



# European Social Struggle

## Barcelona : A Combative May Day Regained

May Day 2011 comes on the heels of two general strikes (29S, in September, called for by all the unions, and 27G, in January, called only by the anarchosyndicalist and radical independent unions). These strikes saw the creation of over half a dozen neighborhood assemblies and a periodic coordination between them, as well as other groups organizing at a citywide level. The confrontational barricades and pickets of the minoritarian unions (CNT and CGT) were vindicated, as were the insurrectionary anarchists' tactics of attack and idea of an uncontrolled generalization of the struggle.

The CNT in particular regained credibility, as the role of the official unions in approving the Labor Reform became undeniable (the CNT, or rather the various CNT splinter groups, are the only labor union that rejected the Moncloa Pact that turned unions into the political parties of the workplace).

An activist branch of this multicephalous, undefinable movement won a great deal of credibility by occupying a state bank building in the center of the city just before the September strike, playing a key role in the events to unfold, and signaling the presence of a political current reminiscent of the antiglobalization movement. In this chronicler's opinion, they lost most of their credibility in the second strike by attempting to repeat the exact same occupation action in a different location and being quickly squashed by the police, against whom they discouraged any physical resistance. Subsequently, this current did not make themselves felt on May Day, although they do continue to have a strong presence in the neighborhood assemblies.

In the streets, anarchists mixed with radical Catalan independentistas (who, dubious politics aside, proved themselves in battles with the cops) and a whole mix of people generally not involved in either politics or social struggles. In the bigger September strike as much as in the smaller January non-strike, comrades took the initiative, energized themselves, and learned what works and what doesn't on a citywide scale.

The black bloc, or those operating within a framework of conflictivity, thrived in this environment. Because they had never adopted a politics of waiting for the right moment, but rather developed their attack against the State come rain or shine, they could draw on a much deeper reserve of experience and confidence, making themselves indispensable to the syndicalists and independentistas who had newly found a need to be disruptive. Thus, they could continue to be critical of their political peers without burning bridges or destroying the possibility of joint action in pluralistic spaces of social struggle. They only won recourse to this wider and more chaotic field of action by putting solidarity above disdain, a marked change from the days of squatter isolationism.

In the month leading up to May Day, all these different currents carried out actions at an increasing pace.



The neighborhood assemblies mobilized to resist mortgage evictions, held talks or handed out flyers in the streets. The CNT protested and picketed against the firing and harassment of workers. Medical employees raised hell about the massive slashes to the health sector. Anonymous criminals smashed banks, or spraypainted them in broad daylight, and there were also a series of actions in solidarity with the Chilean anarchists in prison.

In the last weeks of April, a black poster appeared on the walls across the city bearing the title: "1 May: Day of Struggle, Day of Vengeance" and a text about the history of May Day. Around the same time another poster came out bearing the faces of three of the last urban guerrillas executed by the Franco regime, pointing out that these popular heroes weren't martyrs and victims, but combatants, and they didn't die for democracy, but for the struggle against capitalism, and that struggle is still ongoing.

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During the last days of the countdown, the two different CNT factions added their own posters announcing the protest, one under the title "let's regain the spirit of struggle," and what they lacked in content, they made up for in quantity, with few city blocks going undecorated.

In the early morning hours of Thursday, 28 April, arterial roads leading into Barcelona were blocked at two different points by barricades of burning tires, the work of people the police dubiously designated as "squatters". A few hours later the Chilean consulate was occupied in solidarity with the comrades on hungerstrike.

The day before, a protest had been called for that evening after the suicide of Patricia Heras, one of the prisoners of the police frame-up of 4F. Not even present at the scene of a riot in 2006 at which a cop was severely injured, Patricia Heras received a three year prison sentence after an excruciatingly long trial process. She had finished several months of her sentence and was currently in the "third degree" (weekdays out, nights locked up). On the night of Tuesday, April 26, rather than go back to prison, she went home and killed herself. On Thursday afternoon, hundreds of people gathered in El Forat in a torrential downpour and took to the streets, marching to Wad Ras, the women's prison, filling the air with chants against the police and the prisons, and the walls with graffiti of the same ilk. At the prison they lit off firecrackers and traded shouts of love with those on the other side of the wall.

### **Communique translated from Barcelona Indymedia**

*Response to the Death of Patricia Heras in Barcelona*

*The night of Thursday, 28 April, we attacked two banks on Rogent street with hammers. We did it to respond to the death of a comrade; to allow our rage to erupt rather than anaesthetizing it; so that those who profit off our*

*misery also reap the consequences. We would like to be able to avenge Patricia attacking the cops, judges, and journalists responsible for the 4F frame-up, but at the moment, our desires aside, we'll stick with attacking two offices of their owners.*

*Patrici, we won't forget you. You are with us. We'll continue fighting against patriarchy, against the prisons and against all domination until everyone is free.*

(Subsequently, on the night of 2 May, the city hall of Girona, another city in Catalunya, was attacked with rocks and spraypainted with the phrase, "We don't forget Patri, PSC [Socialist Party, in government at the time of the 4F frameup] murderers")

The night of April 30, the International Day of Sabotage, Witches' Night, attacks against temp agencies, banks, and labor institutions were carried out all across the city.

### **Communique translated from Barcelona Indymedia, from one action of many**

*Temp Agency Attacked on Marina Street*

*Is it even necessary to justify attacking a business of exploitation and precarity? In fact, not attacking it would be a grave lack of respect for ourselves and for the tradition of struggle on 1 May. For that reason, we decided to join rebels all over the world who still remember that the night of 30 April is a night dedicated to*

*sabotage. Death to the State and Long Live Anarchy.*

### **-Banda Subversiva de Piedras Voladoras**

In the morning of Sunday, 1 May, the CNT(s) and CGT, not to mention some independentist groups and the official unions, had their various public events. The CNT, it is worth noting, marched down Les Rambles, a street usually off-limits to protests, shocked the tourists, spraypainted, and casually sabotaged a little construction site in Raval, breaking the tools and telling the workers to join the strike.

The big protest was to gather at five in the afternoon at Jardinet de Gracia. Rather than marching through the tourist-infested center, as most marches do, this one was planning to head to Sarrià, the quintessential rich neighborhood up on the hill. At five-thirty, a crowd of 4-6,000 set off up Diagonal Avenue, with flags and banners marking different contingents of anarcho-sindicalists, black bloc, and non-party indepes. At the first intersection where a large group of riot police could be seen, the march stopped and people shouted at them lividly. The name "Patricia Heras" rang through the air. A shortwhile later, the President of Catalunya and another high functionary were burned in effigy. The first government office on the route was bathed in paint. It seems that this time, people skipped the lightbulbs or eggshells and just went with mason jars.

The sound of breaking glass from



the paintbombs was contagious, and soon more and more people in the crowd were masked up, small groups making sorties to the side of the march to leave graffiti. As the crowd turned up Via Augusta into the rich zone, people decided the time for vengeance was at hand. First, every bank, chain store, or dumpster the march passed was spraypainted with anarchist slogans. Before long, a small crew broke out of the march and attacked a bank with hammers. Except for a few Stalinists, everyone in the crowd cheered, from students to grandparents. The attacks multiplied, as people flipped dumpsters and set them alight. The more prepared attacked right and left with hammers, the more spontaneous liberated stones and bottles from the stultifying urban architecture. Within an hour, easily a hundred targets—banks, government buildings, chain stores, beauty salons, car dealerships, luxury car showrooms, privately owned luxury cars—were vandalized, with several smashed to hell and damaged on the inside too.

Twice, a large group of undercovers attempting to approach were chased off with rocks and bottles. After the destruction started in earnest, the riot vans drove up on the back of the march, but they were held off by the rear banner—valiently carried first by indepes then by CNT activists—and dissuaded by dumpsters, paintbombs, and bottles. Strategically, the police were disinclined to attack the march because charging a multigenerational labor union march that included a broad political spectrum would come with a serious backlash in a country that remembers its history and is apt to associate the police with dictatorship. Neither were they keen on fragmenting a single march into a hundred violent fractions in the middle of a wealthy neighborhood whose streets are not wide and grid-like but narrow and windy.

But finally, at about 7:30 around the altitude of Ganduxer, the destruction had reached such



proportions that the police charged. Hundreds of riot cops and undercovers broke through the rear banner and crushed any resistance, sparking a general panic and causing the back of the march to split into three groups, some of which blockaded their exit streets with barricades and automobiles. They arrested six and beat many. The media claimed they used a new crowd control weapon consisting of a shotgun that sends out a precision, paralyzing shot that can take down specific troublemakers; however this appears to be misinformation that was included in a press release written before the protest ever happened. Those arrested report being pacified with truncheons, telescoping batons, or in one case, a teargas grenade launcher used as a bludgeon. Another rumour circulated that the police had hoped to use their new weapon during the protest, but would instead inaugurate it during any disorders after the Barcelona-Madrid football match a couple days later.

The different segments of the march quickly regrouped, leaving hundreds of items of black clothing strewn on the ground behind them, left Sarrià and returned to Diagonal, arriving at the end point, a building of symbolic importance in the struggle of the health sector workers, where a statement was read and the march was unconvened. Several individuals were arrested by undercovers while leaving. It is assumed that those who filed their names to

request the legalization of the march (organized by a joint group including the radical unions and some indepe groups) will receive heavy fines, which will be paid by the organizations behind them.

That night graffiti went up on the walls celebrating the acts of revenge taken against the rich.

Fifteen people were arrested in total. The following day, a concentration was held outside the police station, and two hundred people blocked the street. The following day, 3 May, a continuous crowd gathered outside the courts to welcome the detainees upon their release. Four people were charged with the equivalent of misdemeanors, and eleven people with the equivalent of felonies—public disorder, and in some cases assaulting authorities and destruction of property. In the most serious case, the comrade faces a prosecutor's petition of three and a half years in prison, while in many other cases the petition is for two years' imprisonment. One of the arrested had both his arms broken, and many others were injured as well. Most were beaten during and after the arrest.

The common feeling is that the struggle will continue, and stronger than before. Even after the last prisoner was released, the rich neighborhood remained trashed. Passersby did double-takes to see a paving stone two feet across lodged comfortably in the front window of an Audi dealership as business tried unconvincingly to carry on as usual. The social war had come home.



# A small contribution of the imprisoned members of the Conspiracy of Cells of Fire about Solidarity.

*Until the day comes we will remain with the head held high...*

## 1. Solidarity is our weapon.

Many things have been written and said about solidarity. Usually when there have been so many discussions and so many texts have circulated on a matter, it ends up trite, predictable and without any particular interest. It seems as if its content has run out and it's constantly being repeated.

We believe there are no trite practices, but trite ways of thinking. Particularly today, in the suspicious days we are living in, with the dozens of imprisoned urban guerrillas and anarchists, we should sharpen the blade of solidarity and remove it from its repeated stereotypes that confine us within the nefarious cycle of "freedom to whichever comrade".

Because this way, names change, more are added while others are forgotten, and solidarity remains stagnant and often a privilege of friendly, personal and "public" relations.

However, the moment that the names of imprisoned fighters and their cases are browsed through incuriously like pages of an advertising brochure, authority will have won an important bet, the moral extermination of its political opponents. It will have achieved the installation of prison in us as a natural acceptance.

## 2. From defence to attack

We could not however speak about solidarity without first

mentioning repression. It is undeniable that repression is reorganizing and is upgrading in the military sector (e.g. new forces of cops such as DIAS), in the scientific – technical sector (e.g. record of DNA collection), in propaganda (terror-scenarios of the Media) and in the law (new provisions of the terror law). The enemy is trying in this way to internalize fear as a condition in anti-regime circles as among others.

However, before we get caught up in a web of defence against the onslaught of repression, we should look first at what preceded. Because only our knowledge and the heritage of memory can overcome fear.

For some years now, together with the explosive moments of December 2008, the ensuing anarchist urban guerrilla has declared a permanent presence that has led to deaths and injuries on both sides of the war, coordinated incendiary attacks, the placing of explosive devices on symbols of sovereignty, organized sabotage of infrastructures and the articulation of a subversive discourse that is seeking revolution in the here and now.

On the other side, repression is in permanent war in relation to the forces of subversion. This is why we believe that its aggressive reformation did not result as an autonomous initiative of the state in neutral time, but as an answer to the increasing growth of the new urban guerrilla and naturally as a shield of protection against the rapid oppositions of social automatism (economic crisis, unemployment, strikes...).

Focusing on our own choice of the new urban guerrilla we can with certainty say that repression functions as a step in the logical continuity of the 'action – reaction' phenomenon. So we do not view ourselves as being in a position of defence.

Even in the condition of captivity we choose to reverse the terms of a defeatist capitulation and proudly take responsibility for our actions, defending the

positions and values of the Conspiracy of Cells of Fire in which we participate, organizing new plans of subversion, attack and sabotage.

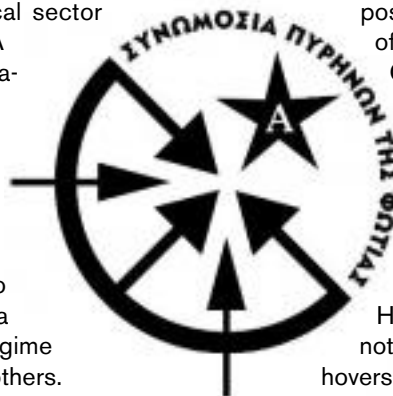
Hence repression is not a ghost that hovers above us, but the response of the State in the war that we declared upon it. This is why we consider that new comrades and accomplices in the mutiny do not need to face authority as an omnipotent enemy that knows everything, but as a challenge in order to wage new, harder battles against it. Anyway, the victories of the enemy usually rely on our own errors, but this is another discussion for the future.

We place ourselves therefore, far from complex positions of defence and fear, remaining on constant attack. While for those who are in a hurry to speak of defeat, because of the many arrests, we answer that the consequences of an action do not provide sufficient fodder for evaluating the reasoning behind a choice. Anyway the genuine value of freedom is not in its safekeeping at any cost, but in its endangerment while searching for something better, fighting for an authentic life beyond the law.

## 3. Let solidarity become the ...file... of escapes from both sides of the walls

*Revolutionary solidarity is a live map onto which are printed facts and perceptions that the language of sovereignty wants to methodically erase from memory, eliminate from consciousness and abolish as if they had never existed.*

*Simultaneously however, solidarity is also a diachronic argument of behaviour, relations and transubstantiation of the values of the revolution in the here and now. It is a way to exist collectively*



*against the society of loneliness and segregation.*

**Solidarity constitutes the hot lava that runs in the veins of all who oppose, each one in her/his own way, their era and the sovereign order of things. With its momentum it clarifies one undeniable fact, that whoever fights power does not need to be our friend but deserves, not necessarily our unlimited acceptance, but our full hearted support. This reasoning inspires all our attacks and the actions that we carry out as autonomous personalities who participate in the Conspiracy of Cells of Fire.**

It is however important we comprehend that revolutionary solidarity through the choice of a permanent attack was not born out of the fantasy of a supposed identification between thought and action. Because often solidarity is misunderstood and becomes perceptible as an absolute agreement of theory and action between those imprisoned and those in solidarity.

On the contrary, it was born out of the response to the eternal dilemma of our times: 'You're either with the State or with the revolution'. The recognition of this heritage does not mean of course that we will hide the weapons of criticism or make discounts on our speech in order that we become liked by those that we disagree with. Solidarity without criticism is revolution without action. With criticism we deepen the substance of the case. Thus we recognize the common ground but also the different references of each one of us. We evolve our thought and our practice, and we listen to the particular characteristics of the different variations that constitute the anti-regime movement. This is also the beauty of revolution, there's no single truth, just as there is no orthodox tradition that dictates what is right and wrong.

On the contrary, the anti-authoritarian movement is a mosaic of denials that is connected, engages, rivals, is always supple-

mented, but remains always within a dialectic. This is the dialectic of solidarity that never forgets who is the enemy, who are those that plunder our existence, who are those that want to get rid of us by "burying" us in the cement graves of the prisons.

#### **4. The weapons of criticism and the critique of "criticism"**

Through this context we have occasionally criticized, and sometimes particularly harshly, procedures, other organizations, occupations, practices and traditions of struggle. But we always know in which direction we look with hostility and where we aim our weapons. We never forget that between revolutionaries and the enemy there is a straightforward, clear defined line.

We continue to believe that within the anti-authoritarian movement, despite the differences, contradictions, disputes and tensions, what unites us is greater than what divides us. As long as we learn that the dialectic is based on the mutuality and sincerity of intentions and motivations for the promotion of the revolutionary war, and not on foolish ambitions of personal promotion to informal leaderships within the anti-regime circles. Such behaviour would be met with our violent disgust.

Beyond that we recognize ourselves as a part of the anarcho-individualistic nihilistic tendency of the anti-authoritarian movement, where we support the diversity of the anarchist revolution. Acting publicly, either through our illegal infrastructures, or as imprisoned members of the Conspiracy, we seek critique, so we exercise it and also receive it. We never claimed that we hold the exclusive truth of the revolution, let alone that we want to keep it for ourselves. We are convinced that the authentic expression of self-criticism and criticism through revolutionary solidarity can only have something to offer to the case of subversion.

It dismantles doctrinal truths, forms new concepts, transfers

experiences, formulates questions and concerns, opens communications, enriches agreements and disagreements and synthesizes a new perspective for everyone of us in the community of rebels.

#### **5. Moments of struggle against the wind**

Beyond that solidarity with each of its expressions can be the occasion for a fruitful field of dialectic and dialogue between those in solidarity and the prisoners. But also for the beginning to achieve more. The achievement to form a new starting point of coordinated actions which are not restricted exclusively to the theme of confinement. A matter which we will refer to in one of our future positionings.

Tracing the historical experiences of the past, we meet some of the highest moments of struggle where those in solidarity and the prisoners learn from one another, are organized and set up common subversive plans against imprisonment and the condition of authority. Solidarity is the gathering of all these moments (Uruguay, England, Ireland, Germany, Italy, Spain, etc.) where imprisoned urban guerrillas and many other dignified prisoners, despite the arguments and controversies are associated within the mosaic of a multitendency anti-regime movement. From the execution of members of the regime and kidnapping of politicians and businessmen, to solidarity meetings and posters of counter information and slogans on the walls, to bomb and arson attacks, dozens of physical and mental escapes were carried out.

Because up until today a bomb or an incendiary device that along with the shrapnel carries a message of solidarity, or a poster of support, a gathering outside the prison or a letter, a text become the few trusted "friends" of a prisoner during the battle of captivity.

These moves are the best answer to the democracy of directors that have built us within tombs of

concrete, cement and bars. It is solidarity that keeps us free even as prisoners. On the contrary oblivion is a form of death for the prisoner since the days do not pass, but get poorer, narrow and are emptied of any content.

So through the critical dimension of solidarity, solidarity ceases to be a sterile repeatable procedure and exiles far away from it a Christian humanism that speaks the language of begging to the enemy.

Several years ago the incendiary part of anarchy in the majority limited itself to a self-referential solidarity that repeated through telephone calls-responsibility claims, the stereotype "freedom to him/her". So each case is inevitably personified, cutting off the intelligence connection of the choice (arson, robbery, vandalism on a demo) for which the comrade prisoner was being persecuted with any other autonomous personality who wanted to discover the common meanings with it. In this way, solidarity becomes a case involving a few close friends and works with a barometer "rates of sympathy" that the individual prisoner prisoner gathers.

In recent years we believe that the transition from occasional aggressive action to the creation of groups of direct action and organized infrastructures released incendiary solidarity from its stereotypes and began to produce total discourse through proclamations, analysis and texts that present each illegal revolutionary practice as an open proposal for everyone to know and either choose, reject, or, most important, develop.

The same also happened through some specific assemblear processes, which without offering each prisoner the immunity of false heroization, made a step to speak through leaflets and telephone conversations and develop a live movement of dialogue, agreements and contradictions.

Because the bet is not to create a

broad solidarity movement that "runs" behind the cases of prisoners, but to set up a genuine channel of communication to mentally remove the walls that divide us.

At the same time we consider very important the opening of solidarity on an international level. The open proposal for the creation of an Informal Anarchist Federation – International Revolutionary Front, contributes in this direction. It is a way to break in practice the silence and misinformation about what is happening in a distant "elsewhere" and to collectivize all those moments in every part of the world that say no to authority, do not bow their heads to the State, go against the wind of our time and form those utopian territories, liberated territories of liberated lands where the revolutionary war is as necessary as the sun is for life ....

*Long live the Informal Anarchist Federation – International Revolutionary Front*

*Nothing less than everything*

*Armed struggle for the Revolution*

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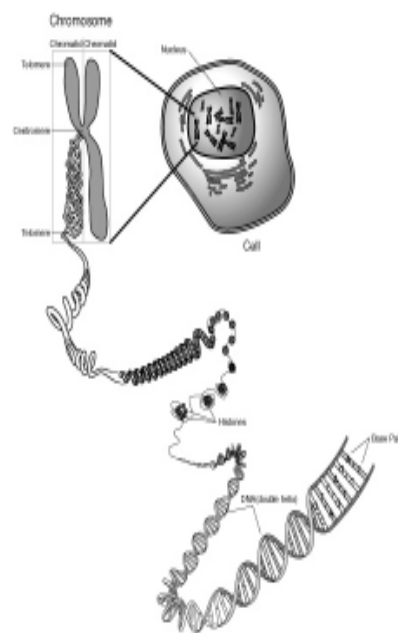
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## **Call for an escalated Anti-Genetic Engineering Struggle from Silvia, Costa, Billy, and Marco on hunger strike May 1 to 28 (Switzerland)**

From May 1 to 28 we undertake a new hunger strike on relays of seven days each, as a new joint initiative to provide continuity for the links and relationships already intertwined with other strikes and many initiatives of solidarity and struggles outside of prison, and also in response to attempts by the Swiss Federal Prosecutor and by international repression to denigrate, isolate and stamp out the struggle.

Attempts that will always be in vain in the face of our determination not to break the thread that binds ourselves to you comrades outside but instead continue to weave together, as part of the revolutionary movement, the movement of Earth and Animal Liberation.

A year ago, the beginning of the enormous catastrophe BP-Deep Water-Horizon confirms the principle of technoindustrial society that its technological remedy to the technological disaster will always be worse than the disease that it

claims to cure, adding instead to one destruction another greater destruction. In this case the chemical agent of secret nanotech composition with unknown consequences experimentally sprayed in huge quantities in the marine environment.

A secret composition like that of the chemical released at high pressure along with sand and water deep underground for the, thanks to new technologies, gas drilling or oil shale extraction, which is to say, not more of the natural gas in large bubble on the way to depletion, but more of the gas content in a myriad of bubbles contained in the clay-like shale layers. With easily-imagined disastrous consequences such as earthquakes and further chemical pollution in surface water and groundwater. Emblematic is the proliferation of corporate advertising in the media for gas as a green energy that with Fukushima have replaced those for nuclear energy as clean energy...

And images of northern Japan have entered our homes and our cells with all of the impressive force of an unimaginable event.

The indomitability of the natural element lays bare in its entirety the anthropocentric presumption of technological-scientific progress and, along with the lives of thousands of people, swept away in one afternoon all of the certainties of urban society.

Everywhere around us, science, business and governments have shaped the existent, placing us all in suspension on an artificial self-regulating scaffold that is anything but solid: namely, industrial-technological society.

Over thousands of years of civilization, it is now condensing into its most total and global expression which is multinational capitalism, to whose harmful effects and illusions we are all forced to entrust our lives. With the stupid arrogance that throughout history has marked every dominant power, it cannot afford any questioning of itself and the present into which we are forced. Open to alterations, albeit always false solutions, only if they

can reinforce its legitimacy, but that can not continue to reproduce in a continuous spiral whose circles are increasingly asphyxiating shrinking around us. Where the internal bio- and nano-technologies of this spiral that is detrimental to the system itself, are not simple and additional technological developments among many, but are the key technologies with which the whole edifice on which we are deported far away from our natural world is restoring and, inside of the techno-industrial spiral, representing the ring of the chain that goes to close the steel circle of dominion over our life and everything that exists.

Where the profitability-concern of the owners and of the multinational corporations is not so much that the masses must become dominated by material progress, but about the "limits" of this world. Then comes the need to obtain new materials, new materials and substances with new properties, new forms of energy production, new and 'improved' plant and animal species, new food applications, industrial and medical applications obtained by the manipulation of life and of matter. Innovations that, as with all the key innovations of civilization, are born out of military needs for imperialist war to the outside and inside the trinity of conquest, control and exploitation.

War, now more than ever, transcends the military field and has expanded its front, in fact, to every expression of the living and the material from the macro to the nano and even beyond the planet itself.

Thus every productive sector is invested in these technologies, but no longer content with the narrowness of the research labs is transforming—even after it transformed along with space into one deadly and sickening landfill—the entire planet into a laboratory, a new living world—or rather a dying, engineered one.

Not—as the great "greenwashing" campaigns of media terrorism and state want us to believe—to solve social and environmental disasters

arising from the system, but always and ever to reproduce this system of domination and exploitation with the end of completing once and for all the techno-industrial complex enclosure.

Through this initiative we want to convey a specific revolutionary anarchist environmentalist sentiment, which leads us to confront with interventionary priority biotechnology, nanotechnology and nuclear research as harmful pillars on which the system goes on recomposing itself. That is why we take this opportunity also and above all to call for a renewed fight against genetic engineering and in particular to its continued diffusion, as articulated by the EFSA in Parma as a required step, to the GMOs in Europe, supported by multinational chemical and agro-food, which points to the liberalization of GM crops. This too is part—a critical part—of the attempt to extend total and absolute control and domination in all biological processes (such as the social and economic through nanotechnology/information technology), reducing the living being to a mere aggregate of genes to shape to the convenience of production.

Struggle that does not pass by delegating to always-complicit experts or politicians, but by organizing initiatives and acting widely to stop this necrology.

With this strike, we reiterate our desire to remain active players in a larger long-term path of struggle, tearing down walls, barriers and borders and renewing the power of active complicity with all those who fight against oppression by man of man, of woman, of other animals and of the whole earth!

**Unconditional complicity and solidarity with the rebels who on February 7th opposed the death transport in Val Susa!**

**Unconditional complicity and solidarity with/to the five comrades seized April 6th, 2011 and to all hit by this latest repression based on the fascist articles of association of Italy!**

**Solidarity with/to the social guerrilla comrades held hostage in Greece, Chile, Argentina, Mexico, and everywhere in the world!**

**Solidarity with/to the comrades of the "bombas case" frame-up and four Mapuche political prisoners, all on hunger strike and all hostages of the fascist state in Chile!**

**And to all the revolutionary prisoners held hostage of the social war here in Europe as in America and elsewhere in the world!**

And last but not least, a warm revolutionary greeting to the comrades meeting this May 1st here in Zurich and elsewhere in Switzerland, where the convergence of them in particular is known very much, where we, as prisoners and revolutionaries, are known very much also in the strong international participation and mobilization against repression and for the release of our revolutionary prisoners!

**With solidarity in motion, repression will not stop our struggle! The passion for freedom is stronger than any authority!**

*On the first of May, from Swiss prison*

*Silvia, Costa,  
Marco, Billy*



**Background:**

On the 15th of April 2010 Silvia Guerini, Luca Bernasconi (called Billy) and Costantino Ragusa (called Costa) have been arrested nearby Zurich, in Switzerland. Their car was stopped and searched by the police that found explosives, gas bottles, incendiary devices and communiques signed ELF Switzerland. From the communique is clear the intention to attack the construction site of the new IBM research center of nanotechnologies in Ruschlikon, Zurich. Since then are kept in three different prisons, under very strict restrictions, especially the censorship on the post that makes the communication very slow and limited at 3 letters a week. The investigation should come to an end in February 2011, but it isn't known yet the date of the trial. The charges are not official yet but probably they will be: possession and transport of explosive materials and poisoning gas, attempted arson and attempted explosive attack.

Since Silvia and Costa are Italians and the three of them were very active in Italy, the Italian government opened an other investigation with the charges of *270bis*, that's the Italian anti-terrorist law.

The three vegan anarchists, have been part, since many years, in the animal liberation and earth liberation movements. Active also in the fight against Morini, breeding farm for vivisection; AIP campaign against the fur industry; *Coalizione contro le nocività*, campaign against bio and nanotechnologies and nuclear power. They are also part of the editorial collective of an anti-civilization journal called *Terra Selvaggia*.

Even if they have been isolated, they managed to organize two coordinated hunger strikes, the first one from the 10th of September 2010 for maximum 10 days, the second one from the 6th of December to the 12th of December 2010, both with Marco Camenisch, green anarchist in prison in Switzerland since 2003.

May our solidarity break into the thick walls of their jails, may the solidarity actions multiply, may the struggle continue stronger than before.

**NOT A STEP BACKWARDS!  
FREEDOM FOR SILVIA, BILLY  
MARCO AND COSTA!**

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