

Earth First!

# Action Update

A monthly round-up of ecological and other direct action from around Britain

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## BP takes a beating

### CBI

Having just recovered from a hundred-odd protesters charge the CBI conference in Manchester on the opening Sunday night, Monday's delegates from a deeply emotional meeting on corporate citizenship returned to the lobby to find the BP stall (Beyond Parody) covered in several bottles of fake blood. With all the greenwash execs chatting to suited-up NGO representatives, its getting harder and harder to tell who's who. One suit, however, has reappeared... as a damages claim against two people arrested. Although claiming £750 for a suit and £300 for a shirt seems a bit rich...

For more info on the Baku-Ceyhan Pipeline campaign see the feature on the centre pages. The action was also in solidarity with the people of West Papua whose lives are being destroyed by BP; web: [www.eco-action.org/ssp](http://www.eco-action.org/ssp), email: [ssp@eco-action.org](mailto:ssp@eco-action.org), tel: 01273 695505

### ERM occupied

December 2nd: protesters from Rising Tide occupied the offices of Environmental Resource Management, a group of 'environmental consultants' whose contribution to ecology is to



write greenwash reports for the likes of BP.

Recent activities have included research on the Baku-Ceyhan pipeline, designed to carry oil through Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey. The protesters declared their intention of staying in the office of ERM boss Robin Bidwell until the company withdrew from the project, but were out by that afternoon, having worried numerous staff by letting them know what their employers were actually up to. They also hung banners from the offices reading 'oil makes war' and 'ERM makes climate change,' and carried out an 'impact assessment' of their action modelled on the farcical consultations carried out by ERM of communities affected by the pipeline.

Januray 14th: Manchester and Leeds Earth First! occupied the ERM Manchester branch. During the five hour occupation activists negotiated via fax with BP Azerbaijan and ERM Europe managers.

### West Papua action

On 18th December BP also had to put up with one of their Manchester garages being blockaded in a protest against the Tangguh gas project in West Papua. Two tripods (one seen on right) sealed the entrance and exit, prompting BP to offer a meeting with the area manager. This was turned down on the grounds that he had no influence at all. Meanwhile, local police tried to convince the protesters to come down on the grounds that they should go visit the BP HQ instead... a great excuse for an office occupation? In the end, despite the brandy coffee, it was the cold that won out after four hours.



The philosophy behind Earth First! is the use of non-hierarchical organisation and direct action to confront, stop and eventually reverse the forces responsible for the destruction of the Earth and its inhabitants. It is not a cohesive group or campaign rather a convenient banner for those interested in these ideas.

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## Prisoner Support

See [www.spiritoffreedom.org.uk](http://www.spiritoffreedom.org.uk) for updates on prisoners and their campaigns and tips on writing to them.

**Colin Davies**, 3 years for supplying cannabis. Colin, founder of the Medical Marijuana Co-operative has also lost his home since being sent down. GP8726, HMP Strangeways, 1 Southall Street, Manchester, M60 9AH

**Iñaki Garcia Koch**, Carcel de Pamplona, C/San Roque. Apdo. 250, 31080 - Iruñez - Pamplona, Navarra (España), Spain. 5 years for sabotaging a dam construction site.

**Jeffrey 'Free' Luers**, #13797671, OSP, 2605 State St. Salem, OR 97310, USA. 22 years & 8 months for arson on a car dealership & attempted arson of an oil truck.

**Craig Marshall**, #13797662, SRCI, 777 Stanton Blvd, Ontario, OR 97914 USA. 5 years 5 months for conspiracy to commit arson and possession of incendiary devices, having used the devices to destroy SUV's.

**Dave Blenkinsop** EM7899, HMP Bullingdon, Oxfordshire OX6 0PZ England. Has just had his sentences increased to 10 years for a number of animal rights actions.

**Kate Simpson** GN8957, HMP Morton Hall, Swinderby, Lincoln, LN6 9TT, 1 year for burglary at Roche.

**Pelle Strindlund**, Ostragård kriminalvårdsanstalt, Box 215, SE-462 23 Vanersborg, Sweden. 8 months for disarming a slaughterhouse.

**Geert Waegemans**, Gevangeniss Hoogstraten, Gelnelstraat 131, 2320 Hoogstraten, Belgium. 5 years for various ALF arson.

**Leonard Peltier** #89637-132, PO Box 1000, Leavenworth, KS 66048, USA. An American Indian Movement

activist, life after being framed for the murder of 2 FBI agents.

**Eric Wildcat Hall**, #BL-5355, Unit I/A 10745 Route 18, Albion, PA 16475-0002, USA. 35-75 years for helping ship arms to Central American indigenous activists.

**Yves Peirat**, n°d'écrou 5591, Centre de détention de Salon, bat.A, Route Nationale 113, 13300 Salon de Provence, France. Serving five years for a series of anti-fascist arson attacks against the Front National.

**Joshua Schwartz**, 3100201611, NYSID# 1900738L, BBKC, 125 White St, New York City, NY, 10013, USA. 6 months for destroying property at homes of Marsh (HLWS backers) directors. Should be out in April.

## the MOVE

There are eight activists from **the MOVE eco-revolutionary group** in prison each serving 100 years after being framed for the murder of a cop in 1979. 9th defendant, Merle Africa, died in prison in 1998.

**Debbie Simms Africa** (006307), **Janet Holloway Africa** (006308) and **Janine Philips Africa** (006309) all at: SCI Cambridge Springs, 451 Fullerton Ave, Cambridge Springs, PA 16403-1238, USA.

**Michael Davis Africa** (AM4973) and **Charles Simms Africa** (AM4975) both at SCI Grateford, PO Box 244, Grateford, PA 19426-0244, USA.

**Edward Goodman Africa** (AM4974), 301 Morea Rd, Frackville, PA 17932, USA.

**William Philips Africa** (AM4984) and **Delbert Orr Africa** (AM4985) both at SCI Dallas Drawer K, Dallas, PA 18612, USA.

**Mumia Abu Jamal**, (AM8335), SCI Greene, 175 Progress Drive, Waynesburg PA15370, USA. In 1981 Mumia, was framed for the murder of a cop. Life sentence after death sentence revoked to avoid a retrial for this blatant stitchup.

## New Ploughshares prisoners

A couple of years ago four American nuns calling themselves "Sacred Earth & Space Plowshares" disarmed weapons of mass murder at Peterson Air Force Base in the USA. On Sunday October 6th 2002, three of the original four Sisters visited an N-8 missile silo in northern Colorado and using the name "Sacred Earth & Space Plowshares II" disarmed the equipment that transports nuclear missiles to their firing points. All three have been remanded. Please send letters of support to: Ardeth Platte, Carol Gilbert and Jackie Hudson, PO Box 518, Georgetown, CO80444, USA

## Palestine

**Yoni Ben Artzi** and **Uri Ya'akobi** are teenage Israeli conscientious objectors who have been imprisoned for multiple month-long sentences for refusing to join the repressive Israeli army. Each time their jail term ends they are called up again, refuse, and are re-imprisoned. They can be contacted at [mbartz@yahoo.com](mailto:mbartz@yahoo.com) (Yoni) and [Prison\\_Hamster@hotmail.com](mailto:Prison_Hamster@hotmail.com) (Uri). Comments on the Israeli army's policies and actions can be sent to: Shaul Mofaz, Minister of Defence, 37 Kaplan Street, Tel-Aviv 61909, Israel. Fax: +972-3-6962757 / +972-3-6916940 / +972-3-6917915. E-mail: [sar@mod.gov.il](mailto:sar@mod.gov.il) or [pniot@mod.gov.il](mailto:pniot@mod.gov.il) or Brig. Gen. Menachem Finkelstein, Chief Military Attorney, Military postal code 9605, IDF, Israel, Fax: +972-3-5694370

## Yarl's Wood scapegoats

Eight detainees are being held in London prisons for 14 months on remand, not counting how long they were detained for prior to the Yarl's Wood fire. Banged up 24 hours a day or 3 or 4 days at a time ... that means no access to telephone and no shower for 3 or 4 days. Please visit, write, or send money so they can make phone calls. The support

campaign is trying to co-ordinate activities to ensure that all prisoners are covered – contact [ginn\\_emma@hotmail.com](mailto:ginn_emma@hotmail.com) or 07786 517379. The most powerful thing you could do is to stand surety – contact the campaign if this is possible.

## HMP Wormwood Scrubs Prison

Tel. No. : 0208 743 0311 Postal Address : PO Box 757, Du Cane Road, Acton, London, W12 0AE

### Visiting hours

9-10 and 10-11 am Monday - Fridays, 2-3 and 3-4 pm Sundays  
3 visits a week allowed per detainee  
To book visits : 0208 749 7007 between 9-12:00 and 1.30-5 pm Monday to Friday  
Warning: book Sunday visits very early in week otherwise they book up

### Sending money

Postal orders made out to "The Governor with detainee's name and prison number on the back.

### Sending clothes

Clothes can only be deposited during a weekday visit

### Detainees

**Kayode Abdul** (Nigerian) - prison number : EM9674; **Klodjan Gaba** (Albanian) - EM9676; **Gjerik Tuka** (Kosovan) - HE5351; **Behar Limani** (Albanian) - BM9849; **Tomas Kalu** (Nigerian) - HE5353; **Aliane Ahmed** (Algerian) - HE5354

## HMP & YOI Feltham

Prison Tel. No. : 0208 8445000 Postal Address : Bedfont Road, Feltham, Middlesex, TW13 4ND

### Visiting hours

2-3.30 pm every day except Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
Visits allowed every day  
To book visits : 0208 8445563

### Sending money

see Scrubs

### Detainees

**Nassem Mosstaffa** (Algeria) - prison number : HF5951; **Agron Kastrioti** (Kosovan) - HF5959

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The EF! AU is produced to aid the sharing of news, information and ideas amongst those interested in taking action. It is edited by a different collective each year to avoid the centralisation of power and information. We welcome submissions and articles (max 150 words) so if you've set up a group, taken action or want to publicise a campaign or project please let us know. No matter how big or small it seems, we'd like to share your news and inspiration. Feature articles and ideas are also appreciated.

## Earth First! Network Strategy and Action Discussions

As discussion of EF! Network strategy and ideas has been lacking at the last few Summer Gatherings, a space was created for interested people to get together and try to overcome this problem. This has taken the shape of two weekend discussions, which have been open and announced. The second of these discussions happened in Nottingham recently.

The agenda for the weekend was left open and up to the participants to decide. The weekend was started with a list of questions, which people wrote down their answers to. These answers were then read out by

other people, to allow for anonymity. This started the discussion process. The topics discussed included: should the EF! Network have a more ecological focus? What is effectiveness, and how can we be more effective? Both in the abstract and focussing on the Peat campaign as a practical example. As well as this we talked about ways to strengthen and improve our network.

There will be no more of these meetings before the Winter Moot as that is considered to be the best place to continue these discussions and make them more accessible to everyone in the network.

# Car-ving up the country...

## Brum, brum

This year's Birmingham Motor Show saw a string of anti-car actions. On 22nd October, the press preview day, five people were arrested in a mass occupation of digging equipment on the notorious Birmingham Northern Relief Road. Local climate activists dropped a 40 foot banner off a bridge over the busy M42, which runs along the BNRR. For the next week thousands of motorists every hour - many on their way to the motor show - saw the message "Car Culture=Climate Chaos"

The 23rd was the open day for people (99% white males) from the trade and car industry. They were met by a loud and noisy demo organised by Birmingham Friends of the Earth outside the main entrance. The protesters, wearing wet weather gear marked with tyre tracks, brandished a model globe with a tyre track across it bearing the slogan "What was that Bump?" Two people from Rising Tide were stopped by security as they started to climb the 60 foot flagpoles outside the front of the show to unfurl a banner, and were escorted off the site. On this and subsequent days 3,500 leaflets denouncing car culture were handed out or left on car windows. A cycle-powered anti-car-show radio station by pir8radio broadcast throughout the protest and the following week. The repeating 20 minutes show contained interviews, climate news items, spoof adverts and jingles. See [www.anticarshow.net](http://www.anticarshow.net) or [www.roadalert.org.uk](http://www.roadalert.org.uk) for more info.



Car culture = Climate Chaos at the motor show

## Grim up north

Job advert: "About eight miles from Edinburgh near Penicuik is Bilston Woods. It is a SSSI or the Scottish equivalent, and faces having a bypass ripped through it. There is a river running through the site and a pond, mature trees, a medieval bridge and tower, animals and flowers, and most importantly a lack of tarmac. Work has started on the roundabout to the site with a pond due to be drained. This shit needs to be stopped before all our environment and heritage is destroyed by these fuckers in fluoro jackets. A site is being set up so anyone who wants to help should call the number below. No experience required as training will be given. Must have own sense of humour." Site Mobile - 07753 808709. The road is partially intended to give greater access to the Roslin Institute, home of Dolly the Sheep and the mad scientists trying to clone more like her.

## Lancashire hot pot

Campaigners in Lancaster are fighting to stop a huge development by construction company Chelverton. The developers, backed by Carillion (formerly Tarmac) want to build a massive superstore, dozens of 'large scale' retail units and a major road on land between the city centre and the tranquil Lancaster canal. According to the local council the new scheme would close down traders in the city centre and threaten the Homeless Action Centre, the Polish Centre and the Musician's Co-op, which are all situated on the threatened land.

To find out about upcoming actions, or to let the campaign know if you are fighting against Chelverton elsewhere, contact: Stop Chelverton!, Lancaster Activist Resource Centre, The Basement, 78a Penny Street, Lancaster. Tel: 01524 383012  
[stopchelverton@gmx.net](mailto:stopchelverton@gmx.net),  
[www.nephridium.org/lancaster](http://www.nephridium.org/lancaster)

## In brief

### Billboard liberation

Bristol, October 2002 - A billboard, advertising a car, was sawn down in the Fishponds area, while in January 2003 a former Esso station on the Bath road was redecorated to protest against environmental damage and war in Iraq. In Cheshire, meanwhile, a retired couple tired of speeding cars rigged up a fake speed camera in their front garden and watched the results...

### Road scheme

Local residents have been sizing up the probable damage the Harnham area faces from new road developments. The road scheme will disturb pedestrian rights of way and cut across fields and wetlands around Salisbury. More from [www.sinkthelink.org.uk](http://www.sinkthelink.org.uk)

### For peat's sake

In November more vehicles, were sabotaged at Solway Moss, this time about 15 peat cutters, owned by L&P Peat, while 3 more were trashed at Bolton Fell, owned by William Sinclair. Both targets are expanding their role in the peat industry as other players back out, and both companies are fighting efforts to protect their sites on environmental grounds.

### Crystal Palace park

Just before Christmas, members of the Crystal Palace park Liberation Front tore down part of the illegal fence cutting off parts of the park from the public. They also left a spray-painted message wishing park users a merry Christmas. The action is part of an ongoing campaign to fight Bromley Council's illegal enclosure of sections of the park and their plans to try and develop some areas, after the failure of initial attempts to build a multiplex cinema there. Contact [savecrystalpalacepark@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:savecrystalpalacepark@yahoo.co.uk)

### Mast campaign

Bossiney, near Tintagel, 29th November - villagers prevented contractors delivering equipment which formed part of the extension of a communications mast near the village. Residents blocked the entrance with cars and formed a human chain, demanding that they and their children should not be exposed to the health hazards posed by the addition to the mast of equipment to improve police communications.

### Acting up in the States

In Philadelphia, USA, residents also showed their disapproval of the expansion of urban sprawl onto wild land. Construction vehicles on the housing site were trashed, tanks sugared, locks glued and slogans sprayed. The showroom was also attacked. Meanwhile, in Erie, Pennsylvania, 4 SUV's were destroyed and others damaged (an estimated \$90,000 damage) as a protest against the environmental destructiveness of these ludicrous vehicles.

# The Baku Ceyhan

(pronounced Backoo-Jay-han)

# Oil Pipeline

**Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey are being lined up as the next 'zone of sacrifice' so that the West can continue to use lots and lots of oil.**

**We have the opportunity to stop this pipeline from being built.**

**It's a bit like stopping the pollution and human rights abuses in the Niger Delta before they happen.**

## How big? - pipeline statistics

- 1,750 km (1,087 miles) of planned pipeline going through Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey, with a sister pipeline to carry gas - the South Caucasus Pipeline.

- to be built and managed by a consortium of oil companies, led by BP, (who has by far the largest share in the pipeline 34.76% compared to the 25% of the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan.) BP is also managing the construction and the running of the pipeline itself.

- 365 million barrels of oil per year would run through the pipeline in its 40 year lifespan. When burnt these would produce 177 million tonnes of Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) each year. This is:

- more than the pollution from every power station in the UK (163 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>)

- far more than the pollution from every car, truck, bus and train in the UK (125 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>)

- twice as much as heating every house in the UK (89 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>).

## Environmental risks

1. Oil spills: There have been 17 serious earthquakes since 1921 along the proposed pipeline route. The pipeline is intended to be underground, so does not have the flexibility of an above ground pipeline. This risks a major oil spill. In Georgia the pipeline passes near the source for the Borjomi mineral water plant, one of Georgia's most significant sources of foreign income. Oil spills from tankers leaving Ceyhan is also a strong possibility.

2. Climate change: The pipeline will continue to supply the West with fossil fuels; Oil at 365 million barrels a year, Gas at 730 cubic metres a year. The amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> resulting (see above) equals 2½ times the amount which the UK has pledged to cut under the Kyoto protocol! Without this pipeline the oil would stay in the ground as there is no other economic way to transport the oil from the Caspian Sea to Western markets. Its simple, we stop the pipeline, the oil stays in the ground.

## MAI by the back door - governmental contracts

Azerbaijan has signed a Production Sharing Agreement that allows BP whatever land it requires for its operations, and it is unclear whether it binds the company to national environmental protection laws. As this agreement has the status of international law, it overrides national law, present and future.

The BP-Turkey Host Government Agreement (HGA) is an aggressive neo-colonial instrument which exempts the BP consortium from any obligations under any current or future Turkish law that may threaten the project's profits, including environmental, social and human rights legislation. Other provisions in the HGA include unfettered access to water, regardless of the needs of local communities, and exemption from liability in the event of an oil spill or any other harm caused by the pipeline consortium. The agreement creates a corridor running through some of Turkey's most politically volatile regions, effectively outside the

national government's jurisdiction.

Under the terms of the agreement Turkey has guaranteed the costs of its section of the pipeline - a blank cheque to cover delays and overspends which will likely amount to billions of dollars. BP has a history of maximising its profits by demanding low taxes, in the North Sea, Alaska and Colombia. This is the MAI and worse for these countries, a four kilometres, four kilometer wide, 1,750 km long strip of BP-law.

## Conflict escalation and human rights abuses

Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey a region of relative instability have all been involved in serious conflicts in the past 20 years. The pipeline will serve to escalate tension and militarisation in the countries it passes through, as the OCENSA pipeline did in Colombia. The Turkish section passes through regions where Kurds make up 40% of the population – Kurds have been the victims of human rights abuses by Turkey for many years, and the injection of arms and security forces into the region could increase these abuses. The pipeline also risks becoming a target for groups such as the Kurdish PKK. Although there has been a cease-fire with the PKK for a number of years, the pipeline would be an obvious target. Something similar happened in Colombia, when the FARC destroyed part of the OCENSA pipeline.

## It's effect on the local people

Although an impact assesment has been carried out by ERM (environmental management consultants, based in UK) it provided an incomplete picture of the pipeline and did not allow discussion of whether the project should exist in the first place. A fact-finding mission found that, of 20 villages that ERM claimed to have consulted, 5 were not formally visited by the company at any point! Fewer than one quarter of the sample of concerned parties had been officially informed (not consulted even) about BTC. One village, Ha'ibayram, listed by BP as consulted by telephone, was an abandoned wreck of shattered walls. See the spoof [www.erm-concerns.com](http://www.erm-concerns.com) to find out about the dirty work ERM does for BP.

As for compensation for land directly on the route, the BTC consortium insists on setting up bank accounts in the names of those that appear on the decades-old land registries. In doing so, BP will be paying the dead, and depriving the living, their children and grandchildren, of any cash. The Georgian government recently published a list of 32 questions it wanted to

## Oily hands

### Who's who in the pipeline?

**Leaders of the consortium  
& overall managers of the project**  
BP

**UK Environmental management consultants**  
ERM

### Financiers

Lazard Brothers  
International Finance Corporation (*a World Bank member*)  
the London-based European Bank for Reconstruction and Development  
UK Export Credit Guarantee Department

ask BP about the implications of its choice of route. Pressure to keep to the project's timeline means that those questions will now go unanswered. BP wrote to Georgia's president instructing him "to inform experts who visit with you ...that [alternative] routes are unacceptable." Following a subsequent visit by the US envoy to the Caspian, Georgia approved the route. It seems that consultation for BP, even at governmental level, is rather like the pipeline: everything flows one way.

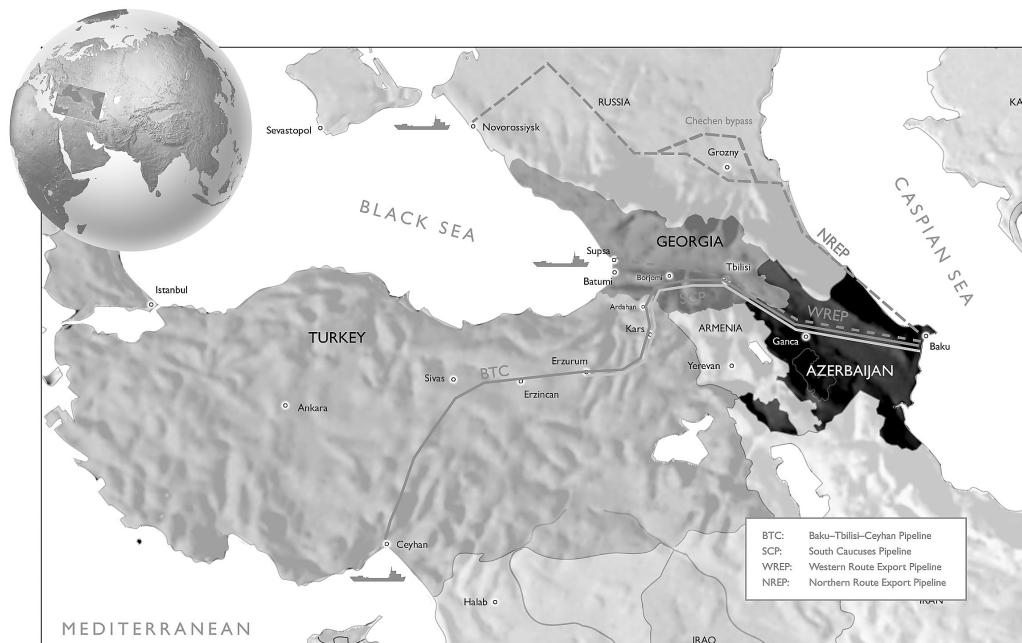
Then there's the disruption from large camps of imported workers to small towns and villages along the pipeline. Whilst local people are promised that more work will come with the pipeline, actually very few of the locals will be employed by BP, and even then only during construction. Even if they are 'lucky' enough to get a job, BP is very anti-union.

The pipeline will run through areas that are chronically fuel poor - in Colombia this situation resulted in people siphoning off the oil from the pipelines, even though this was very dangerous and resulted in environmental degradation.

## Public money funding the pipeline

The companies in the consortium want to personally finance only 30% of the \$3.3 billion cost of the oil pipeline. The remaining 70% would be financed by banks and public finance institutions such as the International Finance Corporation and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. These banks are funded by our taxes, and UK government representatives sit on their boards. BP would also be looking for further taxpayer subsidies in the form of national Export Credit Guarantees for components of the project and whatever other hand-outs they can scam.

In November 1988, BP boss John Browne said that the pipeline project would not be possible unless "'free public money' was offered to build the



Ever wondered where Baku is?

line" - stolen from us.

## Geopolitics

If you thought that the good old US of A must have something to do with this, then you'd be right. The whole momentum of the pipeline has come from the US to avoid getting their oil from the unfriendly Middle East, to cut Russia out of any possible deal, and to increase friendship between them and the countries involved. It would be cheaper, and shorter, to go through Iran or Russia with the oil from the largely untouched reservoirs in the Caspian Sea. But the proposed route was decided upon for these wider political ramifications. BP (now an Anglo-American company since they merged with, and then absorbed, Amoco) was lured in with the promise of extending its historical links with Azerbaijani oil, and free public money to cover the cost of this large, inefficient, and uneconomic project.

## The state of the pipeline

Construction has not yet started on the pipeline - it is still in BP's imagination. It is in the final 'consultation' and financing stages of the project, after 10 years of planning by the US and BP. We must stop BP from getting the money - by delaying construction start time, and discrediting the project in the eyes of international financiers, Export Credit Guarantee Departments and the World Bank.

## What can you do?

Without public finance this project cannot go ahead. It is vital to put pressure on those financing the pipeline, and on companies who are involved in the project.

### Read and act

'Some Common Concerns' is a book published last year by Platform looking at the project and the people behind it. Oxford Rising Tide are offering support in organising meetings about the pipeline. Ask them about information, materials and a range of speakers on different aspects of the pipeline project. [info@risingtide.org.uk](mailto:info@risingtide.org.uk) or 01865 241097

### Target BP graduate recruitment

see [www.bp-futures.com](http://www.bp-futures.com)

### Baku - Ceyhan Teach-In, London, Sat 25th January 2003

Key issues in the morning, practical campaigning ideas in the afternoon. We'll be updating on the international campaigns, planning for existing campaigning in the UK, and planning our next steps for our local areas. Contact Oxford Rising Tide

### BP AGM in April/May

*And they do have a lot of petrol stations...*

## What has anyone been doing about it?

[www.risingtide.org.uk/pages/Baku/Baku.htm](http://www.risingtide.org.uk/pages/Baku/Baku.htm)

Look at this address for info, news of actions and links to all the groups involved in researching the pipeline and taking action.

'Some Common Concerns - Imagining BP's Azerbaijan-Georgia-Turkey Pipelines System' by PLATFORM and others.

Details the proposals and imagines their effect. Info on companies and government departments involved. Downloadable from the Rising Tide website.

[www.bakuceyhan.org.uk](http://www.bakuceyhan.org.uk)

The Baku Ceyhan Campaign has brought together many different groups, from the region in which the pipeline is planned, and in the UK.

[www.bankwatch.org](http://www.bankwatch.org)

Central and Eastern European Bankwatch are working against many mega projects in the region, including this pipeline.

### ERM occupation

London Rising Tide occupied the head offices of ERM in December, carrying out on staff an "impact assessment of the occupation". Check it out on [www.erm-concerns.com](http://www.erm-concerns.com).

### CBI Conference

BP's stand at the CBI conference in Manchester got trashed with blood-red paint over their slick corporate image.

## Action Groups

Local EF! contacts, some are active groups, others need more people to get in touch

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## Rule Britannia...

### Protest against closure of Sangatte Refugee Shelter

October 19th: The first cross-channel demo was held by activists from a range of anti-racist groups in France and Britain. It started at Dover Removals Centre, continued at the Red Cross Camp in Sangatte and was supported by Kent Refugee Action network, Barbed Wire Britain, Committee to Defend Asylum Seekers, CAE Paris Commite Anti-Expulsions, Green Pepper Magazine, Amsterdam, European Youth For Action, Amsterdam, and London noborder group - and by hundreds of people inside Sangatte, mainly from Afghanistan and Iraq.

**STOP PRESS:** Sangatte was closed at the end of December, with Britain accepting around 1,200 refugees on work permits, but thousands more accumulated outside the centre to protest at being left off the lists. Over 200 'sans-papiers' and supporters also occupied the International Employment Office in Paris to condemn its racist attitudes, allowing the exploitation of undocumented migrant workers whilst refusing them basic benefits and protection.

### Red alert for travellers

Roma travellers living at Woodside Caravan Park near Sandy in Bedfordshire were given a stay of execution on the eviction of their site, but are still under threat. The site was partially trashed by contractors who tried to kick Irish families off another area of the site but met active resistance. Bedfordshire council's resident NIMBYs have announced that there are no suitable alternative sites in the county. Anyone who would like to add their name and number (and email address) to the RED ALERT list in the event of a new eviction date can send an email to [ustiben.5@ntlworld.com](mailto:ustiben.5@ntlworld.com) or phone 01206 523 528 (mornings please). Similar protest action may be called for at other sites under threat of closure including those at Basildon, Brent and Nuneaton.

## Viva Palestina!

1st December: dozens of volunteer soldiers in uniform armed with water pistols declared the site of an Israeli trade fair in Alexandra Palace a Closed Military Zone. Like the Israeli army in the Palestinian Occupied Territories, the soldiers erected a checkpoint at the entrance to the site. Closed military zones are a tactic regularly used by the Israeli authorities to restrict the movements of Palestinians and of internationals attempting to support resistance to the Occupation. [www.ism-london.org](http://www.ism-london.org).

## Solidarity

In Palestine, the ISM and GIPP (Grassroots International Protection for Palestinians) issued a callout for internationals to help the Palestinian olive harvest during October and November. This is one of the few economic activities even remotely accessible to Palestinians, as well as providing a mainstay of their diet. Israeli troops and settlers, using often deadly violence to impose curfews and closed military zones, made the harvest almost impossible in many areas, but using the presence of internationals some harvesting was allowed. Activities included forming human chains to prevent the bulldozing of homes and olive groves, and the accompaniment of farmers onto their fields. Internationals also took part alongside Palestinians in demonstrations against the giant wall which is being built on Palestinian land, splitting villages, families and farms, allegedly to prevent suicide bombers from entering Israel. A number of internationals were deported/injured; many more have returned inspired to continue fighting for the Palestinian cause. See [www.palsolidarity.org](http://www.palsolidarity.org), [www.rapprochement.org](http://www.rapprochement.org).

## Badgering

31<sup>st</sup> October: 30 badgers armed with water pistols stormed the Starbucks on Oxford St, claiming it as their ancestral home. The badgers evicted customers and erected the first badger settlement in London, handing out copies of the Badger Bible to prove their right of occupation. The self-styled Badger Defence Force set up checkpoints to inspect shoppers and tourists for concealed weapons. "If they're not a badger, they could be a terrorist" a spokesbadger said. The badgers have selected the store because of the role of its CEO as a major supporter of the Israeli state, as reported in last month's AU. A spokesbadger said "Since the chief executive of this company clearly believes it is ok for one group of people to grab land belonging to another and say they have a right to it, we believe they won't mind if we take some of theirs." Israeli settlers in the West Bank and Gaza now number 400,000 in 308 illegal settlements.

Meanwhile, activists in Beirut have been having regular free Arabic coffee drink-ins to protest Starbucks' support for Israel, as well as its flag-waving for US imperialism and GM products.



## Diary dates

### January

**18-19** Weekend of civil disobedience at **Northwood**, the British military HQ, near London. See [www.j-n-v.org](http://www.j-n-v.org)  
**20** **Tree planting** in Calderdale. Regular plantings every Thursday too, and public plantings the last Sunday of the month. Contact 01422 843222 or [mail@treesponsibility.com](mailto:mail@treesponsibility.com)  
**21** **Don't Attack Iraq rally** at Houses of Parliament, London, 2.30pm  
**23-27** **World Economic Forum**, Davos, Switzerland  
**23-28** **World Social Forum**, Porto Alegre, Brasil. [www.worldsocialforum.org](http://www.worldsocialforum.org)  
**25** Theatrical protest against the retailing of **Caterpillar** (CAT) merchandise & boots - part of the company which make bulldozers for the Israeli army to demolish Palestinian homes. Call 07946 351319 or 07904 267306.  
**29** **Defend Council Housing** - Lobby of Parliament - London [www.defendcouncilhousing.org.uk](http://www.defendcouncilhousing.org.uk)

### February

**15** **National Stop the War demo**, London [www.stopwar.org.uk](http://www.stopwar.org.uk)  
**Glasgow** - march and rally to stop war on Iraq. 11am Assemble: George Square [www.banthebomb.org](http://www.banthebomb.org)  
**16** Where Do We Go From Here? - **Special Animal Rights Coalition meeting**, discussion on the future of animal rights campaigning in the UK. Noon (for 1pm sharp) at Veggies' Sumac Centre, Nottingham. Details from ARCNews: 0845 4580146

### March

**14-16** **The Alternatives To Violence Project** (AVP) Level 1 Training, at Department of Peace Studies, Bradford. Cost: £15 student/unwaged, £25 waged - includes 2 meals & refreshments. TO BOOK, contact [peaceliason@bradford.ac.uk](mailto:peaceliason@bradford.ac.uk) or 01274 235171. For more info: [www.avpbritain.org.uk](http://www.avpbritain.org.uk)  
**Mid-March to end of April** - **ISM callout** for internationals in the West Bank and Gaza. See [www.palsolidarity.org](http://www.palsolidarity.org).

### April

**31 March-6 April** **Hebden Bridge Big Green Week**  
**22** **Really Big Blockade at Faslane** nuclear submarine base, Scotland. 0845 4588367 or [www.tridentploughshares.org](http://www.tridentploughshares.org)

### May

**1-4** meeting of **People Against Civilisation, Barcelona**: aimed at discussing the anti-civilisation nature of anarchism and the need to move away from reformism, authoritarian practice and attempts to form alternatives within the system as it exists. Contact: Llabor d'anarquia, C/Mestres Casals i Martorell 18, E-08003, BARCELONA, [llavorda@anarchie.net](mailto:llavorda@anarchie.net)

### June

**1-3** **G8 summit**, Evian-les-Bains, France  
**July 1 to Aug 15**: **ISM call** for internationals in Palestine. See above.

### September

**10-14** **September 5th WTO Ministerial Meeting**, Cancun, Mexico.

### October

**18** 22nd Annual **Anarchist Book Fayre**, London. [www.anarchistbookfair.org](http://www.anarchistbookfair.org).

## Blatant Incitement Project

"BLINC exists to empower people to organise themselves without hierarchy, for radical action towards social ecological change, by sharing skills, knowledge, and inspiration..." If you have something you can share with others, or if there is something your group would like to learn, get in touch.

A group of people spent a couple of days together recently sharing experiences of doing BLINC events – eg. supporting the setting up of a new direct action group, helping people work out how to pass on their practical skills, and thinking of strategies to work with people and groups we don't at the moment. We also figured out ways to improve how BLINC functions.

From the summer's EF! Gathering, and October's Rising Tide gathering, well over a hundred new offers have come in to BLINC, ranging from subvertising and street art, to catering for gatherings, to free computing and pirate radio. In order to facilitate and protect the offers that people have made there is now a closed admin group.

BLINC is a tool that belongs to all of us – please make use by requesting anything shown on the BLINC website. There are resources on the web and flyers to download so you can do your own promotion of BLINC locally. Also, let us know how it works for you and how it could be made to work better.

Future plans: February 2003, groupwork skills training days; meeting during EF! Winter Moot; early 2003 - '6th form college' workshops in Manchester; now onwards - new offers being put up on website. See [www.eco-action.org/blinc](http://www.eco-action.org/blinc) or the EF!AU contacts list for phone and post.

### Consume less!

Buy Nothing Day on November 29th hit Plymouth in full colour. In an attempt to bring a different take to the pre-christmas consumer mayhem, and remind people that shopping really doesn't make you happy and fulfilled, and generally being joyous and running round in a silly fashion is actually much more fun, several giant credit cards roved the pedestrianised town shopping

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## WINTER MOOT 2003

The EF! Winter Moot is the annual network gathering to discuss UK-based ecological direct action; our strategy, tactics, campaigns, communication, gatherings and actions. The Winter Moot 2003 will be held in Nottingham from Friday 7th February - Sunday 9th February. It is open to anyone who identifies with the EF! Network, and is interested in these issues. Cheap vegan food will be available for the weekend, as well as crash space and a creche. The building has disabled access; if you have any special needs please let us know well in advance. For all enquiries please contact the administration group at the address below.

We hope that people will come to the Moot having thought about the things they want to talk about. This is our only chance in the year to talk about what we are doing and where we are going as a network. We would really like to receive writings/rants/thoughts etc to help us plan the agenda, and to circulate before the meeting. Please keep them short though - 2 sides of A4 maximum. Please send any writings to the address below by Jan 15th 2003.

Any writings we receive will be sent out with a copy of the agenda and venue/travel details. If you want to receive this information please send an SAE to the address below by the end of January 2003 or brought to the Moot.

We will be having a meeting in Nottingham at 12 noon Saturday 18th January - 2pm Sunday 19th to plan the structure and content of the Moot. The venue for the meeting is The Sumac Centre, 245 Gladstone Street, Forest Fields, Nottingham, NG7 6HX. This meeting is entirely open to anyone who is interested in planning the Moot agenda. Any enquiries to the address below NOT TO THE SUMAC CENTRE!

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centre. Sparkly, Spend Faster and Fat Pest Cards entertained endless eager shoppers, advertising cans full of happiness and joy (on special offer with 50% extra free!) and being chased around the streets by their very stressed owners whose spending seemed to be out of control. Thousands of 'buy nothing cards' (with receipts) were given out to passers by which, being short and funny, prompted much immediate reading and discussion. Meanwhile Commercial FM loudly broadcast music, infomercials and subverts with an anti-shopping theme. A good day was had by all.

### New primate labs

A plea for help has come from a group opposing the construction of labs where brutal primate experiments will be carried out. The planning application, from Cambridge University, involves underground labs so that the facility is 'in keeping with the greenbelt.' Protesters, who describe themselves as 'mainly middle-aged and elderly women' are appealing for help to enable them to block the roads more effectively and to

warrant the police's constant harassment of their pickets under section 14. See [www.x-cape.org.uk](http://www.x-cape.org.uk)

Animal rights activists are also being held publicly responsible for anti-hunt actions in the village of Stocking Pelham. 'Fox killers' was painted on the village church and an animal feed business which supplies the Puckeridge Hunt was torched, allegedly causing £250,000 worth of damage.

### Police raids

A number of activist events and addresses have been raided in recent months. At 8:45 on Thursday 28th November both houses which make up Cornerstone Housing Co-op in Leeds were raided by the police. The raid was in connection with an action against the 'New Tribes Mission' (in solidarity with the indigenous peoples of the South Pacific). Everyone in the houses was arrested and computer equipment impounded.

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, Aspire, Leeds' occasional squatted social centre, was raided during a party there. Gas canisters were thrown into the unventilated building and police used aggressive force in removing and arresting people.

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