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Updates for September 5th

18 Aug - Three-way Throwdown

The International Antifascist Defense Fund are currently supporting an antifascist facing charges after a confrontation with a neo-Nazi Active Club member at an Oregon Pride event.

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This altercation happened after right-wing groups assembled in Oregon City to protest an LGBTQ+ pride event. However, antifascists may have been the least of their problems that day, as the reactionary goons once again proved that no one hates fascists like other fascists. The protest turned embarrassing for the anti-trans and homophobic bigots when a crew of Portland, Oregon-based Proud Boys couldn't keep track of who they were supposed to be protesting. They had a running beef with certain members of the local neo-Nazi scene, and took the opportunity to attack members of the Rose City Nationalists (RCN), a crew also based in Portland that is part of the broader neo-Nazi "active club" network.

While there is a certain entertainment value in watching fascists beat each other up, the police in Oregon City still opted to arrest and charge an antifascist in the midst of it all – one of many comrades who have suffered consequences for standing up to bigoted, authoritarian violence, and who need ongoing support. If you'd like to help us continue to help them, please consider donating to the Defence Fund:

actionnetwork.org/fundraising/the-international-anti-fascist-defence-fund

24 Aug - Free Jorge "Yorch" Esquivel!

Statement regarding the case of Mexican anarchist prisoner, Jorge "Yorch" Esquivel, to mark the first day of the International Week of Solidarity with Anarchist Prisoners.

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Today, on this first day of the International Week of Solidarity with Anarchist Prisoners, Jorge "Yorch" Esquivel has been a hostage of the Mexican State within the walls of the Reclusorio Oriente prison for 259 days. 259 days and nights stolen from his life that no one will be able to return to him. The main reason he is behind bars is the very existence of the prison industrial complex, the repressive «security» apparatus of the State, and the forms of punishment that will never reintegrate, reform or heal anyone, but quite the opposite.

The specific reason in Jorge's case is the fabrication of crimes as part of a set-up created by the UNAM university in order to criminalize the struggle as part of their twisted obsession with evicting the Okupa Che squat, but only with the approval of the community of people whose opinion is important to them in order to maintain their esteemed reputation in Mexico and abroad.

If they wanted to, the authorities would have every *right* to evict the squat and imprison whoever is inside the space at the time of a police operative with the legal claim of dispossession of their property, but since that would damage said reputation, it has been more convenient for them to orchestrate what started with a media campaign of contempt that reduced Okupa Che and those who participate in it, to a space of violent pseudo-student criminals dedicated to selling drugs to the innocent saints of the UNAM student community, among other criminal activities. For that, they found the perfect person to play the role of the main protagonist of their imaginative yet totally false narrative, and that person was and continues to be our compañero Jorge, who is a punk and an anarchist, a cook (his mixiote tacos are highly addictive, we'll give you that!) and an artisan, a supporter of countless causes and struggles, one of which is the fight for the right to squat starting with the first squats in Mexico City to the Okupa Che (which he has been a part for almost its entire existence of more than 20 years), a compañero who was raised and schooled by the streets

of the great Tenochtitlán from a very young age. That's right, Jorge is of the people from below, the same people who, according to the struggles won by UNAM students and teachers over the decades, should be included as part of their community, but in this and numerous other situations, we see that the opposite is true.

The long series of hearings in his case just came to an end, and during the process the lawyers who have worked in solidarity on his case, demonstrated his innocence over and over again with concrete evidence such as a dactyloscopy of objects that according to the police were in his possession but do not present a single fingerprint of Jorge's, contradictory and inconsistent statements by the police officer responsible for his arrest, witnesses who were present at the time of his first arrest for this same case in 2016 and were able to see for their own eyes that, in addition to the fact that he was not at any time carrying the famous blue backpack filled to the brim with a ridiculous amount of a variety of drugs that no drug dealer in their sane or unsound mind would carry with them in the streets, Jorge was subjected to police brutality and torture when he was detained.

Last week the judge authorized the closing of the preliminary investigation and now we are waiting for his sentence. Legally no sentence other than that of absolute innocence and therefore an order for his immediate release should be given, but if we are speaking in legal terms, Jorge would have no reason to be in prison or to have this case against him in the first place, given that it has been demonstrated with constancy and with convincing evidence that the charges against him are fabricated and the reasons for his imprisonment are political, not legal.

If we do not raise our voices, if we do not raise awareness about this and each one of the growing number of cases of fabrication of crimes as a strategy of the Mexican State to criminalize those who struggle, and if we stick with our excuses for not supporting Yorch by demanding that he be released in the face of this set-up orchestrated by the UNAM with the participation of the public prosecutor, the courts, the jails (Jorge has been in three different prisons in three different states since the beginning of this process in 2016) and the media, all with the complicity of that thing called Ms. Civil Society, then they will give him whatever sentence that they feel like and that suits this group of real criminals, and the Mexican State will once again succeed in legitimizing its already increasingly perfected practice of fabricating crimes against anyone and anything that is a hindrance to its reign.

It is time to agitate and organize with all our creativity to demand the immediate release of our compañero Yorch, and of all the prisoners from far and wide.

24 Aug - Ninth Circuit expands California's use of solitary confinement

Ninth Circuit expands California's use of solitary confinement as lawmakers work to end it

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by Bob Egelko (*San Francisco Chronicle*)

A federal appeals court on Thursday broadened California prison officials' authority to place inmates in prolonged solitary confinement. The ruling, if it stands, would allow the state to end a 2015 settlement that allowed a federal judge to oversee and limit the caging of inmates in isolation cells for at least 22 hours a day.

The inmates are held in concrete cells, are fed through a slot, and cannot take part in job training and other prison programs or have contact with visiting family members. The settlement, in a suit by prisoners who had held a series of hunger strikes, allowed solitary confinement only for those found to have committed dangerous crimes in prison, like assaults, weapons possession and drug-dealing.

U.S. District Judge Claudia Wilken of Oakland, who supervised prison officials' compliance with the settlement, rejected the state's request to end the restrictions last year. She said the prisons were using

unverified and unreliable confidential information to find that inmates had committed gang-related offenses that justified solitary confinement.

But the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Thursday that prison authorities are entitled to make such decisions without fully revealing their reasons.

"The Constitution does not require prison officials to disclose every piece of information that an inmate might use in support of his defense," Judge Ryan Nelson wrote in the 3-0 ruling. And as long as officials have "some evidence" to support their decisions, Nelson said, they do not have to show that all their evidence was verified or reliable.

Wilken also found that the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, which runs the prisons, was using questionable evidence of inmates' gang affiliations to oppose parole for anyone held in solitary confinement. But even if the evidence was false, Nelson said, the department had no reason to doubt it, and therefore did not deliberately or recklessly mislead the parole board.

Nelson, an appointee of President Donald Trump, was joined by Judge J. Clifford Wallace, appointed by President Richard Nixon, and U.S. District Judge James Gwin of Ohio, an appointee of President Bill Clinton temporarily assigned to the appeals court. The full Ninth Circuit has a majority of Democratic appointees, and attorney Jules Lobel said the inmates would ask the full court for a new hearing before a larger panel.

If the ruling stands, "they could use whatever fabricated information they decide to take people back in SHU (the Security Housing Unit, or solitary confinement) without any restraint," Lobel said. And although the prison department has adopted regulations that allow such placements for only a limited number of crimes, he said, the department could lift those restrictions with no need for judicial approval.

Spokesperson Pedro CalderonMichel said the department endorsed the court's conclusion that the inmates "did not demonstrate a current and ongoing systemic violation and could not justify an extension of the settlement agreement." He said the department's "primary focus is to enhance public safety by providing treatment, rehabilitative, and restorative justice programs to our population, in a safe and humane environment."

Jack Morris, convicted of second-degree murder in Los Angeles in 1984, spent more than 30 years in solitary confinement based on prison officials' finding that he had worked with a gang, the Mexican Mafia.

At Pelican Bay State Prison, where the cells had no windows, "you couldn't see the grass, a bird, the moon and the sun," Morris told the *Chronicle* Thursday. "The air was pumped through a hole in the wall. ... Everybody in there suffered in silence. I used to suffer panic attacks. You can't breathe or see clearly."

The 2015 settlement "changed my entire existence," said Morris, 64. Paroled in 2017, he now directs the re-entry program at St. John's Community Health in Los Angeles.

State legislators stepped into the dispute last year, passing AB2632 by Assembly Member Chris Holden, D-Pasadena, which would have limited solitary confinement of an inmate to 15 consecutive days, and 45 days in a 180-day period. But Gov. Gavin Newsom vetoed the bill, saying it could have endangered other inmates and prison staff.

Holden wrote a similar measure that is working its way through the Legislature this year, AB280. It passed the Assembly and is being considered in the state Senate. But Hamid Yazdan Panah, advocacy director for Immigrant Defense Advocates, said Newsom and his staff have not met with the bill's supporters, and he fears the governor may issue another veto.

Yazdan Panah also noted that the regulations cited by the governor and the prison department do not apply to inmates held in solitary confinement in county jails or immigration detention centers.

26 Aug - Running Down the Walls Events To Take Place Across US

Announcing annual Running Down the Walls events happening across the US to benefit political prisoners.

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Since 1999, prisoners and supporters throughout North America

have participated in the annual event known as Running Down the Walls (RDTW) often running or walking simultaneously in many cities and prisons at once.

This is a non-competitive 5K run/jog/walk/roll in order to raise awareness and funds for political prisoners. Over the years, we have raised thousands of dollars and lots of awareness around the struggle to free political prisoners. Many places will be hosting RDTW 2023 on or around Sunday, September 17th.

An important component of Running Down the Walls is the solidarity runs that take place throughout numerous cities. Solidarity runs that are held in our communities are designed to illustrate, through several small collective actions, that we have not forgotten our comrades locked up behind prison walls. Runs that are held in prisons are designed to both politicize other prisoners and to illustrate that the acts of solidarity have been heard.

This annual event is also one of the primary fundraisers for the ABCF Warchest Program – a fund designed to assist political prisoners who normally received little or no financial support with monthly checks. Other funds raised should be used to support local groups of your choosing, whether that is your own organization or another group you'd like to support. The choice is yours.

27 Aug - NYC Birthday Vigils for Leonard Peltier

The Bronx Greens, NYC Jericho Movement, and members of the Leonard Peltier Ad Hoc Committee are holding two Vigils in NYC commemorating Leonard Peltier's 79 birthday.

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This year marks 48 years he's been in prison for defending the rights of Native people, most specifically, at that time, the Lakota people at Oglala (Pine Ridge). Leonard Peltier will be 79 on his Birthday, Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Join Us!

Saturday, September 9, 2023

2:00 to 5:00 pm in the Bronx Hub (149th Street and Third Avenue)

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

5:00 to 7:00 pm in Union Square, Manhattan (14th Street)

Please come to support Leonard Peltier and Indigenous Rights. Bring your banners, flags and drums!

27 Aug - California Legislative Women's Caucus Hears Testimony about 'Horrorific' Sexual Abuse and Assault in Prison

The California Legislative Women's Caucus here hosted a briefing last week focused "on sexual harm perpetuated by Central California Women's Facility (CCWF) staff," sponsored by survivors and advocates from California Coalition for Women Prisoners (CCWP), Survived & Punished, UnCommon Law, Prison Law Office, and Sister Warriors Freedom Coalition (SWFC).

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via *The Davis Vanguard*

The groups coordinated the testimony at the hearing, and said in a statement they have formed Solidarity Committee for Incarcerated Survivors (SCIS) to investigate the "horrific environment of fear and coercion that breeds abuse and assault in prisons...while working to secure protections and resources for currently and formerly incarcerated survivors."

The hearing, according to SCIS, follows charges recently brought against former corrections officer Gregory Rodriguez, who the coalition charges "has been connected to the abuse of more than one percent of all the incarcerated people at CCWF."

The coalition said its goal is to "shed light on the systemic and unchecked nature of such pervasive abuse," and encourage California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to implement policy changes "crucial for investigating abuse and protecting survivors."

"We must address the abusive and retaliatory culture inherent to the prison system that allows someone – and anyone – like Rodriguez to use their position of power to coerce, intimidate, and abuse vulnerable incarcerated people," said Amika Mota, Executive Director of Sister Warriors Freedom Coalition.

Mota added, "The entire system must be overhauled to prioritize the safety of victims and witnesses and create survivor-led programs to support recovery."

Advocates claim incarcerated survivors and witnesses of sexual assault by prison staff experience retaliation when they speak up, and "many are silenced through threats to remove 'privileges,' such as visitation or phone calls, physical violence, and intense surveillance."

They also cited "the CDCR protocol for investigating sexual abuse, which mandates strip-searching the victim and isolating them in solitary confinement."

"This response, and the lack of safe reporting, effectively institutionalizes sexual violence and compounds the traumatic violence that survivors have experienced," argues Katie Dixon, Campaign and Policy Organizer with the California Coalition for Women Prisoners.

In a 2017 pleading, the #MeTooBehindBars lawsuit, advocates said they tried to "hold CDCR accountable for violent assaults by CCWF correctional officers who used abusive physical force and verbal assaults, including homophobic and transphobic threats against queer and gender non-conforming people."

The SCIS maintains there is still no meaningful change, and are asking for "investigations into abuse at the hands of staff conducted by an independent group, removal of personnel accused of abuse from the prisons they work in during investigations, expedited release of survivors and access for survivors to comprehensive and self-determined healthcare and victim services that are also independent of CDCR, including access to lines of communication that are not surveilled."

"I want to forget, but my body betrays me as a vehicle carrying these memories. I want to forget the time I was taking a shower in county jail only to turn and find an officer watching me. I want to forget being sexually assaulted by that same officer while I was handcuffed in shackles being escorted to the yard," said Latasha Brown in the testimony.

Brown added, "I want to forget having a flashlight shone on me until I flashed my genitals. I want to forget what his hands feel like as they grope me. But my body betrays me as a vehicle carrying these memories. I want to forget the things that have happened to me at CCWF by multiple officers, including one whose name everybody in this room knows. Since I am completely at the mercy of my captors, I have a feeling of perpetual uneasiness as I know the lengths they will go to cover up their misconduct."

28 Aug - Call For International Week Of Solidarity with the Accused Of 8.12.2020

The 7 French comrades arrested on 8 December 2020 will go on trial from 3 to 27 October 2023.

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They will be judged for «criminal association of terrorist criminals» (art. 450-1) in Paris. No terrorist project has been established after two years of investigation characterized by the use of white torture and a very intrusive surveillance. The criminal classification was not retained but the terrorist and collective dimension remains despite the total absence of evidence or even links between all the seven people. Several of them are also charged with “refusing to surrender a secret decryption convention” (Art. 434-15).

The French State accuses them of having «participated in a formed group or an agreement established for the preparation of acts of terrorism». The facts used to support these accusations are: false «white notes», the use of digital hygiene tools (Tails, Tor, Signal, Silence, etc.), the refusal to give decryption codes to phones or hard drives, the occasional practice of AirSoft, travels (to Belgium, Czech Republic, Greece, Colombia, etc.), short combat experience in Rojava, stealing once, possession of Category C or B rifles (including 4 undeclared rifles), possession of elements or substances used in the composition of explosives (household products), the playful manufacture of minute quantities of explosive.

Most of these facts are not illegal, or are common law and do not concern all indictees. To build the resulting “terrorist” threat, the DGSI created the story of a “group” that would conduct “paramilitary training” to prepare “acts of terrorism” against “law enforcement or military” or institutions, while « consulting for this purpose with members of various groups having the same objectives in France and abroad, and by means of encrypted communication. » This scenario is identical to the one used against many internationalist comrades.

This is where political opinions (true or supposed), lifestyles (squat, mobile housing, international activism, autonomy) and profiles of the accused people become sufficient elements to turn common law crimes into «terrorism».

To be clearer: the anarchist ideal of the comrades and the presumption of guilt are what maintains the «terrorist» accusation although no project is defined. This legal deviance has been allowed by Islamophobic jurisprudence since the jihadist killings that France has known since 2012.

The coup of the DGSI and the French Anti-terrorist Prosecutor’s Office (PNAT) is to try to transpose the judicial treatment of people who joined the Islamic State to activists designated as «ultra-left». The challenge for the French state is to align itself with other European

countries, such as Italy for example. In this fascist country, the simple publication of anarchist newspapers is considered “for terrorist purposes” (see the new anti-terrorist operation Scripta Scelera). This shift was attempted in 2008 with the so-called “Tarnac” affair and ended in failure.

Thanks to the anti-terrorism tool, the State has the freedom to exercise repression in its most tortuous and violent forms, while claiming of acting for the common good. This allows it to renew the legitimacy of its violence by spreading fear in public opinion, as well as to enhance the most liberticidal measures: mass surveillance and carding, administrative and preventive detention, police-army hybridization, white tortures, etc.

Not one social struggle is spared by anti-terrorist repression. Revolutionary ideas and practices; whether radical reformist or insurrectional, violent or pacifist; are on the front line of this. Today in France, hundreds of associations lose their fundings because of «links with the ultra-left». The counter-terrorism tool aims to silence any social contestation, any questioning of the state and capitalism.

WHO TERRORIZES WHO?

Repression has immense consequences on the people targeted and their political entourage, lives are broken and solidarity is weakened. Everywhere, comrades of struggle suffer the full force of the anti-terrorist repression. From Russia to Chile, Greece, Italy, Spain, USA, Canada, Peru, Chad, Burma, Philippines, Turkey, Kurdistan, Belarus, (etc). Whatever the means of struggle used, we know that Terror does not reside in our social camp but on the contrary, we fight it every day.

International solidarity is criminalized everywhere. Comrades who supported the Kurdish struggle are repressed, international solidarity actions are watched as terrorist networks, France increasingly pronounces territory bans against anti-fascist and ecologist comrades.

In this case of 8/12, in order to convince of the danger the comrades represent, the DGSJ (and the justice) define the campaigns of international solidarity as «actions of low intensity», so as acts of war. Just graffiti «Stop law and order Exarcheia» on the Greek Consulate, a banner during a demo «From Exarcheia to Lyon against state repression No Pasaran!» are used as evidence of the terrorist potential of the French ultra-left. This speech serves to criminalize the possession of internationalist posters and fanzines by the defendants of 8/12 .

Yes, we stand in solidarity with the struggles, which all over the world are trying to save what we have left of freedom, clean water and fertile land. No, we do not travel to seaside towns or ecocidal cruise ships but to places of emancipation and resistance.

We fight the generalized destruction of the Living and the slavery of Humanity by capitalism. We are fighting the massacres perpetrated by states and their economic empires. We are fighting militarization and deadly borders. The social revolution is not a terrorist project!

Terrorists are those who hold weapons of mass destruction and the most powerful armies in history. They are the ones who destroy our Earth and exploit its resources. They are the ones who enslave the People and massacre the Resistant. That's this France that has risen to the second place in the world in weapon sales. These are the bloodthirsty dictators, such as Erdogan or Mohammed bin Salman, welcome with honors at the Élysée.

As long as oppression exists, Power, on its way, will find us.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN SOLIDARITY?

Against police repression and the anti-terrorism tool, let us not be atomized!

Against states that want to divide resistance movements, friendships, collectives and all forms of organizations of the left-wing in general, we demand solidarity in all its forms!

We invite you to echo in various forms our determination and rage against their world, and our solidarity with people who will go to trial in Paris from October 3 to 27, 2023.

Every individual, collective and organization can take part in this call. In their own ways, with their familiar tools, creativity and imagination! From the most fragile to the most spectacular, all actions make sense. And if it strengthens our links, our thoughts, our responsiveness, then let's seize this opportunity.

28 Aug - Urgent Support Needed To Cover Legal Fees For Two Hunt Saboteurs

Two members of Staffordshire Hunt Saboteurs were found guilty of aggravated trespass last week.

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In an absolutely rigged trial the judge heard that the two sabs had acted violent towards the hunters and had trespassed to stop a licit activity.

It did not matter that the shooting of pheasant off-season was NOT a licit activity, and the police conveniently lost the bodycam footage of the incident, ensuring they could corroborate that the hunt sabs had never raised the issue themselves.

The case was in fact so incredibly rigged that not only it did not qualify as aggravated trespass due to lack of licit activity, it also didn't qualify because hunters carried on shooting over the hunt sabs' heads, obviously showing that their presence had not stopped them from any (licit or not) activity.

Regardless of all the evidence, the judge found the two sabs guilty and sentenced them to two years conditional discharge, two years restraining order and £3,500 fine and costs.

Needless to say that the justice system does not serve justice, it just serves those who make profits. We cannot help with the restraining orders or the conditional discharges, but we can help with the outrageous fine.

Please, donate to the link below and share far and wide, tell your friends and support your comrades! Direct action is a key tactic to fight against the abuse of wildlife, and when one of us is attacked for it, we should all hit back! gofundme.com/f/cover-court-costs-for-sabs

29 Aug - Hunt Saboteur Sentenced to Prison

Paul Allman, a Hunt Saboteur from the group Stockport Monitors has been sentenced to 20 weeks of prison.

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He was sentenced last week, wrongly accused and convicted of assaulting 2 hunt supporters at the Wynnstay Hunt while in Cheshire, UK.

Whilst Paul is appealing this decision and there is hope he could get out, we should all send love and solidarity to him in the form of letters. We do not know what sort of topics Paul likes, but we are sure he wouldn't mind hearing little stories about wildlife or about your latest escapade to the woods with a doggo!

Send him a few lines and show him that even though he is locked up, he really is not alone as he can count with the whole animal liberation movement to send him love.

Please as always do not write about illegal activities. Letters are monitored and you do not want either Paul not yourself getting into trouble!

30 Aug - Thomas Meyer-Falk is free!!!

On Tuesday, August 29th, Thomas was released after almost 27 years imprisoned! We still share his letter of solidarity for this year's International Week of Solidarity with Anarchist Prisoners, as well as those from other anarchist prisoners below.

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Thomas Meyer-Falk

Also, here from Freiburg in southern Germany, solidarity and warm greetings for the Soli Week. For almost 27 years I have been observing the world behind bars from the perspective of a prisoner. First in pre-trial detention, later in criminal detention and finally since 2013 in preventive detention. Preventive detention was introduced in Germany in 1933, yes, it was the Nazis who amended the criminal law accordingly on 24.11.1933 – since then, people can be held in prison in Germany for an unforeseeable period of time even after serving their prison sentence. In the 1990s and 2000s, other European countries

followed suit, always in the name of “public security”: Belgium, France, Sweden, Great Britain, Switzerland and many more.

In many cases, normal imprisonment is already a death sentence in instalments, first the soul dies, and often in the end the body dies as well. Just a few weeks ago, a man in his early 40s took his own life in the Freiburg preventive detention, apparently seeing no realistic prospect of regaining his freedom. His wife, children, adoptive mother and siblings mourn him – but so do some of the other inmates. However, it must be clear that prisoners also have the right to take their own lives. No one should be allowed to forbid them to do so. But it must also be asked what responsibility the state institutions bear for such a decision? It would be too easy to release them from their responsibility by referring to the autonomous decision of the respective inmates.

Anarchists argue and fight for the autonomy of the individual, but always embedded in a social network. Because no human being ever stands alone, we are all woven into a network of social relations! No one is an island! We are all part of social togetherness. Something that seems to be lost in the modern consumer world, where people only interact with each other in seemingly “social” electronic worlds, but in reality are often thrown back into isolation in front of their smartphones.

Prisons are usually internet-free zones. My contribution today is only being circulated because people in solidarity are typing it up and distributing it online, thus bringing the prisoners’ perspective to the critical attention of a certain public. This possibility points to the emancipatory potential of electronic media. When previously unconnected people find contact with each other, when the previously nameless, faceless and voiceless are finally given names, faces and voices.

The structural abandonment that characterises the lives of prisoners is to be brought into particular focus this week. The often inhuman, degrading prison conditions will be scandalised.

The freedom of the prisoners is demanded! Over and over again! Year after year! But only if these demands are continuously raised and carried from generation to generation, if those who live and die in prisons are remembered, only then will we change something.

Ambro – anarchist prisoner in Chile

Having finished my daily hours in the courtyard, from my cell I throw myself into writing a few lines in order to find a brief moment of freedom that will interrupt my prison reality.

If I think of anarchist solidarity, the first thing that comes to my mind is my arrival in prison, when my comrades who had already been held hostage for various political reasons took charge of orienting me and gave me the tools to survive in this hostile and indifferent world.

Anarchist solidarity makes it clear that prison is not the end of the path of struggle, but its continuation. The networks between prisoners and like-minded comrades on the outside allow the imprisoned to continue to take part in events or to set up projects as well as to contributions of the different comrades. This way, there is feedback between the inside and the outside, which enriches and keeps anarchy alive in a time when modern states are perfecting their modern states perfect the mechanisms of control, surveillance and repression.

That is why the internationalist character of anarchist solidarity is also important. Anarchist solidarity, where every strike, action or propaganda throughout the world is oxygen in the veins of the prisoner, giving him strength to follow the path of struggle and to the path of struggle and maintaining the fighting spirit.

I am deeply grateful for the help given by the comrades of A-Fund. It has been 5 months since I was deprived of my precious freedom on March 29th. And at the gates of my trial the expenses are increasing. I am grateful for the selfless help and faithful commitment to the cause. I wish I could transform myself into a wolf, so I could sink my teeth into the womb of society in an orgy of destruction.”

I appeal for solidarity with the anarchist comrade Alfredo Cospito, who continues to suffer harassment and censorship at the hands of the Italian State, with the comrades imprisoned in the Greek jails, with Monica and Francisco who stand tall with their heads held high without regrets or hesitation despite being on trial and risking more than 100 years in prison, and with Aldo and Lucas anarchist prisoners accused of making and placing an explosive device in the national directorate of the gendarmerie.

August 30th - Banner Drop in Oaxaca for the Week of Solidarity with Anarchist Prisoners

Today, August 30, we dropped a banner over a highway in Oaxaca in solidarity with all anarchist prisoners and those being persecuted by the state.

We want to call special attention, and send an extra strong embrace, to our compañero Miguel Peralta from the community of Eloxochitlán de Flores Magón, who is living on the run due to continued repression from the cacique-political party apparatus currently in power in the state of Oaxaca. Released in October of 2019 after serving over four years in prison, Miguel's freedom was overturned in March of 2022, and a warrant put out for his arrest.

We also want to mention the eight community members of Eloxochitlán de Flores Magón who remain in prison, some of whom have been kidnapped by the state for nearly nine years without a conviction or a sentence. The Indigenous Mazatec compañeros of Eloxochitlán are imprisoned for organizing and fighting for their autonomy and self-determination, something for which we feel anarchists should show their solidarity and support.

We hope this humble gesture gives echo in the territories of Oaxaca to the call for a week of international solidarity with anarchist prisoners, ensuring those locked up and on the run that we are thinking about you all, and that you are not forgotten.

Much love and respect for those imprisoned for defending the earth, for fighting fascism and hate, for resisting state repression and violence, for organizing community self-defense, for struggling for autonomy and liberation.

30 Aug - Immediate release for José Díaz Gómez, an EZLN support base

From the Network of Resistances and Rebellions Ajmaq comes this pronouncement...

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To the national and international Sixth
To the signatories to the Declaration for Life
To the honest media
To those who struggle for truth and justice

We know that prisons are just another business of capitalism and that Mexican "justice" is characterized by impunity and the violation of human rights, and that it is only at the service of those who can buy it, but not for those who are poor and indigenous, for those who struggle and build alternatives for life are criminalized and their crimes are fabricated. Such is the case of José Díaz Gómez, support base of the EZLN, who has been unjustly imprisoned for 9 months, in the State Center for Social Reinsertion of Sentenced Persons No. 17 "El Bambú," in the State Center for Social Reinsertion of Sentenced Persons No. 17 "El Bambú" in Catazajá, Chiapas. He is accused of violent robbery, as are four other BAEZLN who have arrest warrants.

José Díaz is an indigenous Ch'ol and campesino, 45 years old, originally from the ranchería "El Trapiche," in the autonomous Zapatista municipality of Francisco Villa, Caracol V, Roberto Barrios (official municipality of Salto de Agua). He was arbitrarily detained with excessive use of force, tortured, disappeared and held incommunicado by members of the specialized police assigned to the Selva District

Prosecutor's Office. In the prosecutor's office he was forced to put his fingerprint and sign several blank papers, and he was neither assisted by a translator of his native language, nor by a lawyer.

All these violations of José's dignity and of the legal procedures themselves are evidence of the fabrication of crime and criminalization. The real reason for José's imprisonment is the interest in the individual use of the land that they want to impose upon the collective use and care of Mother Earth, but which has its roots in the dispossession of lands from the EZLN provoked by the bad government with its wholesale war of attrition designed for decades by the different administrations.

We have made visits to comrade José Díaz Gómez, and it hurts us to see his pain but it also fills our hearts with his love and dignity for life and freedom. Like the other imprisoned Zapatista comrade Manuel Gómez Vázquez, we see that in these cruel places the violence generates greater psychosocioemotional and economic wear and tear for them and their families. Even so, both maintain a light in the midst of so much darkness.

We demand the immediate and unconditional release of José Díaz and Manuel Gómez Vázquez because we know their innocence, and are aware of the fabrication of a crime against them by the Prosecutor's Office. We do not trust in the justice of the bad government because they are the ones who imprison innocent people with legalistic trickery, that is why we call to fight politically for the freedom of political prisoners, to disseminate information through all the channels available to us regarding the injustices that these BAEZLN comrades are going through, and to show solidarity with them and their families. As well as to demand the cancellation of the arrest warrants against four more compañeros.

We invite designers, visual artists and people of good heart to make graphic materials for the freedom of José Díaz Gómez, so that they can be spread through social-digital networks, streets and squares. These graphic materials will be received in digital format from August 24, 2023 to the mail ajmaq_chiapas@riseup.net

31 Aug - Update on the "Script Scelera" trial

From La Nemesi, translated by Act for freedom now!

MORE:

Informing you that the review hearing for the precautionary measures of the operation Scripta Scelera in relation to the new repressive measures ordered by the judge for preliminary investigations Ghio concerning the procedure Scripta Scelera against the anarchist fortnightly "Bezmotivny" has been fixed for August 28th at the court of Genoa from 9am. An operation that on August 8th led to 11 house searches (among which that of the Anarchist Cultural Circle "Gogliardo Fiaschi" in Carrara), massive seizures of newspapers and publications (as well as phones, computers, etc.) and the notification of an investigation concerning 10 anarchist comrades, for whom the il public prosecutor Manotti had originally requested arrests on two occasions, from July 2022 and in March 2023.

From the second request, from which derives the order of the GIP leading to the operation of 8th August, with house arrests with all restrictions for four comrades of Carrara and five obligations to remain, with night curfew from 19.00 to 7.00, among whom also comrades in Aquila, Lucca and Spoleto.

In addition, for September 6th, again at the court of Genoa at 9am, the appeal hearing on the order of the PM against the GIP's order that established precautionary measures on the basis of articles 270 bis and 414 of the penal code, aggravated with aims of terrorism, for eight comrades and aggravated 414 c. p. for one comrade (while there are no restrictions for the tenth comrade). The PM is asking for aggravation of the measure (i.e. arrest in prison) for the nine under precautionary measures. This last episode is the latest in an overall confusing direction that the court of Genoa is taking. The separation into two hearings (the 28th of August is that of the lawyers asking for the withdrawal of the measures and 6th September is that of the prosecutor demanding imprisonment), the fact that today (23rd August) the members of the tribunal are still

not known and will be ruling in less than five days, is unusual even for the Kafkaesque Italian judiciary, with a possibility of two contradictory sentences.

Finally note that on the 17th and 18th of August electronic ankle bracelets were applied to the four comrades under house arrest.

1 Sept - Excellent interview with Political Prisoner Kojo Bomani Sababu

Author Khalid recently conducted an excellent two-part telephone interview with political prisoner Kojo Bomani Sababu. Below are the facebook links.

MORE:

Take the time to listen and let's see what we can do to help Kojo in his quest for some sort of compassionate or medical release. Although Kojo is confined in a federal prison, he is actually a New Jersey state prisoner like Sundiata Acoli: [facebook.com/author.malik/videos/1226426534642426](https://www.facebook.com/author.malik/videos/1226426534642426)
[facebook.com/author.malik/videos/893397388446005](https://www.facebook.com/author.malik/videos/893397388446005)

Sign the petition: [sign.moveon.org/petitions/49-years-too-long](https://www.sign.moveon.org/petitions/49-years-too-long)

1 Sept - Words of solidarity of anarchist prisoners in AS2 in Terni prison

"Your struggle is ours, every gesture against this world has your imprint... because we are one pack that never forgets its own and its own, regardless, of where we are" – Public letter by Marcelo Villarroel, September 14, 2019

MORE:

– Internationalist solidarity for the end of the sentence and freedom of comrade Marcelo Villarroel Sepúlveda, arrested in Argentina in 2008 after nearly 16 years in prison. Coinciding with the 50th anniversary of Pinochet's military "coup" in Chile, wanted and created by North American imperialism as in Ukraine today, the comrade is sentenced by Pinochet's legacy military justice. Today this legal aberration is applied, which coexists comfortably with the consensus democracy of the Chilean state, now ruled by the Boric left. Democracy and reactionary fascism are two sides of the same coin, tools of the Imperialist-State.

– Solidarity in the face of the beginning of the trial against comrades Mónica Caballero and Francisco Solar [the judicial hearing, the main trial phase, began on July 18], the vengeance of state rule does not stop against those who go on the offensive by attacking its untouchability and impunity.

– Solidarity with Comrade Juan Aliste Vega, also convicted by Pinochet's military justice, and Comrade Joaquin Garcia Chancks.

– Solidarity for the downgrading of anarchist Alfredo Cospito from 41 bis. Against 41 bis, out everyone, and for the abolition of life imprisonment.

– Solidarity with comrade Anna Beniamino and Alfredo Cospito convicted in a political trial on the abnormal charge of Article 285 c. p. p., massacre against the security of the state, or commonly called political massacre, this is the first time a massacre without massacre against the internal enemy has been used in this way in Italy. Article 285 c. p. c., massacre against the security of the state, has not been applied to the massacres that have been perpetrated in this country, Piazza Fontana, the Bologna station, Piazza della Loggia, since the 1970s of the so-called strategy of tension, massacres carried out by the Italian

state, but, like Pinochet's "coup", wanted and created by North American imperialism in its struggle to keep the world under its control.

Here in Italy, the old counterinsurgency tools are being sharpened by dusting off imputations and devices developed by the Kingdom of Italy such as the “public order” crimes that paved the way for this, such as “devastation and looting,” with decades of years in prison for participating in demonstrations with street riots; or “special surveillance,” with no need for felonies to be locked up; as well as indiscriminately used offenses such as 414 of the Penal Code, incitement to commit crimes, which includes subversive printing, rallies, leaflets, etc.; and 280 c. p., “terrorist attack” or precisely the aforementioned “political massacre.”

But we must not forget that today more than ever this is connected to the arrangements of world capitalist development, imperialist war and preventive war against its internal enemies, no matter whether artfully constructed or not. Otherwise, the machine remains meatless for the special regimes and the regime in general.

Calling to fight specifically for freedom and an end to Marcelo’s conviction by the Chilean military justice and trying to call attention to the various exemplary convictions of numerous comrades, both internationally and locally, used as a warning against those who struggle in general is the thread that connects us to the struggle against the avalanche of repressive measures worldwide.

Therefore, we call for solidarity to like-minded people around the world, with creativity as the only limit.

Let it be clear, we have no faith in institutions, but that does not mean we do not use the tool of specific demands for the improvement of our conditions as prisoners or freedom for some of us.

The radicality of our struggles must be guaranteed even in the case of partial demands, such as Alfredo’s demotion, never losing sight of the goals we can and must set ourselves with the social reasons for our anarchist action. Radicality of action, of propaganda, of agitation, and always putting our anarchist antagonist ethics, with its contradictions, first on the scales and fully rejecting any maneuvering that comes from the domain that we do not consider clear for our principles. These are some of the antibodies to reaffirm that our struggle is for the destruction of authority. So that we are not equated with reformism that is compatible with authority.

Join forces to support specific instances from time to time, including a look at perspective and critique of the state-capitalist system of domination. We think this is a good way to rediscover and discover our capacities in conflict. Prison we don’t think is the heart of the struggle, the reasons that as anarchists took us to prison, yes.

We must not dissipate our hard-won energies by continuing the paths we have started and expanding spaces in our actions. Aware that by practicing solidarity as a method, even for specific goals, such as the liberation of our comrades, these struggles can make us make qualitative leaps, always pushing ourselves a little further, putting our ethics first. The rejection of any compromise, as was done in the struggle for Alfredo, in Anna’s struggle in AS2 in L’Aquila, for Giannis in the Greek prisons, etc.

2 Sept - Rattling the Cages fundraiser for political prisoners

As many of you know, Josh Davidson has been working on a book, Rattling the Cages: Oral Histories of North American Political Prisoners, with political prisoner Eric King.

MORE:

The book is due to be released by AK Press in December and is a fundraiser for, and a way to raise awareness of, those imprisoned for politically motivated actions.

Preorders for the book began Saturday, September 2. As a preorder, the book is discounted and AK and Burning Books have agreed to donate a percentage from each book sold through September 18th to Running Down the Walls, an annual ABCF political prisoner fundraiser. Preorders should be made directly from

Burning Books or AK in order for this RDTW deal. So, please spread the word in your circles and let's help raise some funds for those still locked up inside!

If you'd like, please feel free to preorder the book now and it will be shipped to you in December. Please also tell your friends and comrades about the book -- share it on social media, via email, word of mouth, whatever works for you: burningbooks.com/products/preorder-rattling-the-cages-oral-histories-of-north-american-political-prisoners OR akpress.org/rattling-the-cages.html

2 Sept - The Fenix 2 trial

On 18 and 19 September 2023, at 8:30 a.m., the District Court in Most will hold the next hearing in the Phoenix 2 case.

MORE:

The main charges concerned the support and promotion of the Network of Revolutionary cells (SRB) <https://revolutionarycells.noblogs.org/>, insurrectional anarchism, as well as blackmail and harm of others property. SRB focused several years on sabotage of the property of police and capitalists. So far, no one was convicted and condemned for these actions.

The defendant Lukáš Borl lukasborl.noblogs.org admittedly confessed to spray the walls of prison lettering “desire for freedom the repression will not stop” and “death to the state”. He also admitted that he was identifying by amended identity documents. The damage he caused to the prison, he paid. The Court in these two points acknowledged Borl guilty, but dropped from punishment. According to the Head of Senate, Dagmar Šebková the delicts were not serious and also happened long time ago.

The Court in Ústí nad Labem overturned the judgment of the District Court in Most and remanded the case for a new hearing. An expert in the field of in odorology to look into the issue of "scent traces".

Recall that four anarchists and one environmentalist are charged with offenses punishable by 3 to 10 years in prison. Support the accused directly in court or by another solidarity action.

7 Sept - The Subversive Seventies

WHAT: Book Launch

WHEN: 7:00pm, Thursday, September 7th

WHERE: The Word Is Change - 368 Tompkins Avenue, Brooklyn

COST: FREE

MORE:

A thought-provoking reconsideration of how the revolutionary movements of the 1970s set the mold for today's activism.

We are excited to welcome Michael Hardt, who with Antonio Negri in their Empire trilogy helped us understand a new global terrain of struggle, and historian Greg Grandin for a discussion you won't want to miss.

10 Sept - MACC Care Assembly

WHAT: Assembly

WHEN: 3:00pm, Sunday, September 10th

WHERE: PIT Records & Books, 411 South 5th Street, Brooklyn

COST: FREE

MORE:

SCHEDULE:

- Self-defense class Muay Thai Martial arts training - no experience necessary, show up at 3 pm

- Political education session
- Care exchange & a community meal

What is the care exchange? As we sit down to share a meal we check in and exchange our requests and offers, in the spirit of mutual aid. Requests – do you need help with anything? Offers – do you have any skills, time, or resources to offer? This is a conversation to help facilitate building and maintaining relationships among us by identifying needs and sharing what we can in solidarity.

For COVID safety: Show a negative rapid test; free tests will be provided at the door.

10 Sept - Bstox Sexual Liberation Rent Party!

WHAT: Rent Party

WHEN: 5:00pm, Sunday, September 10th

WHERE: Bluestockings Cooperative Bookstore - 116 Suffolk Street

COST: Tickets are \$10-20 in advance and \$20-30 day of at the door.

MORE:

Bluestockings Cooperative Bookstore is hosting our first RENT PARTY FUNDRAISER! This will be a monthly series of community-run and -organized partying! Organized by BIPOC folks with the intention of independently fundraising for multiple small businesses at once. Like many small businesses, Bluestockings has fallen on hard financial times. With our monthly rent parties, we will be PAYING OUR RENT! Come support us and our amazing vendors fundraise to keep our lights on with tattoo artists, tarot readers, sex workers, and the most beautiful community. Buy a ticket for yourself or donate a ticket for door entrance. Either way, put your money where your mouth is and come party!

16 Sept - New York Anarchist Book Fair

WHAT: Book Fair

WHEN: 11:00am, Saturday, September 16th

WHERE : La Plaza Community Garden - 137 Avenue C, Manhattan

COST: FREE

MORE:

The NYC Anarchist Book Fair was founded in 2007. It bringing around two thousand anarchists, anarchy supporters and curious together in New York City (on Lenape land) every year since its foundation. The book fair and related events offer a space for the anarchist community, bringing together anarchx-feminists, activists, scholars, workers, immigrants, queers, trans, artists and multi-racial individuals. It also offers an opportunity for the curious to learn about anarchism tradition, philosophy, praxis and the anti-capitalist struggle.

17 Sept - Running Down the Walls

WHAT: Running Down the Walls – 5k Run/Walk/Jog/Bike/Hang

WHEN: 2:00-7:00pm, Sunday, September 17th

WHERE: Prospect Park– Lincoln Road/East Lake Drive, east of the Terrace Bridge (see the below map for exact location)

COST: \$10 registration, participants encouraged to get sponsors (includes vegan BBQ afterwards, with COVID precautions for serving!) Donate at [paypal.me/nycabc](https://www.paypal.com/venmo.com/nycabc) [venmo.com/nycabc](https://www.venmo.com/nycabc) or with the Cash App: **\$NYCABC**

MORE:

NYC Anarchist Black Cross (NYC ABC) is excited to invite you to Running Down the Walls 2023! We are looking very forward to gathering as a community. For years, we've had an amazing time and successful fundraisers. Please stay tuned to our website, sign up for our newsletter, and follow us on instagram (@nycabc) or bluesky (nycabc.bsky.social) for updates.