in the future. The industry needs ASML’s EUV technology to keep Moore’s Law alive (“the number of transistors on microchips doubles every 2 years”), which is necessary for computing to progress. The DoD action plan goes on to say that “although most of DoD’s current systems are reliant on State-of-the-Practice (SOTP) and legacy microelectronics, State-of-the-Art (SOTA) microelectronics are DoD’s primary differentiator for asymmetric technology advantage over potential adversaries.”

<sup>3</sup><https://actforfree.noblogs.org/2022/09/02/asml-semiconductor-dependency/>

<sup>4</sup><https://actforfree.noblogs.org/2022/04/10/publication-war-against-war/>

<sup>5</sup><https://actforfree.noblogs.org/2023/12/19/ten-t-military-logistics-and-availability-using-the-scan-med-corridor-and-its-current-sub-projects-as-an-example/>

<sup>6</sup>In Greece, a first notable direction towards this direction is found in chapter “The War Industry in Greece” of the brochure “Against War, Against Peace” (2020), where the addresses of all companies and industries related to the military-industrial complex are listed.

<sup>7</sup><https://ruestungsindustrie.noblogs.org/>

<sup>8</sup><https://ruestungsindustrie.noblogs.org/eine-einfuehrung-in-die-kartografierung-lokaler-ruestungsindustrie-und-ihrer-sensiblen-punkte/>

facade was painted over using a fire extinguisher, the windows were broken, 500 cockroaches were released into the building and a second fire extinguisher was emptied inside the office.

Source: *Indybay*

**May 15, Concepción, Chile:** Burning barricades in memory of Mauricio Morales.

Source: *Informativo Anarquista*

**May 15, Eugene, Oregon, USA:** Breaking attack on Starbucks in solidarity with Palestine.

“...While Starbucks isn’t playing a central role in the genocide the Israeli military is waging, Starbucks is symbolic of an AmeriKKKan psyche and economy that fuels imperialism [...] We won’t stand aside and let the AmeriKKKan economy continue unabated when it’s a system founded on and actively fueling colonialism and genocide...”

Source: *Puget Sound Anarchists*

**17 May, Santiago, Chile:** Another incendiary agitation in memory of Comrade Mauricio Morales.

Source: *Contra Info*

**17 May, Bloomington, Indiana, USA:** Unknown persons claimed responsibility for slashing the tires of seven military vehicles and seven vehicles of a security company.

“...Those who seek to maintain the peace I this time of upheaval are enemies of freedom. Those that carry out the ongoing death march are our top targets.”

Source: *Unravel*

**17 May, Paris, France:** Four architectural firms were targeted for their involvement in the construction of administrative detention centers. The windows of their buildings were broken, glue was put on their locks and slogans were painted.

Source: *Indymedia Lille*

**17 May, Cologne, Germany:** The local headquarters of the far-right organization *Opus Dei* was attacked on the occasion of the international day against hostility towards queer people.

Source: *German Indymedia*

**18 May, Toulouse, France:** An NGE drilling rig operating on the new Toulouse metro line was set on fire, resulting in the death of a worker who died at the metro construction site on 4 March.

Source: *Communiquer Relayeur Informer Combattre*

**18 May, Athens, Greece:** Anarchists ambushed the police guarding the subway construction site in Exarchia Square and began running in panic trying to escape the fires. The action was done in memory of comrade Mauricio Morales and against the gentrification of Exarchia. The claim of responsibility is on page 7.

Source: *Athens Indymedia*

**19 May, New York, USA:** A police bus is set on fire in Brooklyn in response to police attacks and repression against people demonstrating against the Palestinian genocide and against Cop City.

“...The NYPD are violent suffocators of the people’s voice and will. They are terrorizers of the homeless in our streets, and are in concert with the genocidal IDF, who train them to better butcher our freedom. They do it all with no consequences in their future and no fear in their faces – we can change that with fire...”

Source: *Never Sleep*

**21 May, Helikon, Boeotia, Greece:** As part of the fight against the destruction of nature and traditional economic activities by wind farms, the *Helikonean Wolves* once again tore down a wind mast from the area where wind turbines are to be

installed.

Source: Athens Indymedia

**22 May, Santiago, Chile:** Another day of chaos in Chile's capital, where anarchists rioted in memory of comrade Mauricio Morales.

Source: Contra Info

**22 May, Bogota, Colombia:** Hooded students set up barricades outside the National Pedagogical University and clashed with police, throwing Molotov bombs. The police opened fire when some of the students parked a bus at the entrance of the campus to prevent entry, leading to several injuries.

The action was in memory of Mauricio Morales and against the government.

Source: Informativo Anarquista

**22 May, Lyon, France:** Anonymous activists smashed the windows of DETS, the state agency that funds emergency accommodation and is responsible for housing the homeless.

*"They are the ones who, together with the prefecture, chose to leave 14,000 people on the streets. In Lyon you have to wait 5 years for social housing, and 3 years for emergency accommodation."*

Source: Indymedia Lille

**22 May, Barcelona, Catalonia:** Once again Caixabanc ATMs were targeted.

Source: Indymedia Barcelona

**23 May, Toulouse, France:** A 5G antenna in L'Union, in the northern suburbs of Toulouse, was destroyed by arson.

*"For capitalism to expand it needs flows of goods, managers and labor, flows of energy and communication. The third metro line, the A69 motorway, the Toulouse-Bordeaux LGV line and the 5G installation are all new infrastructures that serve the unbridled accumulation of capital."*

Source: Indymedia Lille

**24 May, Lacanau, New Aquitaine, France:** A new 5G antenna that was scheduled to be raised the same day was destroyed by an arson attack before it could be installed.

Source: Sans Nom

**24 May, Lacroisille, Occitania, France:** A GIEC cell signing as Groupement d'Interdiction d'Ecocide Cosmique destroyed a dump truck and an excavator with arson near a construction site on the A69 highway.

Source: Sans Nom

**24 May, Barcelona, Catalonia:** Another Caixabanc attack was reported. This time a building and the bank's ATM in Santa Coloma de Gramenet were targeted.

Source: Indymedia Barcelona

**24-25 May, Santiago, Chile:** Over the course of two days, students from three different high schools took to the streets, set up barricades, hung banners, threw leaflets and clashed with carabinieri throwing Molotov bombs in memory of Mauricio Morales.

Source: Informativo Anarquista

**25 May, Barcelona, Catalonia:** Caixabanc ATM vandalised on Rambla de Catalunya.

Source: Indymedia Barcelona

**26 May, Leipzig, Germany:** A day before the start of the trial of two comrades charged with conspiracy to commit a crime, an arson attack on a federal police vehicle was carried out by an anonymous group as an act of solidarity.

Source: knack[punkt]

**27 May, San Francisco, USA:** Chase Bank vandalised in solidarity with Palestine.

Source: Indybay

**27 May, Portland, USA:** An unknown person shot several surveillance cameras in various areas of the city, destroying them

## Athens, Greece: Claim of responsibility by the Pro-Palestine Saboteurs for the sabotage of an Israeli hotel

While Palestinians die of thirst, Israeli tourism businesses do gold jobs in the Greek territory, such as in Athens, where the position of occupations that have offered refuge for the oppressed have taken luxury accommodation for tourists. It is another form of convention and colonialism, in which Israeli entrepreneurs are learned. As a symbolic movement of solidarity with the Palestinian people, we sabotaged the supply of water to one of these colonial hotels in Exarchia (zoia) by cutting the supply and cementing the clock. The Israeli Zoia Property Investment manages at least 19 buildings in Athens. Sagi Rubin, an executive of the business, is in the investment as one of the largest in the Greek market.

Israel, in the context of the genoconal warfare launching in the



Gaza Strip, controls the flow of water. It is obvious how this control is absolute power over the life and death of the Palestinians in this piece of land. In addition to the flow it can also control the quality of the water, which is infected. The sources of drinking water in Gaza were already limited before the new outburst of genocide. Drilling from neighboring states, such as Israel, have almost drained the aquifer. After October 7, Israel cut off the supply of water and electricity it controls. Within 5 months of the genocide, Israel has leveled all infrastructure necessary for survival. Now every day, except for the bombs and bullets, hunger and thirst are killing. It is a sadistic excruciating weapon that brings slow death. At least 25 people have died of dehydration and hunger, according to Palestinian authorities in the north of Gaza in recent days. For this crime it is certainly not enough to thirst for some tourists or stay unwashed for a few days. This crime calls for VENGEANCE.

**To sabotage Israeli capital profitability everywhere**

**To block Israeli-Greek alliance**

## Final Straw Radio: Interview with a member of the No Trace Project

In 10 March, anarchist radio show *The Final Straw Radio (TFSR)*, based in the United States, published an interview with a member of the No Trace Project. It discusses the project's objectives, threat modeling, state repression, physical surveillance, covert surveillance devices, and much more.

**TFSR:** Would you introduce yourself, a pseudonym and pronoun we can use maybe, what part of the world you're based in and maybe how you got interested in the technical side of activism?

**Aster:** You can call me Aster, my preferred pronoun is the singular they. I'm from Europe and I've been involved with the No Trace Project since its beginning about three years ago.

If by "technical side" you mean collecting texts and managing a website, I think I've always liked this kind of work. It's calm and ordered work. I think in another life I could have been a librarian.

If by "technical side" you mean working on the topics of surveillance and security: I think it first started some years ago, when I felt frustrated about how comrades around me approached these topics.

I felt that they were spending a lot of time thinking about how to fight cops in the streets, the ones you encounter during demonstrations and riots, and not enough time thinking about how to fight the cops in the offices. And the cops in the offices are the investigators, the intelligence analysts, the ones that are often responsible for sending our comrades to jail for long sentences and disrupting our networks. So, I felt like there was a need to spend more time countering this aspect of repression, the surveillance, the investigations.

Also, I felt like many traditional leftist organizations were working on the issue of mass surveillance, of the "wrongful" surveillance of law-abiding citizens. The revelations made by Snowden in 2013 of the mass surveillance practices of the NSA of course helped to put the focus on that. But I felt like not enough people were working on the issue of targeted surveillance, on what the State does when they target specific people. A number of comrades around the world had of course developed thoughts on this, but I felt that these thoughts were scattered around the Internet and hard to find. So that's how the No Trace Project started: as a central place to gather zines and articles made by comrades on targeted surveillance, to make them more accessible.

**TFSR:** Thanks so much for speaking with us. Would you talk about the No Trace Project and how it developed? Did it develop out of any particular surveillance coming to light that you'd want to mention?

**Aster:** I don't think it developed out of any specific thing, but I was certainly influenced by surveillance happening around me. Some close

## Call of support for the No Trace Project

The No Trace Project is a collection of tools for the assistance of anarchists and other rebels to understand the abilities of their enemies, to undermine attempts to monitor them, and essentially to act without being caught.

On their website (notrace.how<sup>1</sup>), texts, brochures and other media about monitoring, operational security, repressive methods used by the enemy and what measures we can take against them are collected, as well as a database of surveillance devices that has been detected by comrades is provided.

We invite our readers to assist this important project by sending them texts related to these subjects, and/or translating into Greek or other languages the texts already available on the Website, and sending information and photos of each surveillance device, such as microphones, cameras, etc., which you may have identified.

The email address of the project is: [notrace@autistici.org](mailto:notrace@autistici.org)

You can also send your submissions to our own email address, [blessedistheflame@riseup.net](mailto:blessedistheflame@riseup.net), to include them in our printed versions, such as in this newspaper.

We have already translated and published a brochure ("*Who wrote this?*") about modern methods of the newspaper, although by mistake we had mentioned the old name of the project, "Centre for Counter-Surveillance Resources".



**No trace, no case**

<sup>1</sup>There is also an onion address for this site. We recommend accessing the site using Tor and, ideally, through the Tails operating system. We also recommend that communication being done through PGP encryption.

close friends were facing intense police surveillance and harassment and we didn't, in my opinion, deal with it appropriately, which led to a lot of disruption in our network, and people getting burned out. A distant friend was arrested after their DNA was found on an intact incendiary device. I was particularly frustrated about DNA in general because so many anarchists worldwide were getting arrested, and are still getting arrested, because of DNA traces. And a number of those arrests look like they could be prevented if people were better informed.

So, anyway, the No Trace Project started in 2021 as a website that collected resources, zines, articles, about surveillance. The website design was really bad at the time, it's a bit better now. We were collecting stuff but not writing our own content. Later, we started to feel inspired to write our own content, and we decided to tackle the issue of **\*threat modeling\***. Threat modeling is a formal exercise where you identify the threats you face in a specific context and what you can do about them. So for example, in the context of an action, you identify the techniques that the police could use against you, and how you can protect from those techniques. The result of the exercise, the list of threats, is your **\*threat model\***.

In some anarchist circles, there's this recurring situation where someone asks what security measures they should take in such or such context, for example if they can take their phone to a demo, or what email provider they should use, and people answer "it depends on your threat model". But how does one determine what is their threat model? What surveillance techniques are available to the police, and in which contexts? And how can we protect against them? In 2023 we added a new section to our website, the "Threat Library", to try to answer those questions. It's a work-in-progress, we're adding content regularly, feel free to check it out. Later in 2023 we got in touch with another project called "Ears and Eyes", a big database of hidden surveillance devices used against anarchists: bugs, hidden cameras, GPS trackers on vehicles. We agreed that it would be good to move their project to our website, so we did that. And I think that's all for the current developments.

**TFSR:** What are some of the shorter and longer term goals of the project?

**Aster:** In terms of shorter goals I would say to keep our website updated, by adding new resources, new content to our Threat Library, new cases to Ears and Eyes. We have several original publications that should be released soon, including an original zine on physical surveillance, and an English translation of a French zine on DNA. Our Threat Library currently lists about twenty repressive operations that have targeted anarchists around the world and I'd like to add more, to reach maybe forty or fifty operations. We're also working on various translations with the help of external translators, I'm hoping to have our Threat Library translated to French in the next few months, and probably to Brazilian Portuguese at some point. Maybe German too. In terms of longer goals, I guess we aim to become a good resource about surveillance and security for anarchists

worldwide. I'm not yet sure what this will entail, we're discovering that as we go on. A sort of vision I have is to encourage the creation of small, decentralized groups working on issues related to surveillance and security and then sharing their work with the larger anarchist movement. A bit like affinity groups of action, but for technical research. Like, imagine a group in one country researching cheap ways to hack or take down police drones, or good protocols against DNA traces, or an analysis of thermal imaging used by police helicopters, and then sharing their research publicly so it can be used or expanded by other groups in other countries. Ideally, I'd like our project to encourage that.

**TFSR:** We've tried our hand in this project years ago to try to talk through some technological surveillance issues and ways people were talking about evading them based on a US model, like having easy access to unregistered sim cards and setting up pseudonymous phones, an attempt to normalize comfort around recognizing the methods we understood the state to employ. Technical knowledge and skills are an area that many people don't think they have a proclivity for and so becomes specialized, but I think of it more as a series of muscles that you strengthen through use as opposed to something innate and inborn. Is there an element of NoTrace. How of hoping to reach a wider audience who may be on the cusp of increasing their skillsets or is it mostly just directed at those technical research affinity groups?

**Aster:** Ah yes, that's a good question. I think in terms of **\*content\***, we want to focus on sort of higher-end security practices, that are relevant to people who risk being targeted by the State, people who risk years or decades in prison. But we do want to encourage everyone to follow these security practices, or at least some of them, and we do want to make them as accessible as possible. We want to encourage everyone to have good security because, even if someone isn't doing anything too risky, maybe their friend does, or their friend's friend. Individual security reinforces collective security. And, just to be clear, this is not just about tech security, the majority of our content isn't about technology. And while some non-technology security practices require developing a specific skill set, for example detecting if you're being followed by cops, some other just require good communication skills, for example the need-to-know principle, which simply states that sensitive information should only be shared when it is necessary to do so, and to the extent necessary.

So then there's the question of how to make our project accessible to a variety of people, how to make it a good place to learn. We try to write our original content in a clear way that doesn't assume too much prior knowledge from our readers. All of our original content is available as printable zines so it can be read and shared away from computers. And, of course, we want to do translations, a lot of translations. One thing I haven't talked about yet, that is somewhat related to this topic, is another reason I got involved with the No Trace Project: I wanted to codify knowledge that is often transmitted only informally in anarchist circles. At least in the circles where I was active, many

security practices were not codified, were not shared in meetings or written down in zines. For example, it took me years to understand the dangers of DNA because it wasn't a topic that was discussed openly. Security practices were transmitted informally, sure, but that's not welcoming of newer or more isolated comrades who may not be part of the informal discussions. I'd like our project to be welcoming of those comrades too.

**TFSR:** Yeah, that seems like an important point, the codification as you put it, or at least the bringing of those practices to more peoples awareness.

It also seems like there is an opportunity here for spreading the word of instances of movement surveillance and interference, anti-repression organizing and possibly mapping state and para-state strategies and methods so as to build more resilient resistance. Can you talk about this as well as possible repression or shifts in adversarial methodology you all might expect in response to the public exposure of these surveillance methods and tools. Like, could someone face charges for releasing information about this state spying? [please feel free to call out this logic in your response]

**Aster:** Indeed, I'd like our project to help spread the word about specific instances of repression. About instances of repression, many anarchist groups are focused on solidarity and prisoner support, and while I believe this focus is extremely important, I feel like sometimes the more factual, technical aspects of repression are neglected. So in relation to instances of repression, I'd like our project to focus on, like: "What happened? What happened for these comrades to end up in jail, or for this promising movement to disappear? If they are able to tell us, can we learn from their experiences?" And I guess that showing comrades that we take their experiences seriously and that we are dedicated to learn from them can also be a form of solidarity.

About, will the State adapt because we reveal their strategies? I think at a local level, they can adapt. For example if you notice cops following you in the streets, it's generally in your advantage to not show them that you noticed them, otherwise they will adapt and be more discreet. But at a global level, I don't think the State adapts well, and when they adapt I think it's more likely to be because of new technological developments, for example. At a global level, I think it's always in our advantage to reveal their strategies. To the question of if someone could get charges for revealing the State strategies? Yes, certainly, people have been charged for that in the past. As always, whether a person will be charged with something has a lot to do with the political motivation of the State to charge them, which can be hard to predict. And of course, we can try to stay anonymous when we reveal State strategies, to make repression less likely.

**TFSR:** A lot of these examples of physical surveillance come from Europe, where you mentioned that you are from. I feel like this is the stuff we saw in the USA 15 years ago but doesn't feel as common these days.

I know the EU has much stricter privacy laws than the USA when it comes to what data tech companies can track. I

and causing hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage.

Source: *Unravel*

**27 May, Santiago, Chile:** Burning of a bus in memory of anarchist comrade Mauricio Morales.

Responsibility was claimed by the *Incendiary Cell for Individual Action "Severino Di Giovanni"* of the *Black Revenge / Informal Anarchist Federation (FAI-IRF)*. The disclaimer is on page 7.

Source: *Informativo Anarquista*

**27-28 May, Saix, Occitania, France:** About ten people attacked a construction site on the A69 motorway at midnight with stones and mortars. The gendarmerie appeared after a while and clashed with them.

Source: *Attaque*

**28 May, Athens, Greece:** The group *Kolimeni* claimed responsibility for a mass sabotage of over 215 AirBnb key locks in Exarchia that had taken place the previous week, sticking them with glue.

"...We will not allow our displacement from the neighbourhoods by doing simple actions like the one above but also with all the means of our movement. We live here, we live in the neighbourhoods of downtown Athens, creating relationships of solidarity and collectively opposing the plans of the state and capital, since we, not the investors, know the needs of our neighbourhoods."

Source: *Athens Indymedia*

**31 May, Teulant, Occitania, France:** A *GIEC* cell signing as *Gauchistes Ingénieur.es en Eviction de Catastrophes* set a steamroller on fire at a construction site on the A69 motorway.

Source: *Attack*

**31 May, Priva, Auvergne-Rhone-Alpes, France:** Major internet outage in surrounding municipalities following an act of vandalism on Orange network cables affecting ADSL and fibre.

Source: *Sans Nom*

**31 May, New York, USA:** Pro-Palestine protesters stormed and occupied the Brooklyn Museum, resulting in clashes with the police.

Source: *Never Sleep*

**1 June, California, USA:** Police vehicle set on fire in solidarity with the Palestinian resistance and with students being attacked by police and by pro-Zionists for demonstrating in support of Palestine.

Source: *Abolition Media*

**1 June, Le Verne, Occitania, France:** Unidentified persons broke into a quarry belonging to the Lafarge group and caused sabotage to the buildings and vehicles there.

Source: *Attack*

**2 June, Pisa, Italy:** Optical fibre cabinet set on fire with rags and fuel in the Fontina district of Pisa.

"...We chose the place because it is located in an industrial area near a Carrefour hypermarket, a robotics laboratory of the Sant'Anna Institute and the Banco di Pisa. Everyday reality shows us how domination and war are directly linked to the development of these technologies, as the smart extermination of the population of Gaza teaches us. Although the media downplayed the damage by attributing it to a fault, they had to admit that repairs will take a long time. We hope to have thereby spoiled the work of the aforementioned institutes and the celebrations for this hypocritical republic..."

Source: *La Nemesi*

**3 June, New York, USA:** An anonymous

group claimed responsibility for vandalising the tires of vehicles belonging to university security, which had collaborated with the NYPD to harass, arrest and expel students for their participation in the struggle against the Palestinian genocide.

Source: *Twitter*

**3 June, Illinois, USA:** An unnamed group claimed responsibility for an attack at Hudson Technologies, which holds a \$250 million contract with the Department of Defense.

*"...Although they deserve worse punishment, we could not let them continue their crimes with ease..."*

Source: *Scenes from the Atlanta Forest*

**3 June, Mexico:** Anarchist prisoner Jorge "Yorch" Esquivel was sentenced to seven years and six months in prison.

*"...So far all the evidence presented, both by his defense and the prosecution, has shown that there is absolutely no proof of the fabricated and completely false accusations against him. However, it is clear to us once again that there is a concerted effort to keep our comrade locked up as long as possible, since this is a key part of the UNAM campaign to discredit the Okupache squat to justify an eventual eviction of the autonomous and self-managed enterprise that has existed and resisted for nearly a quarter of a century now.*

*We are issuing an urgent international call for riots and solidarity with Yorch to have his sentence overturned and his immediate release..."*

Source: *It's Going Down*

**3 June, Chile:** Anarchist comrade Paty Rodriguez is released from prison on supervised release after serving 10 months in prison for attacking gendarmerie in December 2021.

Source: *La Zarzamora*

**4 June, Portland, USA:** The offices of Parker-Hannfin, one of the main suppliers of the F-35 fighter jets, which are considered the backbone of the Israeli air force, are set on fire.

*"...The State of Israel relies heavily on weapons and materials sent from the West to implement its genocidal policies in Gaza. As insurgents living in the so-called United States we are in a unique position to disrupt the supply chains and infrastructure that make this genocide possible..."*

Source: *Rose City Counter-Info*

**5 June, California, USA:** The *Biped Wolf Pack* claimed responsibility for blocking logging projects in the Plumas National Forest, building dams and digging trenches to block the advance of logging machinery.

Source: *Indybay*

**6 June, Athens, Greece:** Expropriation of an AB Vassilopoulos supermarket in Kaisariani.

*"...We are not satisfied with the aimless pursuit of survival, we do not harmonise with the impasse of resignation, we are hostile to compromise. We are hitting the profits of the corporations that establish and maintain this spectacle society that we abhor. At the same time, in the society that remains uninvolved and bows its head to the tyranny of the bosses, bending under the weight of high prices, we counter-propose the collectivisation of our needs, self-organisation, direct action and attack..."*

Source: *Athens Indymedia*

**7 June, Berlin, Germany:** Arson of the office of Ronald Gläser, elected

*wonder if this type of physical surveillance is more common in the EU because it's more necessary. In the US cops can just go to Meta/AT&T/etc. Also, with the rise of Amazon Ring we're putting the cameras up for them (despite that Amazon recently stated they'll require warrants for law enforcement access to camera footage). Could you talk about how these material circumstances (operating in the EU versus in Russia or the USA or UK) effect the approach one might take?*

**Aster:** Before answering, I want to acknowledge that at the No Trace Project, our experience is mostly with Western Europe and North America. I'm from Western Europe, and some of our members are from North America. I want to learn more about other parts of the world but I don't feel confident to speak about them yet. So, I think that the reasoning you suggest about physical surveillance being less common in the U.S. is flawed; I'll try to explain why I think that. Just to be clear on the terms, what I mean by "physical surveillance" is the direct observation of a target. This means that a surveillance team is on the ground to watch or follow someone, for example a suspect in a criminal case. A surveillance team is typically composed of at least five officers, and several vehicles. For law enforcement and intelligence agencies, physical surveillance is a resource-intensive and personnel-intensive surveillance method. Because these agencies have limited resources and personnel, this means that physical surveillance isn't their preferred method: if they can obtain the results they want without using it, they won't use it. Physical surveillance is used when two factors combine: first, the crime being investigated is a sufficient threat to the State, for example an arson; and second, the suspects being investigated need to be monitored but cannot be monitored by more accessible surveillance methods such as phone monitoring. In some cases investigators try to monitor a suspect's phone, or their social media, and so on, and when this doesn't provide the results they want, they resort to physical surveillance. In other cases, investigators know from the start that they won't be able to monitor a suspect's phone or social media, for example because the suspect is an anarchist known to have good security, and from the start they resort to physical surveillance. And the thing is, all of this applies both to Europe and to the U.S. So, why does physical surveillance feel more common in Europe than in the U.S. in recent years? I believe it is simply because in recent years, anarchist attacks viewed by the State as more threatening, such as arson attacks, have been more common in Europe, which has led to a higher number of severe repressive operations, and severe repressive operations are more likely to feature physical surveillance. Roughly, I'd say that there has been a drop in "high-profile" anarchist attacks in the U.S. between the end of the Green Scare in the 2000s and the 2020 uprising. This has led to fewer severe repressive operations, and thus to fewer cases of physical surveillance. Interestingly, our Threat Library references two repressive operations from the U.S. that involved physical surveillance, one is from 2000 and one

from 2023, but of course this could be a sampling bias.

So, in short: physical surveillance is probably used in the U.S. too, in particular in places where arson attacks have recently been claimed by anarchists. U.S. anarchists could anticipate the use of physical surveillance by developing an appropriate skill set. To help with that, we've recently translated to English a comprehensive German zine on the topic called "Measures Against Surveillance", which can be found on our website. A second issue you mention is the impact of E.U. privacy laws on police investigations. I believe this impact is minimal; E.U. privacy laws mostly apply to private companies and not to law enforcement. Police in Europe can and do routinely request data from social medias, email providers, Internet Service Providers, and so on. But then, the question remains: what are the differences in State repressive techniques between countries, and how can we take these differences into account? This is a good question, and I don't have a comprehensive answer for it, but I can try to discuss a few examples. As you said, doorbell cameras such as Amazon Ring are particularly widespread in the U.S., which increases the need to dress anonymously when traversing residential neighborhoods during an action. Compared to Western Europe, I think the U.S. justice system more frequently offers immunity or reduced sentences in exchange for snitching, which should probably be taken into account, but how, I don't know. The practice of hiding microphones and cameras in apartments and GPS trackers on cars seems more widespread in Italy. The use of torture in police custody is more routine in Belarus and Russia. I suspect that the United Kingdom employs more long-term infiltrators than other European countries, but this is hard to quantify.

**TFSR:** You make good points.

Considering the tools and technology widely available, the question of where do the devices displayed at *notrace.how* come from bubbles up in my mind. Have comrades been able to determine the sources of the surveillance tools used against them, if they're coming from personal / social enemies, bosses or mafia, political enemies like authoritarians or fascists, or state actors?

**Aster:** Ah, yes, you're talking about our *Ears and Eyes* project, that lists cases of hidden surveillance devices such as microphones and cameras in apartments, or GPS trackers on cars. We currently list more than a hundred devices, with vast disparities between countries, for example we have 50 cases from Italy but only 5 from the U.S. To answer your question, in most cases, no, comrades are not able to conclusively determine who installed a device. This is because most of the time, when a device is discovered, the spies don't try to retrieve it, or even acknowledge it, and of course their name isn't written on it. This being said, I believe that the vast majority of the devices we list have been installed by State actors. To determine this, we can use two clues. The first clue is the context. If a device is found by people who are likely to be under investigation and don't have many personal or social enemies, the device

was probably installed by law enforcement. The second clue is the device itself: its components, and how it is assembled. Non-State actors tend to use store-bought devices. State actors tend to use either devices supplied by specialized companies that often only market them to law enforcement, or devices that they manually assemble themselves.

**TFSR:** Similar to the question of sources of the technology, because the tools, tech and knowledge is more ubiquitous it would seem that *NoTrace.How* offers a lot of opportunities for counter-surveillance through reverse engineering those devices. Can you speak about this?

**Aster:** Well, on our side, generally all we have access to is a brief description of a device components, and sometimes pictures, which is not enough for reverse-engineering. This is because we only document what people publish online. But for the comrades who discover a surveillance device, I agree that there's a good opportunity for reverse-engineering, and I would encourage comrades who find a device to try to disassemble it, understand it, and publish their findings online, if they can do so safely. For example, if a device has an SD card, analyzing its contents, including by attempting to restore deleted files, could give clues to when the device was installed and how it operated. If a device has a SIM card, analyzing its contents with a SIM card reader could give clues to the identity of the spies. Recently, the SD card of a bug found in an anarchist library in France was analyzed, which revealed a few details about the device.

**TFSR:** Yeah, that example is really interesting. Listeners can find information on this by searching for the *Libertad* anarchist library in Paris. I saw a post about it on *anarchistnews.org* some time ago that pulled from *Ears and Eyes*.

It strikes me that people have to be paying a lot of attention to their surroundings when they'll notice that there's a small camera pointed at them from the skylight of a nearby building or the back window of a van parked for too long on their street. This says nothing of finding a microphone installed inside of their photocopy machine leaching tiny bits of electricity such as in the case of the *Libertad* library in Paris. How do people find these and what does it mean to have an intimate knowledge of your surroundings to pick out what is out of place? Are there techniques or tools that are suggested for this sort of exploration?

**Aster:** About how people find these devices, sometimes it's just by chance, for example in the case of the *Libertad* library in Paris, the comrades were simply dismantling the photocopy machine for repairs when they found the bug. And sometimes, people specifically search for surveillance devices and find some.

*In my opinion, if you suspect that a place or vehicle might be bugged and you want to search for surveillance devices, the first thing you should do is a manual, visual search. For this, you need to know where devices are typically hidden, our website can help with that.*

- In the case of a building, devices are often hidden next to a power source, so they can be connected to it instead of needing a battery. You can take a screwdriver and other tools and dismantle power outlets, multi-socket adapters, ceiling lights, any electrical appliances, and look for anything that shouldn't be there. You can also look inside furniture, basically anywhere a device could fit. This is a long process, it can take several hours for a single room.
- In the case of a vehicle, devices are either hidden outside the vehicle, typically under it, or inside the vehicle. You can start by taking a look under the vehicle, inside wheels, on rear bumpers, behind ventilation grids, looking for anything that shouldn't be there. Then you can take appropriate tools and dismantle the interior, the ceiling, the dashboard, the seat heads, and so on. Devices can also be hidden in motorbikes or bicycles, for example inside or under the seats.
- In the case of a camera installed at a window of a nearby building, you might be able to detect it through binoculars, but of course it's a bit tricky.
- In the case of a camera installed in a surveillance vehicle in the street, this is where having an intimate knowledge of your surroundings, as you said, can be useful. I'll briefly explain a specific technique to detect a surveillance vehicle with a camera pointed at your home. This technique only works if you live in a place where there aren't too many different vehicles that park, so it works in some residential areas in cities and in most rural areas. Basically, each time you exit or enter your home you take note of all the vehicles parked in the street that have a line of sight to your home. You take note of their model, color, and license plate, you remember the information or you write it down, as you prefer, but if possible you try to do this without

looking suspicious. After some time doing that, you will be familiar with the "baseline" of vehicles that park in your street, which will be the vehicles of people who live nearby or their guests. Once you're familiar with the baseline, you can spot vehicles that are not part of this baseline and scrutinize them carefully to check if they are surveillance vehicles.

Specialized detection devices also exist, for example radio frequency detectors to detect devices transmitting data on radio frequencies, or camera lens detectors. I don't have experience with these detection devices so I don't feel confident to talk about them, but I think they can be a valuable option that should be researched. Also, one thing that should be remembered is that, when searching for bugs, you cannot rule out false negatives. If you don't find a bug, maybe there is one that you missed. And even if you do find a bug, maybe there are others that you missed. I think the point of searching for bugs should be to prevent the State from gathering information about us, and not to consider a space to be free from surveillance devices. For example, I think that sensitive, incriminating conversations should not take place even in buildings that have been searched for bugs, and should always take place outdoors and without electronic devices. One last thing I want to note is that another option to counter this threat is to try to prevent the installation of surveillance devices in the first place. To install a device in a building or vehicle, the State needs to access this building or vehicle. In the case of buildings, they typically make a covert entry when the occupants are not there, either by picking the lock or asking the building owner for the keys: this can be countered by making sure there's always someone in the building, or by installing our own video surveillance system to monitor the building when we're not there. In the case of vehicles, they typically install devices on vehicles parked on public streets: this could be countered by never parking on public streets, but of course this isn't always possible.

**TFSR:** In closing, I've seen activists

over the years talking about engaging in conflict and the repercussions they could experience from it in individual terms, ignoring the social impact of state crackdowns and the network effect of counter-insurgency. Would you mind saying a bit about counter-surveillance and security culture as community defense?

**Aster:** For sure, repression can disrupt networks, in both material dimensions, for example by sending people to jail, and psychological dimensions, for example by spreading fear and distrust. We've already talked about the material dimensions in the rest of this discussion. I can talk about two things that I think we can do to address the psychological dimensions.

The first thing is to find the right balance in how we mentally approach State repression. Specifically, I think we should avoid thinking both that we are **\*powerless in face of repression\*** and thinking that **\*repression will never strike\***. We are not powerless because we can organize, we can take measures against surveillance, we can avoid repression, we have agency. But it's equally wrong to think that repression will never strike, because we can't be sure of that, even if we take a lot of precautions there's always chance and things we can't predict. I think that if we manage to find this balance, then if a comrade gets caught or if we get caught ourselves we will know that we did our best to prevent that from happening, but we also won't be taken by surprise. The second thing is that we **\*can\*** prepare for repression. We can discuss with our friends about our fears of getting caught. We can make sure that the people who get arrested have lawyers. We can support our prisoners and make sure we include them in our struggles. If we prepare for repression, we'll be less taken by surprise if it strikes.

**TFSR:** Aster, thanks so much for the time you took for this conversation and for the work that y'all are doing. Solidarity and appreciation to you!

**Aster:** Thanks for the interview! It was a good opportunity for me to reflect on our work, it was really helpful.

representative of the far-right AfD.

Source: *Sans Nom*

**8 June, Castanet-Tolosan, Occitania, France:** Two Vinci subsidiary trucks set on fire.

*"...The current war economy is condemning us to increasingly brutal austerity. In France, internal and external war is based on territorial conquest whose military and non-military infrastructures, control and traffic, are destroying our vital spaces. The construction industry and Vinci profit greatly from this permanent war, both in the urban grid, in the highways that ravage the countryside, and in the subsequent reconstruction projects, turning a sweet eye to the international markets where the colonial disasters take place.*

*We want to participate in all efforts that harm this economic logic..."*

Source: *Indymedia Lille*

**8 June, Tarn, Occitania, France:** Major riots in Puylaurens against the construction of the A69 motorway, attended by thousands of protesters. There were clashes with the police, with throwing of stones and Molotov bombs and the use of mortars by the protesters and tear gas and stun grenades by the police.

The most determined sections of the march attempted to storm the A69 construction sites, but a heavy police presence prevented them and they were forced to retreat, leaving burning straw bales behind.

Source: *Attaque*

**9 June, unknown location, USA:** The *Anarchist Freedom Cell* of the *Informal Anarchist Federation / International Revolutionary Front* vandalised buildings built as part of gentrification.

Source: *Act for freedom now!*

**9 June, Berlin, Germany:** An AfD truck containing leaflets and posters for the European elections campaign was set on fire.

Source: *Sans Nom*

**9 June, Piraeus, Greece:** The Autonomous Street Unions set fire to election booths of independent party choice on the occasion of the European election process.

Source: *Athens Indymedia*

**10 June, Bordeaux, France:** Major riots broke out during a demonstration against the rise of the far right.

Bins were set on fire and burning barricades were set up, there were clashes with the police by throwing Molotov bombs, and much damage was caused to fast food restaurants, ATMs, banks, surveillance cameras, Carrefour stores, and far-right hotspots.

Demonstrations took place in many other parts of France on the same day, but none were as intense as those in Bordeaux.

Source: *Attaque*

**11 June, Oakland, California, USA:** Smashing and bombing attack at the Federal Building in downtown Oakland, in response to the violent police siege of the encampment set up at the San Francisco Federal Building in protest of the Palestinian genocide.

Source: *Indybay*

**12 June, Lyon, France:** Riots against the rise of the far right. During the demonstrations, many shops, banks and a police station were vandalized, while tear gas could not stop the anger of the people.

Source: *Attaque*

**13 June, California, USA:** Firebomb attack on UCB campus in response to attack on UCLA students protesting the Palestinian genocide.

Source: *Indybay*

**14 June, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA:** School of Fine Arts building vandalised in

## Information for the case of the hammer attack on an AB Vasilopoulos in Ilion of Athens

At dawn on Thursday 28/3, cops capture us after a hammer attack on the facade of Supermarket AB Vassilopoulos in Ilion. In this text we would like to refer to two points, which we consider to be useful to disclose: Initially, the speed at which cops have access to the store's video material, resulting in a profile for our body types and clothing details. A profile that makes inspection easier, the "halting" and identifying in a very short time. And then, the attempt to upgrade our case file. They first led us to Ilion's police station and then with "orders from above", they took us to ΓΑΔΑ (General Police Administration of Attica). The cops, while not informing us about the charges for hours and did not let us contract a lawyer or with comrades, attempted to "charge" us similar actions that happened recently, with an incitement to admit what we have done to facilitate our position. When they realised that they would not receive any answer from us but that this scenario does not come out as they want, an attempt was followed of connecting us, at first with one and after with a second theft in stores in the wider area within a short time span, which was told to us seven hours after our arrest and while these thefts, as we found

out, were already known to them from the beginning. For our part, we do not want to judge either politically or in any other way the act of theft against small or large bosses, but we recognise that in this case, the aim of the cops attempting to upgrade our case, was terrorism and general repression of specific types of actions as well as their de-politicisation. When this was not possible, they were causing delays as long as they were able so that we will have to be kept for an additional night in ΓΑΔΑ.

All of these practices do not create any sense of fear and terrorism at all to us. On the contrary, they further signify the collective and total action of the anarchist movement, strengthen our camaraderie and mobilise us to continue.

With no confidence in the state, which wants to appear as a social state of justice, and its mechanisms, and without having any both its mechanisms but also without any intention for self-victimhood, the purpose of this text is to inform about security measures as well as the corresponding alertness in regards against the tricks used by the state.

*The arrested*

solidarity with Palestine.

Source: *Unravel*

**15 June, Richmond, California, USA:** The headquarters of Overra, a contractor for the building of Cop City, a police training center, was vandalised.

Source: *Indybay*

**15 June, United Kingdom:** Simultaneous attacks on the windows various branches of Barclays bank in England and Scotland, for its relations with the genocidal Israeli state.

Source: *Act for freedom now!*

**16 June, Cherbourg, Normandy, France:** Burning of cars, garbage cans and a France Travail agency in the neighborhood where nineteen-year-old Sullivan was killed by a policeman a few days earlier.

Source: *Attaque*

**16 June, California, USA:** Action group Marilyn's Daughters launched a series of arson, bombing and robbery attacks at a construction site on the UCB campus in solidarity with the Palestinian people and in response to violent police attacks on student protesters Palestine

Source: *Indybay*

**17 June, Portland, USA:** Anonymous anarchists claim responsibility for two simultaneous attacks over the weekend on petroleum pipeline construction sites. At one construction site, an excavator and various other equipment were rendered useless and various vandalisms were committed, pipes were broken and cables were cut with the help of tools found on the site. At the other site, nails and screws were placed in the remaining trees against their felling, and some equipment was destroyed.

*"...The arteries of industry are everywhere. With a little imagination and effort, anyone can attack them.*

*Leviathan is always vulnerable. Strike now..."*

Source: *Rose City Counter-Info*

**17 June, Cassis, Provence, France:** Sabotage of rail transport on the Marseille-Toulon-Nice line. In particular an outdoor cable was cut, leading to a signaling fault, causing serious delays.

Source: *Sans Nom*

**17 June, Berlin, Germany:** Tesla car set on fire.

Source: *German Indymedia*

**17 June, Saix, Occitania, France:** Around ten hooded men attacked a construction truck on the A69 motorway with Molotov cocktails. There was one arrest.

Source: *Attaque*

**17 June, Nanterre, Ile-de-France, France:** Breaking of windows at the building of the newly formed Obvious Technologies. With branches in the United Arab Emirates and Qatar, this company develops security techniques for the armed wing of the State and surveillance in 3D environment modeling, augmented with artificial intelligence. *"...We acted with the means that seemed sufficient to us, we have a lot to imagine, and a lot to give up, like, obviously, voting in the elections. Slogans for Nahel are still written in the area, a year after he was killed by the uniformed killers. Their democracy does not have to wait until the far right comes to power to destroy people's lives..."*

Source: *Indymedia Lille*

**18 June, Appalachian Mountains, USA:** Anonymous claim of responsibility for the sabotage of machinery at a pipeline construction site.

Source: *Unravel*

**18 June, Trémentines, Loire, France:** The collective FNSEA ("*Large Crowd in Solidarity with Damaged Ecosystems*") broke the fence of a water reservoir designed for agricultural use and misused

# How artificial intelligence helped in the arrest of Daniele Klette, former RAF

*It has come to our attention from information passed on to us by comrades in Germany that the former member of Red Army Faction, Daniele Klette, was possibly identified using a new repressive weapon of 'Artificial Intelligence image search'. The program in question is named as 'PimEyes', which was used apparently by an 'investigative' citizen cop journalist from the snitch 'investigative' website Bellingcat, who put the police wanted notice of Klette from the 1990s through the AI image search. PimEyes is a facial recognition search website that allows users to identify all images on the internet of a person given a sample image. It is comparable to the facial recognition company Clearview which is a notorious for providing software to law enforcement and government agencies and other organizations. The company's algorithm matches faces to a database of more than 20 billion images collected from the Internet, including social media applications. Several Twitter users claim to have used it in an effort to identify US Capitol rioters, for example.*

For several years she was involved in a Brazilian culture centre in the Kreuzberg district, where she practised capoeira, an Afro-Brazilian martial art that combines dance and fighting. It is thought that the discovery of photographs of her with her capoeira group at Berlin's annual carnival led to her identification and arrest. The cops have yet to confirm the link between the arrest and a podcast from 2023.

The use of Artificial Intelligence and Facial Recognition software is not only dangerous in the hands of the authorities but also in its widespread use by the have a go heroes and citizen cops. With the increase of surveillance technologies permeating through all society, from the smart phone camera to the doorbell

camera. All of these are presented as for personal safety and security but in actual fact are leading to the self-surveillance of our entire environment. In the past computer technology was brought forward in Germany in response to the Red Army Faction's attacks. Computerisation of taxes, rental agreements, wages, etc were able to be used to narrow down what the German security forces named as 'sympathisers', a minimal group of people they could place under surveillance that did not buy into their electronic system, who they deemed as avoiding it especially if they paid using cash.

The same tactics that were learnt during the 70's and 80's are now being upgraded not only by using the advanced technologies but asking even more for the 'responsible citizen' to be their extra pair of eyes in the corners of the society they cannot reach. The expansion of crime fighting 'private eye' style entities on the internet and social media such as blogs and podcasts that have already been mentioned fuel even further the active participation of growing online private security industry, by not only private companies but by any citizen who feels the need to fill the void in their life by becoming a Dick Tracey or Inspector Gadget for the day.

This article is only to highlight once again the danger of technology to be used as a weapon to surveil those who dare to resist as the Red Army Faction did, which becomes a weapon easily used by the society to surveil itself in the aid of the authorities and cops.

**For the urban guerrilla, against the new surveillance technologies and all the citizen cops**

*The Uncivilized*

*From Dark Nights, 03/03/24*

## Against state terrorism! Attack on a police station in Bremen, Germany

After the arrest of Daniela Klette, the Federal Republic is in a state of pursuit of RAF. One could think that we have traveled back in time. SEK cops flood one apartment after another in Berlin in the hope of catching the rest of the wanted fighters. We wish Burkhard and Volker good luck with their escape! It is by no means the only fighters who are successful in spite of the open arrest warrant and the high pressure of the manhunt. The accused anti-fascists in Budapest's trial are also prosecuted in an extremely public way. The authoritarian spectacle is intended to scare us all. Anyone who does not allow himself to be intimidated and remains actively active should wait to end up in prison or hide.

And here in Bremen, the office of the prosecutor and the cops repeatedly investigate radical leftist houses. They come to our homes, threaten our shelters and steal our things.

Let's not leave these attacks unanswered!

In autonomous solidarity with the persecuted, we visited the Neustadt Police Department last night. We caused damage to the security windows with stones and brought a breath of fresh air to the police toilet.

**Freedom to Daniela!**

**Eternal hate against the police!**

*Anonymous submission to the German Indymedia*

## About Daniele Klette

Klette had been involved in left-wing revolutionary groups since 1975. She primarily engaged in Germany's anti-NATO movement before affiliating herself with the RAF's supporters network and eventually joining the group.

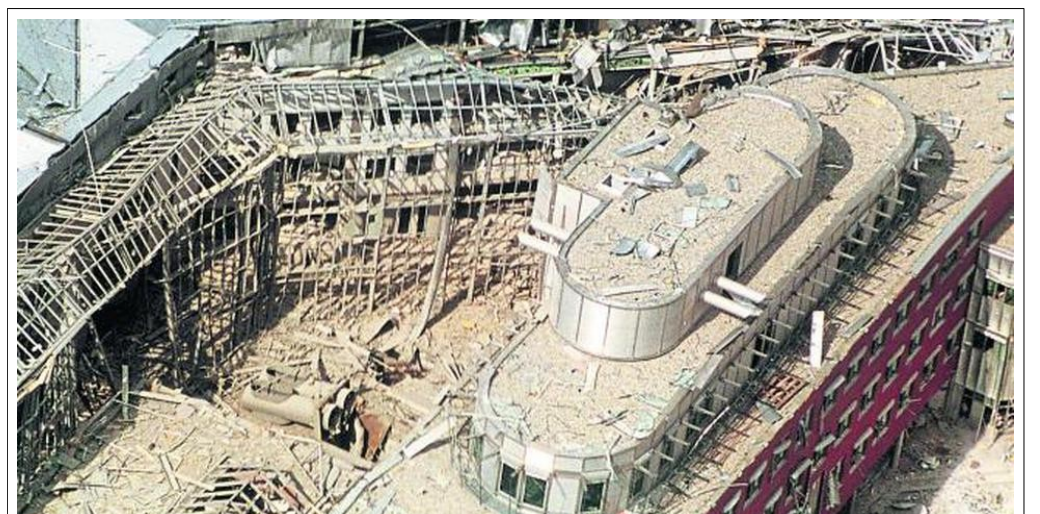
The RAF carried out attacks against imperialist, capitalist and state targets. The revolutionary organization was founded in 1970 and disbanded in 1998. They were particularly active during the 70s and 80s.

In the 1980', the trio allegedly partly formed the command level of the third generation of the RAF. The third generation coordinated with other European guerrilla struggles like the Italian Red Brigades, and concentrated attacks against US and NATO targets, like the 1981 bombing of the US Air Force headquarters in Ramstein.

The bourgeois state alleges that Klette was involved in the very last RAF action which was a huge explosion targeting Weiterstadt prison in 1993. The attack is considered to be the most technically perfected attack incomparable in terms of damage to other RAF actions.

Klette managed to evade arrest for more than 30 years, until she was finally arrested in 28 February 2024, in the age of 66 years.

The German police were limited to saying that they discovered her thanks to a report made by a citizen. It is likely that this citizen is Bellingcat's Michael Colborne, who was asked in a podcast to help another journalist to locate Klette at the end of 2023. Colborne is the one who has found the recent photo of the former militant through PrimEyes.



On 27 March 1993, the Red Army Faction (RAF) Command Katharina Hammerschmidt bombed and destroyed a newly built prison in Weiterstadt, near Frankfurt am Main in Germany. It was the RAF's last major action before it dissolved. At least three armed and masked men and a woman climbed a high wall and entered the guardhouse around 1 am. The terrorists tied the 10 guards and locked them in a van near a landfill. They then brought in five cargoes with 200 kg of explosives. At 5:12 am, the explosives were detonated. RAF's Command Katharina Hammerschmidt warned the population with signs that the prison was about to be blown up and asked them to get to safety. The Weiterstadt prison took eight years to build and cost 250 million Marks (\$155 million). It was designed to be multi-use and high-tech. The blast managed to destroy the administration building and much of its security system. At the time the prison was not holding inmates yet – they were expected by May. Over \$90 million in damages was caused. The prison had to be rebuilt, which took another four years when it opened and received inmates in May 1997.



## AnarSec: Tech guides for anarchists

AnarSec is a new resource designed to help anarchists navigate the hostile terrain of technology — defensive guides for digital security and anonymity, as well as offensive guides for hacking. All guides are available in booklet format for printing and will be kept up to date.

As anarchists, we must defend ourselves against police and intelligence agencies that conduct targeted digital surveillance<sup>1</sup> for the purposes of incrimination<sup>2</sup> and network mapping<sup>3</sup>. With the **defensive** series, our goal is to obscure the State's visibility into our lives and projects. Our recommendations<sup>4</sup> are intended for all anarchists, and they are accompanied by guides to put the advice into practice.

With the upcoming **offensive** series, we hope to contribute to the practice of hacking the State and capital<sup>5</sup>. Astute readers may notice that the art featured on our homepage and booklets is taken from communiqués detailing how anarchists robbed a bank (Phineas Fisher<sup>6</sup>) and destroyed police servers (AntiSec<sup>7</sup>) using only a keyboard.

The defensive series currently includes:

### Tails

- Tails for Anarchists (<https://www.anarsec.guide/posts/tails/>)
- Tails Best Practices (<https://www.anarsec.guide/posts/tails-best/>)

### Qube OS

- Qube OS for Anarchists (<https://www.anarsec.guide/posts/qubes/>)

### Phones

- Kill the Cop in Your Pocket (<https://www.anarsec.guide/posts/nophones/>)
- GrapheneOS for Anarchists (<https://www.anarsec.guide/posts/grapheneos/>)

### General

- Linux Essentials (<https://www.anarsec.guide/posts/linux/>)
- Remove Identifying Metadata From Files (<https://www.anarsec.guide/posts/metadata/>)
- Encrypted Messaging for Anarchists (<https://www.anarsec.guide/posts/e2ee/>)
- Make Your Electronics Tamper-Evident (<https://www.anarsec.guide/posts/tamper/>)

<sup>1</sup><https://www.notrace.how/threat-library/techniques/targeted-digital-surveillance.html>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.notrace.how/threat-library/tactics/incrimination.html>

<sup>3</sup><https://www.notrace.how/threat-library/techniques/network-mapping.html>

<sup>4</sup><https://www.anarsec.guide/recommendations/>

<sup>5</sup>[https://enlacehacktivista.org/index.php?title=Hacker\\_History](https://enlacehacktivista.org/index.php?title=Hacker_History)

<sup>6</sup><https://theanarchistlibrary.org/library/subcowmandante-marcos-hack-back#toc6>

<sup>7</sup><https://enlacehacktivista.org/images/d/d6/5L17pg4D.txt>

## Toby Shone: The subversive written word

A contribution by anarchist comrade Toby Shone from Garth prison (UK), for the debate **“Thought and Action (Pensiero e Azione) – Repressive Attacks on the Anarchist Written Word”** organised for the Tattoo Circus in El Paso Squat, Turin (Italy), March 9-10th, 2024.

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Dear comrades,

This is Toby Shone, an anarchist imprisoned in the operation Adream which was an antiterrorist investigation against the counter-information project 325. I am calling from a prison in northwest England, it's a long term, high security prison, and the fact that we can steal these moments is very important.

As you may already know, Operation Adream was a repressive attack by the UK state in which 3 collective housing projects, a family home and storage unit were raided by cops. I was accused of

being an administrator of 325.nostate, which earned me 4 terrorist charges: section 2 (distribution of terrorist publications), section 15 (funding terrorism) and two counts of section 58 (possession of information which is likely to be useful for terrorist purposes). I was also accused of several direct actions and membership of FAI, ELF and ALF. Hundreds of police were involved in the simultaneous raids and despite this, only one of the comrades were briefly detained and subsequently released for lack of evidence. It's clear through the conditions of imprisonment I am held under and the constant monitoring that an active investigation continues with tailings and surveillance of comrades on the outside along with observation of anarchist social spaces.

Why is this taking place? It's because anarchism is a threat to the existing technocratic order, our direct-action groups have a palpable reality in however minimal way in comparison to the task to

be done, and the counter-information constellation continues to shine in the dark nights and become easier to use and navigate. Anarchist publishing is viewed as being an unacceptable endeavour by the police and intelligence services. Reporting on anarchist direct action, social struggles, and uprisings because it forms a narrative of subversion is arguably targeted with as much repression as that towards those who carry out the deeds that are being reported. It's a strategy which has been in existence for a very long time. In the case of Operation Adream, the police was scared of the explicit anarchist insurrectionalist and anti-civilization rhetoric combined with the distribution of electronic and paper publications. During the interrogations a particular concern of the detectives was the purpose of anarchist paper publication. All the electronic documents have a digital forensic signature known as the hash value which can be tracked across the internet and devices even if deleted from those devices. Paper

it by sabotaging it.

Source: *Attaque*

**18 June, Loire-Atlantique, France:** A GIEC cell signing as *Générateur d'images et expériences combustibles* destroyed with an arson attack an NGE construction machine responsible for dumping 600 tons of reinforced concrete near two Natura 2000 areas of Lake Grand Lieu.

Source: *Information Anti-Autoritaire Toulouse et Alentours*

**19 June, Lyon, France:** Protesters riot and clash with police against the rise of the far-right. There were injuries and three arrests.

Source: *Attaque*

**20 June, Rennes, Brittany, France:** Anti-far-right protesters clashed with police throwing fireworks, with police responding with tear gas.

Source: *Attaque*

**22 June, Portland, USA:** Anonymous individuals claimed responsibility for sabotage of a pylon that took place within the same week as part of the *Switch Off! The system of destruction* campaign.

*“...Electricity exists today as a critical element of state power, capital, and ecological destruction. However small this action may be, the secret is the beginning...”*

Source: *Rose City Counter-Info*

**22 June, New York, USA:** An autonomous group attacked the Puma flagship store by pouring cement into the toilets, destroying the products with bleach and releasing over 1000 crickets. The company was targeted because of its supportive role in the Zionist regime.

Source: *Palestine Action US*

**25 June, Noyarey, Isère, France:** Anonymous arson attack on 20000 volt cables.

Source: *Sans Nom*

**27 June, Athens, Greece:** The *Renovations/Demolitions Initiative* claimed responsibility for breaking attacks on the Israeli-owned Zoia hotels at 25 Metsovou and 30 Kosmas Melodou Streets in solidarity with the Palestinian people.

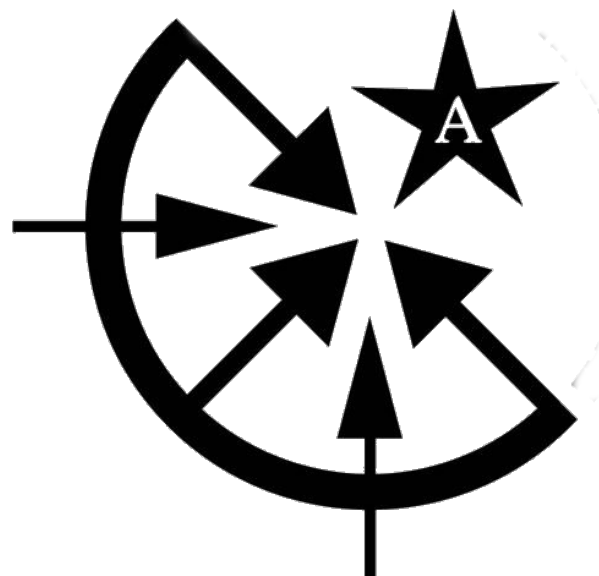
Source: *Athens Indymedia*

**30 June, Ariège, France:** Several polling stations in the region were sabotaged by placing glue on the locks of the building's entrances. Various anarchist slogans were also written on the walls.

Source: *Sans Nom*

**30 June, Lyon, France:** Another night of wild protests against the rise of the far-right, where protesters attacked police with bottles, rocks, mortars, fireworks and other projectiles, set up burning barricades and vandalised various businesses.

Source: *Attaque*



publications on the other hand, cannot be tracked as they are distributed – an investigation into them requires material forensics and a traditional police enquiry: this needs more resources, money, and personnel and especially the underground publishing initiatives which may have an irregular schedule of publishing and “informal” methods of distribution.

This brings us back to the purpose of anarchist publications: paper copies exist and have the power through being passed hand to hand to have an impactful material reality. They also accumulate forensic traces, the books, magazines, and pamphlets we are talking of, dangerous ideas, which can inspire our lives. Their time duration is different from those digital, and we can view that accordingly. With our publications, even if they are doomed to be in university libraries, mainstream bookshops, or worse, museums and art galleries, they always remain controversial and even illegal in some cases. Their purpose is social war and the destruction of the State. In the investigation files of Operation Adream, dozens of anarchist publications were cited many of which we may take for granted, that are freely available at anarchist bookfairs, squats, social centres and stalls at events. Yet to the police, special unit, and prosecutors these publications form part of an amorphous conspiracy aimed at overthrowing the establishment, which is correct, but not exactly in the perverse way that they wish to interpret it. To explain, we are often confronted by the repressive model that has a special function ascribed to theorists and writers, that of “leadership”. They are accused of giving orders and instructions and then cells or cadres then carry out those orders. I don’t need to tell you that this is an offense to anarchist practice, but it was a clear line of questioning put to me by the counter terrorist division. Does possession of 325 magazine indicate membership of an organization? Does that organization execute actions? And is that organisation part of a larger terrorist infrastructure? These are the types of questions bounced at me. With this scheming, marionettes of repression are formed, arranged in hierarchical structures which reflect their feverish minds. So, in those interrogations the investigators

focused in some parts on questioning me about administrative functions, decision making flows, statistics figures, target demographics, research and linguistics, or translations. To the latter the cops wanted to know who was responsible for the translations, how they were organized, and who decided what should be translated.

At what level does the level of repression equate to that of our actions? For me, the answer is straight forward. The level of repression is currently far beyond that of the anarchist direct action. It’s the nature of State’s repression to aim to be overwhelming and our struggle is still only an active minority. In the UK the silence and lack of action highlights the social living death. But it was not always this way. And the future remains unwritten. That’s why police infiltration will continue to try to prevent for ruptures and individual attacks. It’s impossible to separate Operation Adream from the consequences of over a decade of anarchist direct action and social riots in Bristol. Although those things are at low ebb currently, it doesn’t mean that it will remain so. Anarchism remains part of the fabric of this South-West region. And where the reports, communiques and analysis are published will remain high in the list of targets for the State. The hundreds if not thousands of publishers across the world, part of a connectivity of contemporary anarchism, add to our ability to stay relevant and expansive.

Huge changes are taking place in society, and mass discontent has the possibility to form into a needed vital resistance. The new anarchist critique of high technology is cited by various intelligence agencies, State and private, as having the threatening ability to infect the population with a deep anger of the digital future. This future being planned by the bosses is a vast surveillance state which is part of the cybernetic matrix, where machines are taking the place of humans, and the artificial intelligence has inserted itself into every place it can be situated. Likewise, we can see human beings are becoming more machine-like, and their environment is degraded and polluted. Increasingly we can talk about the fact that many complete failures are taking place in various social systems, due to the

## To those who try to stem the tempest

Yesterday (7th March) in Rome, two comrades were stopped by cops after first receiving some copies of "La Tempesta" ("The Tempest"), a newspaper of anti-war news. The comrades, stopped by car in a strange way on the pretext of identification, were then transferred to the police station. After several hours they were released after a lawsuit for illegal printing and seized the 300 copies of the newspaper. The claim is that the newspaper is not registered and therefore it is "illegal leaflets".

Recent investigations (such as Sibilla and Scripta Scelera) and episodes of this kind – which are also completely unusual in recent times – confirm that a real attack on the anarchist press is ongoing. As international tensions grow due to ongoing wars, states within them are preparing to suppress anyone who insists on disseminating confrontational and revolutionary ideas and practices. Sometimes the state even acts as a precaution. Yesterday's event must be read in this sense, as this newspaper is a new edition that has not yet been distributed.

To respond to this attack, refusing to be silenced, seems to be urgent and necessary for us.

*From La Nemesi, 10/03/24*

ecological collapse and economic and post-industrial transformation. Huge territories are rapidly changing from floods, wildfires, draughts and intense storms. Unprecedented challenges are coming very quickly with harsh effects on critical points pertaining to agriculture, migration, division of labour, geopolitical conflicts and so on. Our publications and counter-information networks are a direct way in which we can communicate our analysis and methods of organization. Repression recognizes the danger of the contagion of this message, and the narrative which we possess. To the extent that they legalize our publications and try to impose exemplary sentences is only a means to an end for them. And this is what we have always faced. If we are effective, we meet repression, prison, death. That’s what many comrades face across the world right now. Essentially some of us have been living under surveillance and investigation for so long, everything we do could be considered as crime, simply existing. That’s worth writing about and when we read and know more about what others are confronting and how, we can gain our power.

Lastly, I want to talk about the censorship I am facing here. Since it’s been a consistent feature of my imprisonment and is also part of the topic we’re discussing. Many comrades face problems with their correspondence and receiving

publications. This is not unusual. But it’s worth saying here that I’ve been denied access to the majority of my correspondence and books which I am being sent. Even though I am facing denials by the prison administration that this is taking place, it most certainly is. This is the strength of our newsletters, our books, our letters to catch with comrades, that they make the enemy afraid. In my case, I’m also being denied socialist, autonomous-marxist and communist papers and books, which have been sent to me by those in solidarity from the radical left, as well as books on black history, transformative justice, and prison abolition. The very few anarchist books I have managed to receive I hold them close to my heart, here in my cell. Freedom is written with ink and our blood, like it always has been and will be. Value your books, your newspapers, your letters sent and received, combative memory persists, and we pass it to each new generation without efforts alone.

I’ll finish here and so I thank you for your energy and your attention, and a strong hug to all, and especially those under repression for the written word. For from the words come deeds, and that is the topic we’ve encountered today. Love and rage, thank you.

**Toby,**

*Garth Prison, 4 March 2024*

## Update on Toby Shone’s situation: Prisoner support now a threat to national security

On 19 June Toby was issued with an administrative sanction as a direct result of his “bad attitude” and conveying open letters and audio interventions outside of the prison. This comes after several anarchist comrades were removed from his permitted contact list with the reason being a “threat to national security”. This sanction will reduce the number of visits he can receive as well as reducing the amount of money he can spend on phone calls and groceries. Toby was able to receive a few letters and postcards recently, but he is still facing an enhanced censorship on his correspondence and post. Toby wishes to express that he is well and sends an embrace of fire to all the other imprisoned comrades and to the action groups.

All these are part of an ongoing campaign to isolate Toby, cutting off his contacts with his support network and the wider outside world. Besides the people who have been arbitrarily removed from his PIN phone list, most of his mail is being censored or simply withheld as part of the vindictive campaign against Toby on the part of the security services in retaliation for their inability to secure a conviction on the trumped-up terrorism charges that were hastily dropped by the prosecution days before he was due to stand trial on October 6, 2021. He continues to be persecuted as a direct result of the political

views that he holds and at his upcoming parole hearing the State will make a further attempts to restrict his political activities post-release by having highly prohibitive license conditions imposed on him, this despite his having not been convicted on any of the political charges that he was originally charged with.

Write to Toby at:  
Toby Shone A7645EP  
HMP Garth  
Ulnes Walton  
Leyland  
Preston  
PR26 8NE  
UK.

It is advisable to send any mail via recorded delivery so that you can have a record that it was received by Garth in case it somehow gets mysterious “lost”.

If you have sent him mail previously and had no response – Toby always replies to any mail he receives – it is likely that it too has been withheld from him. If so, please get in touch with with his legal team by emailing your evidence to: [j.bicket@birnbergpeirce.co.uk](mailto:j.bicket@birnbergpeirce.co.uk).

All news about Toby are released from Brighton Anarchist Black Cross: [brightonabc.org.uk](http://brightonabc.org.uk)



*People in solidarity with anarchist prisoner Toby Shone.*

*From an anti-prison demonstration in the United Kingdom.*

*June 2024.*



# Athens: Claim of responsibility by the Direct Action Cells for the arson attack on the house of the cop unionist Theodoros Foukas

The Direct Action Cells claim responsibility for the arson attack at the home of the cop unionist, Theodoros Foukas, in the Byron area at the dawn of 1/3. Three years now our team through the strategy of personal targeting of representatives of authority is trying to do the slogan "LET FEAR CHANGE SIDE". Our visits to the houses of all of these people keep a miniature of low intensity conflict, a psychological warfare through fear of the natural target and responds to a minimal scale in the actual terrorism that has its hideouts in television studios, courts, police departments, parliamentary offices.

Our attacks are snapshots of the insurrection against the destroyers of our dreams. A collective gait against the orders of power and the bent heads that accompany them and aimed at maintaining a war logic. Of organised political violence that places the political strategy in a total context. Where social antagonism escapes predetermined norms and rendezvous and becomes unpredictable, bold, radical, dangerous.

Our visit to Fuka's home is an act of internationalist solidarity with political prisoners in prisons around the world. In Chile, in the United Kingdom, in Italy, Germany, Greece. In a period where our movement is in recession, the restoration of international solidarity is not a mere duty of the anarchists of action. It is a non-negotiable ethical obligation to make our comrades who are incarcerated not to be some forgotten cases of a story that has elapsed, but on the contrary vibrant examples that feed the will for struggle and are an incentive for action.

**For Fransisco Solar, Monica Caballero, Alfredo Cospito, Nikos Maziotis, Dimitris Koufontinas, Toby Shone, Daniela Klette, Aldo and Luca Hernandez, Anna Beniamino, Marcelo Villarroel.**

*In memory of Barbara Balzerani.*

*"It was necessary to predict the enemy, to be a step ahead of them, to conquer an aggressive mentality, and to fully utilize the potential of a movement that was still not disarmed by tacticianisms, by the tactical sweet talks of political alchemies without any credibility. Crushed among a multitude of comrades, immediately "after", we honour so much pain in that emotional abnormal atmosphere of extreme moments, those during which everything can happen and nothing is in its place anymore. A mixture of fear, anger, pain, rising in the mouth, with the dense taste of maximum emotional charging and involvement. I listened to the voices, the slogans, the insults, the threats. All a hug, being compact, all a voice at that moment. How lucky at such hours to be all together, so many, to take and give courage."*

– Barbara Balzerani

Direct Action Cells

# Chania, Greece: Solidarity with A. Cospito, A. Beniamino, F. Solar, M. Caballero



*On Wednesday, June 05, we posted banners and wrote slogans on central streets of Chania in solidarity with captive companions in Italy and Chile.*

The first banner was placed in Splantzia Square, and concerns the Italian anarchists Alfredo Cospito and Anna Beniamino. Comrades are incarcerated in the Italian prisons persecuted – among other things – by the repressive and judicial operation Scripta Manent. The indictment that was settled has as its target the over 20 years long presence of revolutionary anarchism of the neighbouring country. Anna and Alfredo have been accused of a series of attacks with rudimentary explosives that caused material damage to political targets in the early 2000s. Their participation in these cases has not been proven to date. The companions, however, were even confronted with the category of "political massacre", based on attacks against Carabinieri schools in Fossano and Crocetta (without victims or injuries for anyone who cares).

At the Torino Court of Appeal in June 2023, A. Beniamino will testify, inter alia, that "the massacres committed in this country were the poisoned fruit of the complexity of politics and economic power, which is as far as possible from the anti-authoritarian thought and praxis... The various investigators are confused because they do not even know the essence of the indictment, they fill their papers with glaring lies and contradictions, simply to fulfill their purpose. Nothing strange here: It is the sick ethics of this era, where the murderous profit is sanctified, and poverty is criminalised. "

Last April, the Court of Appeal will finalise a 17-year and 9-month sentence for Anna, and will sentence Alfredo with an additional 23 years in prison. Alfredo Cospito has been a prisoner of the Italian state since 2013, when he and Nicola Gai would injure Roberto Adinolfi, managing director of a nuclear company.

In a decade when states were launching the way for the violent social changes we are experiencing today, and are dictated by war conflicts and climate change, the two comrades sent with their action an ultimatum with a different recipient. In a decade when nuclear energy, synonymous with the disaster, became synonymous with state security strategy, Alfredo and Nicola reminder that... revenge is a night and that memory is not so easily crumpled. On 5 May , 2022, Alfredo will receive notice of his transfer to the "41bis" regime, a status of total isolation aimed at coercion, blackmail and repentance. We send strength and solidarity to Alfredo and Anna. No verdict, condemnation or sentence can halt the course of anarchist action, and bend the minds of people who are struggling with dignity.

The second banner was placed on the streets of the old port. So we send a message of solidarity to Monica Caballero and Fransisco Solar. Fransisco is responsible for sending two mail bombs in July 2014. The first recipient was former Chilean Interior Minister Rodrigo Hinzpeter. It was the orchestrator of a series of legislation and repressive businesses against rebel students and anarchists. It was still the leading mind of escalating the repression and militarisation of the Mapuche communities. The deaths of Manuel Gutierrez and the 81 prisoners of San Miguel still burden him. The culmination of the repression and the images of dozens of severely injured demonstrators in Aysen and Freirina will put in the frame the recipient of the second mail bomb: the 54th section of the Chilean Police, a section that those who served it carry in their hands the blood of the murdered comrade Claudia Lopez, but also that of hundreds of protesters.

On 27 February, 2020, a bourgeois neighborhood of Chile will rise to the leg, following an explosion in the Tanica building, where the real estate agencies are housed. During the insurrection that erupted in October 2019, the immediate cooperation of the companies of large companies and repressive bodies was unfolded, with the aim of returning to normalcy. The counter-insurgent front has prioritised the preservation of the neighbourhoods that are being nested by the ruling class. The message of the rebels was clear. The normalcy of the wealthy and harmful representatives of repression is crushed through the polymorphous insurrectionary practices, even at a single moment. For this action, Fransisco Solar will take responsibility, while Monica Caballero will be accused by the law enforcement authorities.

In the primary trial of 6th November, Fransisco will note "and if you ask me if it was worth it, I answer: It was not only worth it, but that it is worth it and that it would undoubtedly be worth it. Making the individual decision to rebel, avenge and to end, at least for a while, the impunity of the powerful is one of the most beautiful moments you can experience ... To convey ideas to the realm of the feasible is always essential and important if Someone will freely decide to face power, even if it costs him decades or even his life. The action is always worth it. "

**Power and solidarity to the imprisoned comrades from Chile and Italy**

**In a world where we don't fit, in a world that wants us more and more consumable, resistance by any means is an one-way street**

**Complicity – Rage – Dignity!**

Network of Anarchists/Anti-authoritarians

# Uruguay: Agitation in solidarity with long-term anarchist convicts

Responding to the international call of solidarity with the long-term anarchist convicts, we took to the streets of Montevideo as a minimal gesture against the oblivion and isolation in which states want to submit anarchist comrades who have been captured to the prisons of the world.

Our message is clear: our brothers and sisters behind the railings are not alone! And we will continue with them in the struggle against prison society and against every power.

**International and permanent solidarity with rebel prisoners!**

**For the end of prisons! Free the prisoners!**

**Death to the state! Long live anarchy!**



# Which international? Some scattered considerations starting from the Greek publication of Alfredo Cospito's interview

On 16, 18 and 29 May, 2024, there were some presentations and discussions in Athens, Thessaloniki and Komotini on the occasion of the recent edition of the Greek translation of the interview "Which International?" by Alfredo Cospito, which was originally published in Italian in the homonymous book by Edizioni Monte Bove and was curated by anarchist authors of "Vetrolo". The first edition (March 2021), which was exhausted long ago, was followed by a second edition in November 2022 during the indefinite Alfredo hunger strike against 41 bis imprisonment and life imprisonment. The recently published Greek edition includes only the interview. In Komotini, where lately the state is trying in vain to evacuate the anarchist hangout Utopia A.D., the event took place with the third re-occupation of the hangout. Below we quote the announcement of Utopia A.D. for the re-occupation and the event, an intervention of an author of "Vetriolo" at the event and an update on what followed about the fate of Utopia A.D.

## Utopia A.D.: Re-occupation and event

On Wednesday, 29 May, we re-occupied the Utopia A.D anarchist hangout where we held the scheduled event on the book presentation of the anarchist nihilist Alfredo Cospito in the anarchist Italian newspaper Vetrolo, there was a phone call and update from an Italian comrade about the 41 bis regime and the current situation in Italy, while a text was sent to us by a comrade of the Vetrolo newspaper, which we translated into Greek and read at the event, followed by an update by a comrade as a reference to the new penal code and the event closed with a discussion, after the first questions were raised to the comrade from Italy.

There were tables with texts, stickers, posters, brochures and books as well as poster exhibition, while banners in solidarity with squats were hanged. The event was attended by 20 people.

It should be noted that when we approached the site, there were about 10 people of the technical service team with the intention to prevent the re-occupation and the event. Of course they didn't succeed. What we have made clear is that it is not only the rector and the cops our enemies but also anyone else who stands against us. The issue of the evacuation of the hangout is clearly political and provocative as they placed guardians in our space. The workers of the technical service have no business to get involved in political issues.

It is obvious that they are following orders and are afraid of being dismissed, we don't even care since neither any of the technical support workers tries to understand us when they ask us to understand them. If they have work-related issues with their bosses they can fight ways of struggles related to their class, we will not feel sorry for any frightened minion of the enemy.

From now on anyone who stands against us will be treated as he chose to be ...



## Nothing is over Everything continues

What follows is the introduction by the hangout and the text of the comrade from Vetriolo as well as some photos.

Alfredo Cospito has been a prisoner of the Italian state since 14 September 2012. In May 2012, the director of Ansaldo Nucleare and a subsidiary of Finmeccanica, Roberto Adinolfi, gets shot at the knees, an action which is claimed by Alfredo along with Nikola Gai and for which he has been convicted. The claim of responsibility was signed by "Cell Olga – FAI/IRF".

In 2016, already in custody, he was accused of bombing attacks in the context of Operation Scripta Manent. In 2020 he was sentenced for two bombs that were sent to the Carabinieri schools in Fossano by FAI/Anonymous Chaotic Guerrilla.

In 2021 in November he was accused of moral incitement in the context of Operation Sibilla, for which he was acquitted in December 2021.

Since 5 May, 2022, and after having been strictly censored in his correspondence, Cospito is eventually transferred from the highest security prison to extreme isolation (41bis) where on October 20 of the same year a long hunger strike began.

One of the reasons cited by the Italian state for putting Alfredo Cospito to 41 bis is the interview – discussion entitled "WHICH INTERNATIONAL?" that the comrade made with the anarchist newspaper Vetrolo, being accused of "cooperation with the aim of terrorism and undermining the democratic order" and for moral incitement to "crime commission, with an aggravating factor in terrorism".

What A. Cospito said in the interview has annoyed the state so much so that it sent the comrade to the most extreme imprisonment regime, trying to silence him and kill him, since 41bis is not a harsh isolation but a prolonged torture of spiritual and physical extermination.

Based on the above, the importance of this particular translation into Greek and the publication of "WHICH INTERNATIONAL?" from the anarchist project Ragnarok and the anarchist hangout Nadir becomes absolutely clear. The analysis by Alfredo Cospito in this interview on the technology of the world system and the role of the state and capital is apt and very important to understand, but what is important is what he says about the state of anarchy in the new facts about repression, control and surveillance, but mainly the principles of anarchist praxis and theory.

It is no coincidence that praxis is mentioned before theory, the situation we are experiencing does not give us the luxury of long-term theoretical placements in long and sometimes boring events. It is time for actions; direct actions in the here and now, but also with their support from groups active in the public space. It needs to open a channel of communication through claims of responsibility as well as statements of individuals and collectives who do not act illegally. All of this in an international level, thus creating a global web.

In recent years, the domination of reformism in radical movements combined with rightism have resulted in the retreat of anarchy, for each step back the states take two steps ahead. This is how the supposedly temporary regime of 41 bis in

Italy went through, this is also how the new penal code went through in Greece despite the reaction that existed from the bar associations and the legal world in general.

As long as steps are being taken backwards and hope is deposited in institutional instruments, parties, etc. power will attack, whatever comes as something temporary will be a test for the permanent and how many institutional or harmless reactions can emerge, the result will always be in favour of the existing system, now not even the constitution matters.

The best defense is attack, the theory is more interesting when conspiring in the barricades.



Anarchist Hangout Utopia A.D.

The publication in Greek of the interview "Which International?" It is an additional important opportunity to support anarchist propaganda initiatives with the aim of internationalist solidarity between comrades, as well as a moment of continuing solidarity mobilisations over the period 2022-'23 to break the isolation regime imposed for more than two years against Alfredo Cospito. However, it's not just that. Given the issues addressed in the text could be an opportunity with which we are able to take steps forward to continue a depth of studying hypotheses and organisational concepts that distinguish the anarchists in order to deepen the discussion that has developed in the international anarchist movement since the early decades of the last century on the nature of the particular anarchist organisation, its functions and perspectives.

The tangle of ambitions associated with this discussion still reflects an urgent need and hope: to develop new actions for a refreshed impulse to act.

The development and publication of the Interview-dialogue "Which International?", which was done with Alfredo between 2018 and 2020 on the pages of the anarchist newspaper "Vetriolo" (followed by volume editions published in 2021 and 2022, accompanied by an important appendix, including the most recent ones that came out during Cospito's hunger strike).

A century ago, the terms of dispute between the anarchists were the same, that is, between the "organisational" and the "anti-organisational" anarchists. Starting in the 1980s – with the decisive contribution of comrades who encouraged "anarchism" and "challenging" – they were positioned between an organisational synthesis (crystallised in permanent structures and periodic conferences, with a quantitative development between the main goals) and an informal organisation (based on affinity groups and the comrades who recognise each other in a case or an area of planning, which puts action as a promotional aspect). By termination of any revolutionary yearning or radical transformation of social reality on the part of the more or less historical synthesis organisations, today's

discussion can be defined in terms of a necessary deep study of the deviations that have been received informally at least in the recent years, hence in the different theoretical-practical paths that the comrades found appropriate to take over in this area. On the one hand, the reflection on this question has certainly defined the sprouting of countless revolutionary impulses. On the other hand, in terms of the Italian-speaking anarchist movement, there has been reluctance, misunderstandings and conflicts that have led to the consolidation of a chronic difficulty in dealing with the issue. In these, a need by the state has been added to end any in-depth analysis in terms of perspective, isolating and attempting to give a warning by doing this, as well as demonising the support of the offensive against the state and capital (see Operation Scripta Manent, Sibilla and Scripta Scelera over the accusations of incitement and committing a crime with the exacerbating occasion of the purpose of terrorism).

With the anarchist newspaper "Vetriolo", in which Alfredo also participated, and which they were determined to repress it, there was an attempt to contribute to the discussion of the organisational means within the anarchist movement, as well as to some aspects of anarchist theory, aware of – as stated in the introduction to the first edition of "Which International?" – "Underlining the importance of action, the destructive event that is generally understood, is not enough to get us out of the shallowness of the lack of perspective." In particular, the pages of the newspaper addressed the anarchist perception of class struggle, beyond the misunderstandings that often lead to the belief that the concept of "order" is a kind of Marxist manipulation or an anachronistic theoretical bloating and that it must therefore be set aside. "Vetriolo", despite all its limitations, has represented a space where it deepens the effects of the changes that took place on the social reality of those times and in the process of technological progress that has determined the struggle.

The transfer of Alfredo Cospito to 41 bis (5 May, 2022) was particularly prompted by the results of the Scripta Manent trial at the Turin Court of Appeal and by the research activities merged in the Sibilla procedures, the latter was in particular about the publication of "Vetrolo".

"Which international?" Concerning Scripta Manent, the ruling in the Court of Cessation against the twenty defendants was a few months after Alfredo's transfer to 41 bis (and this proposal was followed by a series of hearings on the definition of penalties against Alfredo and his comrade, Anna Beniamino. This story was used shamelessly to justify the detention of the comrade in 41 bis and with it, along with the other procedures already mentioned, the new holy inquisitors intended, among other things, to maintain that anarchists are "instigators".so much because of a non-existent need to "dispute", but probably because it seems to me that the issue is still worth mentioning. The revolutionaries and the anarchists have no confidence in the justice of the state and we give essence to our own ideas, to our particular vision of the world, so that it can be a stimulus of autonomy of thought and action. So we support the reasons for the attack and do not "instigate" neither we "direct" anything

multiple initiatives during the mobilisation of solidarity with Alfredo and other revolutionary prisoners under 41 bis and life imprisonment, those who act against the state and capital have developed such determination that they do not need to be instigated. It is therefore the autonomy of thought and action that must be expressed, not the collectivity and the submission to commands.

Prisoners are revolutionaries who, like many other comrades, are imprisoned because the state believes that in this way it can give a warning to our struggle, a warning, first of all, to all revolutionary paths and experiences. Any repressive attack by the state – large or small – must be understood in

the ongoing conflict, shaped according to its progress, and applied by the repressive mechanism in order to prevent the need for action, trying to discourage any maturity in this direction. We are at a time when it becomes increasingly clear how war is the constituent essence of the state, where the state and capitalist slaughter is the daily reality, where the exploited are slaughtered at work, where governments are moving undaunted into their own spiral. Hence the transfer of Alfredo Cospito to 41bis was also an expression of war policies and should be understood as an act of internal war, with everything that accompanies it. In this context, today's evolution of exploitation conditions produce a

humanity always more submissive to capital techniques and deprived of any residue of dignity, is called upon to determine new needs for conflict. The hope described at the beginning of this contribution – the development of new actions for a renewed impulse to act – seems necessary, both directly and in the future. Beyond the quick changes that have taken place in recent years, a text like "Which International?" remains relevant and can become a valuable opportunity for reflection in this sense. Greetings to all attendees and special thanks to the comrades who promoted the initiatives.

Francesco Rota



## Update on the trial of the comrade who got arrested for the re-occupation of Utopia A.D.

After the [fourth] recovery of the anarchist hangout Utopia A.D. on Friday 21/06, a coordinated police operation took place on Wednesday 26/06 and the hangout was raided by the police, resulting in yet another evacuation of the hangout and the arrest of the comrade. The invasion took place after a complaint that was made by the security guard who, however, received an order from the head of the technical service on the order of the university's rector Fotis Maris who is hiding behind the guards and is still holding the belongings of the hangout hostage.

The sentence that was given to the comrade for DISRUPTION OF THE FUNCTIONING OF A SERVICE is one year in prison without parole, ten euros for each day and the court costs. The comrade made an appeal. The charge of self-redress was dropped since it had been added after the interrogation, without the comrade's knowledge

**Everything continues...**

**Solidarity to squats**

*Anarchist Hangout Utopia A.D.*

## Mónica Caballero: Autonomy and persistence against prisons

Almost a month ago I was transferred to the prison where I will have to serve my sentence, the CPF of Santiago. This prison has a rather atypical structure in comparison to other prisons in this territory, since in some areas it maintains the foundations of the old convent that fulfilled the "correctional work for bad women", from there different modules and sections have been built. Among the sections that were built to segregate specific groups of women prisoners are the following: Special High Security Section (SEAS), New Hope and Direct Custody.

SEAS was created mainly to house prisoners for crimes of political violence in the 90's. In those years, those prisoners belonged to political/military/subversive groups (FPMR, MIR, Mapu-Lautaro1). With the release of the political prisoners, little by little, those with a history of escapes and/or refractory to the prison regime and leaders of trafficking gangs began to occupy the High Security Prison. It was not until 2010 that the women prisoners for political violence returned to the SEAS, the first "Bomb Case2" allowed the first anti-authoritarian women to take up the thread of struggle left by the first political prisoners. Over the years the SEAS continued with the same dynamic, until a few years ago where this section is used to keep prisoners while another permanent space is enabled for them.

Upon my arrival at this prison, I was informed that the SEAS would return to the place of yesteryear, so if or if I had to be in it. All this came to nothing because today there is a group of approximately 60 women brought from the San Miguel prison, these women live in deplorable conditions.

Another of these special modules is "Nueva Esperanza", which has only and exclusively women for crimes against humanity, all these prisoners were responsible for some of the many atrocities that occurred during the dictatorship, I am referring to torture, disappearances, permanent kidnappings, murders, etc. Most of these women are former members of the F.F.A.A.\*\*\* and of the security forces. Although I do not know the living conditions of the torturers, since special care is taken in everything that surrounds them, but even so I would dare to say that they live in a place more like a rest home than a prison.

Finally, there is the module that I am currently in, Direct Custody. This section was born out of the need to segregate prisoners for violent and high-profile crimes, and over the years this has been maintained to some extent. This section has also been used to keep very specific cases of women for political violence, among these was a former militant of the FPMR and now me.

Since I entered this prison, both my comrades and I have requested through the different bureaucratic instances of the gendarmerie the authorization to continue my university studies, which I started in 2022 in San Miguel prison. This has not been authorized.

A little more than two years ago, I became the first inmate in Santiago to start university studies while I was in preventive prison. A matter that was not without problems, which one by one were solved thanks to the set of solidary wills that made that until today I am studying my third year as a student in the career of Law.

In this prison I have not been able to resume my studies because according to the information provided by the gendarmerie staff, the only thing missing is the authorization of the Regional Director, who can take as much time as he deems convenient to simply manage the continuity of something that has been going on for years.

It seems incredible that the facilities are not given and that obstacles are put in the way of something that seems to be as basic and essential as studying, we cannot ignore that the power structures are capable of breaking their own rules over and over again, according to their convenience.

What is it that the high command of the gendarmerie fears in order to give course to the authorization that does not allow me to study? Do they have direct orders from the Ministry of Justice or another organism? Or is it that they are apprehensive that if they give the authorization the prison population knows that there is no legal impediment that does not allow them to have higher education while in prison? Or perhaps they are exhausting all instances to prevent a prisoner (which they call common, but they maintain quite "uncommon" regimes) to have legal knowledge? Whatever the answer is, I demand that they comply with their own laws and allow me to maintain my university studies.

For this I appeal to all forms of solidarity that can pressure the regional and national directorate of gendarmerie to give course to the relevant authorizations so that I can continue my studies.

With all this I reaffirm that for greater degrees of autonomy the only option for those of us who choose the path of denial against domination is the persistent struggle, which would remain within these walls if it were not for the dozens of hands of solidarity.

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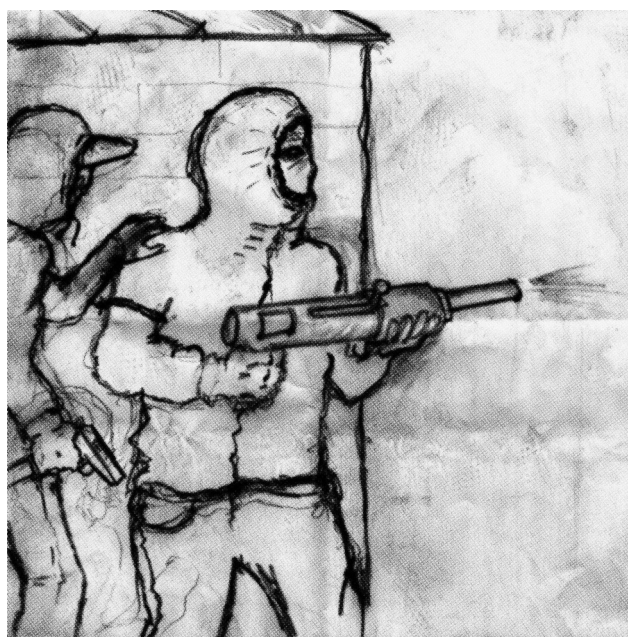
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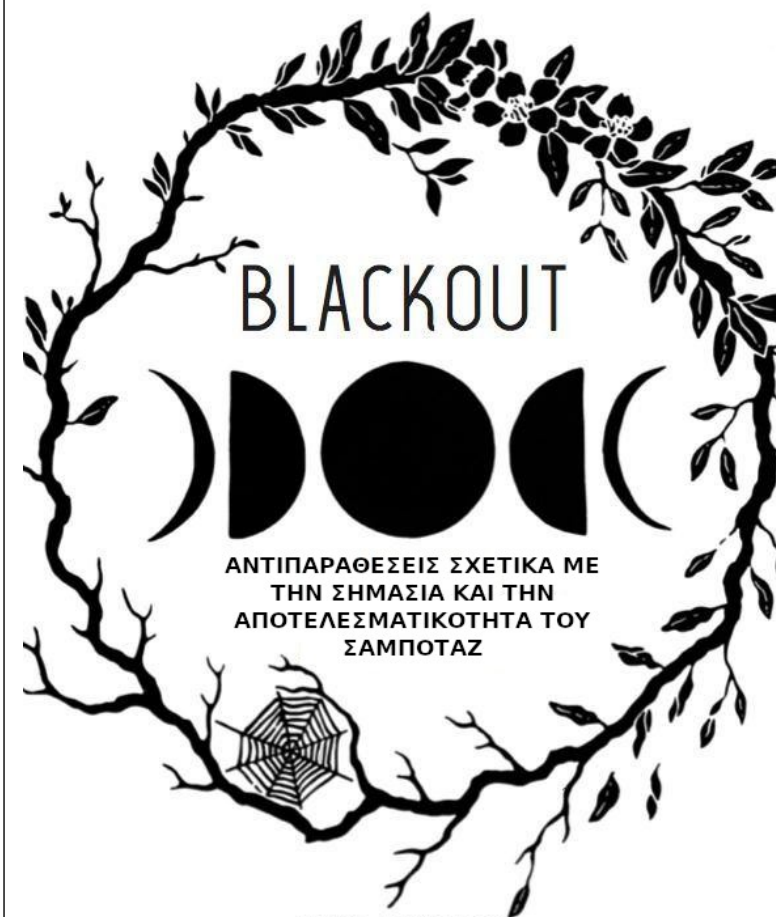
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**We are an ancient wind that continues to blow**



This brochure, which was originally published in *Informativo Anarquista* in March 2024 in Spanish, was written by comrades of the informal anarchist organisation *New Subversion*, operating with guerrilla actions in the Chilean territory.

The purpose of the brochure is to contribute to the debate on the capabilities and strategic issues of anarchist action, for the development of a resilient and unyielding urban guerrilla, opening new paths of negation towards the construction of anarchy in the here and now



"We are at war," Macron said bluntly in early 2020, declaring a state of emergency over the coronavirus and deploying his uniformed minions to make sure no one leaves their homes. The mass movements that defined France's political landscape in previous years have suddenly disappeared, caught up in the bans, self-control and fear of the virus. But soon a new wave of radical resistance began to emerge. Practices previously used by only a handful of anarchists began to proliferate: informal organisation in small action groups and sabotage spread at such a rate that attacks ended up being almost daily, both in France and elsewhere in Europe. These tactics were by their very nature immune to curfews and bans on agatherings.

The main targets of these attacks, 5G antennas and optical fibres, were a direct response to the technological restructuring process launched by the States on the occasion of the state of emergency: the development of the 5G network, the digitisation of services, medical surveillance and population mapping, the restriction and control of movements through QR codes, passes and smartphone applications.

At the same time, an intense debate between anarchists and radical environmental activists began about what is the importance and effectiveness of these actions. How can we undermine technological control? What scenarios can these sabotages lead us to? How should strategic and ethical issues be balanced? And many other such questions. This brochure is a collection of some of these texts that contributed to this debate in France.

Three years later, our confinement seems like a bad memory. But the success of this social experiment at the global level means that States could follow the same path again whenever they deem it necessary. After all, within these three years we have seen new leaps in the restructuring of society due to new crises, such as the war in Ukraine, the intensification of climate change and the energy crisis.

Today the situation may have evolved, but the issues discussed in this brochure remain unanswered.



**Καίγοντας τα σύνορα:**

Ολική απελευθέρωση & μηδενιστικές, ατομικιστικές οπτικές στην αποικιοκρατούμενη περιοχή γνωστή ως Μεξικό



This zine is an interview conducted by Warzone Distro with Guta – one of the organisers of the Annual International Meeting of Anarchist and Anti-Authoritarian Practices Against Borders – which took place on January 25-27, 2024 in Tijuana, Mexico. This event reflects a new emergence of anarcho-individualist / anarcho-nihilist perspectives not only as a result of today's techno-industrial world, but also because of the perceived failures of the left in so-called Mexico and beyond.

The present newspaper is the printed form of the project **Blessed Is The Flame**, which will be irregularly issued. The purpose of this project is not only to disseminate black-flag anarchy, but more generally to disseminate the radical theory, praxis and criticism that stems from the act of insurrectionary armed desire, recognising that the social situation we are in, and which we did not choose, leads our lives to bankruptcy, to the alienation of our Egos.

We do not attempt to persuade anyone, we do not wish to bet on the mass mobilisation of a robotised society. What we are trying to do is contribute in building a communication bridge between those who have chosen to revolt here and now and those who want to revolt. We are what we are because we got courage and inspiration from the rebels who show us what is possible. We do not postpone the insurrectionary and revolutionary action for an indeterminate future because we are liberated from the bonds of hope. We are not nihilists because we are simply pessimists. No, we are nihilists because the situations around us do not allow us to think of future utopias, because we do not wait for freedom to come, but we bring freedom each time we act with defiance and without compromise against society, state, capital, and any other aspect of civilisation. This is the most immediate realisation of anarchy.

**Long live direct, anarchist and guerrilla action**

**No resignation, no truce, no peace**

**For anarchy, nihilism and individualism**

