

# Earth First!



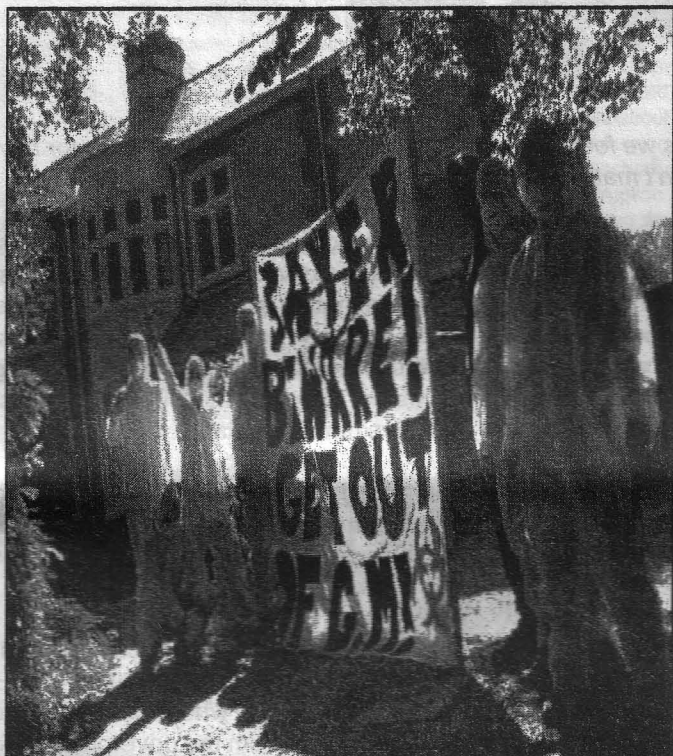
# Action

## UPDATE

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# Bash Bayer's GM!



Bayer takes a beating! The last couple of months have seen continuous actions against Bayer CropScience. This is the company that stands to gain most from, and is pushing hardest for, commercial growing of Genetically Modified crops in the UK. On the 28th September, just a few weeks after the launch of the Target Bayer campaign, Bayer announced that they are halting trials of GM crops because they could not 'ensure the security' of the crops against being trashed. This is a great early victory but to stop Bayer growing GM crops commercially next spring there is a load more trashing to be done. We intend to make GM crops economically unviable for Bayer. Here is what folk have been up to:

The offices and warehouses of W Hawley & Son, Burton upon Trent, a wholly owned subsidiary of Bayer AG were occupied on Thursday 2nd October. Staff saw the activists arrive in a van so denied them entry, but people still managed to get in and set the fire alarms off. Some of them barricaded themselves in to one of the offices and called Bayer HQ to keep them updated on the situation! When the cops arrived they smashed the door in and held the protesters in the corridor for another hour causing further disruption. Everyone was later released without charge.

On the same day a demonstration was held in Leamington Spa against Sainsburys whose milk comes from cows fed on the GM fodder maize crops Bayer want to grow in the UK. Bayer however were too scared to turn up to National maize day on Wednesday 1st October held in conjunction with one of the country's biggest dairy shows in Shepton Mallet.

In the last week of September the Bayer CropScience factory in Norwich was graffitied and had one of its fences trashed costing them time and money to replace. On Thursday 25th September protesters raised their own anti-GM flag at the Bayer CropScience factory in Widnes. The Widnes plant processes highly dangerous chemicals and security is therefore high at all times. Within a couple of minutes of the protesters entering the lobby of the office building, tannoy's instructed workers all over the site that there were intruders on the site, to close and lock all doors and windows and make their way to the nearest muster point. The manager at the plant said, "rest assured, you have sent a ripple through Bayer CropScience." (Tidal waves next time!)

On the same day another group reported this action: 'We originally planned to occupy the head office of Bayer CropScience, but after an insider informed us that there would be a large police presence there, we went to our plan B. Dressed in white decontamination suits and dust masks we leafleted the house of Martyn Hargreaves (company secretary) and his whole street, informing his neighbours who they were living next door to and his involvement in GM. On Wednesday 17th September, Bayer were targeted by protesters with banners and leaflets as they held a stall at the dairy industry's national 'Dairy Event' near Coventry. On the same day Dystar in Huddersfield, which is partially owned by Bayer, had its walls and windows liberally spray painted and its only door had its lock sealed up with super glue. On Friday 12th September, in solidarity with the protests against the WTO talks in Cancun, people occupied Bayer offices in Humberside to demonstrate against the corporatisation of health and agriculture. Paper work was 're-filed', keys were hidden and info was gathered for further actions.

As well as all this Bayer's managers have been regularly in receipt of junk emails and mail including commemorative plates and book club subscriptions which they have to cancel or pay for. People have phoned pretending to be from partner seed companies under siege by protesters. Bayer phone numbers have also found their way into free ad papers, attached to 'company going bust - bargain rates on office furniture' type notices. Use your imagination and lets keep up the pressure!

More actions happening all the time - more info: [www.stopbayergm.org](http://www.stopbayergm.org)

Eviction Alert!  
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## HONDURAN ENVIRONMENTALISTS TAKE UP ARMS TO DEFEND THE FORESTS



*"Now we are inflamed and with the deaths of environmentalists we feel more rage and more pain and we're ready for any kind of action, ready to defend our struggle, it doesn't matter if we have to die." Comandante Pepe*

In the jungle of Olancho environmentalists have decided to step up their struggle to defend Honduran forests, and themselves, after pleas to the government to stop granting permits to loggers and put an end to exploitative activities in their communities, have been completely ignored. At the end of July a peaceful march lasting 7 days and culminating at the presidential house was typically brushed off by the government. The Honduran environmentalist movement has been growing for several years, organising and creating awareness about the importance of the country's natural resources and the devastation that logging businesses have caused, exploiting forests and leaving entire communities without water. They say they're not a terrorist group, just people who are tired of waiting for a response from their government and have decided to take action.

Environmentalists have already confronted the logging companies themselves, sabotaged vehicles and attacked cutting sites, but the logging has not stopped. The decision to take up arms has been determined by the assassination of environmentalist leaders, most recently 23 year old Carlos Arturo Reyes, who although he didn't belong to the movement was a known environmentalist and was gunned down on the path to his home at the end of July.

The movement is made up of 30 armed groups from all the municipalities who are united and committed to fighting for their needs and beliefs regarding the forests, with the support and cooperation of thousands of Hondurans and groups from El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala and Spain. They say they have eyes and ears everywhere and know who is coming in and out of the forest and why, and that they have "something ready" if they don't get a quick response from the government and the loggers. "We will all fight for what is right, it's one struggle."

### BASQUE NEWS

#### Artozki Damned

Despite resistance from residents and activists the Spanish authorities have evicted another village in preparation for flooding the Irati valley behind the now completed Itoiz Dam in the Basque Country. We received this report:

"Finally the little village of Artozki, like Itoiz before, has been evicted. The bulldozers knocked down the little church of Artozki, the latest building that Solidarios defended. I think even me, an atheist, is more fond of that little church and the rituals practised by the few locals of that village than the catholic authorities. I remember those houses, like the ones from Itoiz where my friends' families had lived from years in harmony with their environment. Those are my people, the ones who defend their legacy with their only hands, their mind and their heart. The struggle will continue till they open the pipe to fill the dam."

For more info, call Alice on 0034660898791 or email [powerfullysmall@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:powerfullysmall@yahoo.co.uk) or visit [www.sositoiz.com](http://www.sositoiz.com) or <http://euskalherria.indymedia.org/eu/2003/09/9331.shtml>

### CONTRIBUTE!

We need you to contribute to the EF! Action Update (it doesn't write itself ya know ☺). Send us your action reports, news, events, personal accounts, letters, rants, reflections, short articles, artwork, prisoner info and any feedback. 

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Earth First! is (deep breath) not a cohesive group or campaign, but a convenient banner for people who share similar ideas to work under. The general principles behind EF! are non-hierarchical organisation and the use of direct action to confront, stop and eventually reverse the forces that are responsible for the destruction of the Earth and it's inhabitants." The ActionUpdate is passed to a different group each year (it's currently coming out of a bedsit in Brighton) - the views expressed here do not represent those of any living organism, only that of a mythical collective being.

## DESTROYING DSEI

Defense Systems Equipment International (DSEI), Europe's biggest arms fair, was held in London's Docklands between the 6th and 12th September. A range of actions were taken by many different groups. On the 6th September thirty activists managed to block two warships from entering Royal Victoria Dock next to DSEI. Tuesday 12th September saw blockades on the roads near the conference centre where people were cordoned off by the cops. Smaller affinity groups that morning had paid a visit to: Rolls Royce, Lockheed Martin, GKN, Ratheon had their offices invaded and their business lunch disrupted - the group left again sharpish just before the cops turned up, Colebrand Ltd. was paintballed and Babcock Defense Systems had their front door D locked. A spontaneous action also occurred as three protesters ran into the changing of the guard!

From 8am on the Wednesday morning affinity groups started disrupting the Docklands Light Railway, which was transporting delegates into the arms fair. These actions involved a few people at a time D locking on to a train or climbing up on to the roof of the train at a platform. This was so successful in shutting down the rail line that affinity groups had to get onto buses and hang around for their opportunity to stop the trains. It also forced the delegates onto shuttle buses that were in turn blockaded and surrounded by protesters. A critical mass later met up with hundreds of people who managed to block the A13 near DSEI. Although some got forced into a park and surrounded by cops other groups managed to remain mobile and block the roundabout by Canning Town Station, this was next to a housing estate (useful for running in to) where the local kids were well up for it! A few people also actually managed to blag their way into the arms fair and cause a load of disruption. Lots of other stuff happened during the week see [www.indymedia.org](http://www.indymedia.org) for more. There were 144 known arrests at DSEI.

Defendants support: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Dseidefendants/>



On the morning of Monday 8th September besuited activists walked into the foyer of the British Aerospace Systems offices in central London. As the first arrivals scrambled to lock on to BAE furniture in the lobby, the second two aiding them in their task, then bolted for the inner sanctum and ran upstairs. The next three calmly walked downstairs and straight into an arms meeting where they were able to "meet and greet" as the two security personnel shouted for help and attempted to stop the D-locks from being connected to expensive furniture.

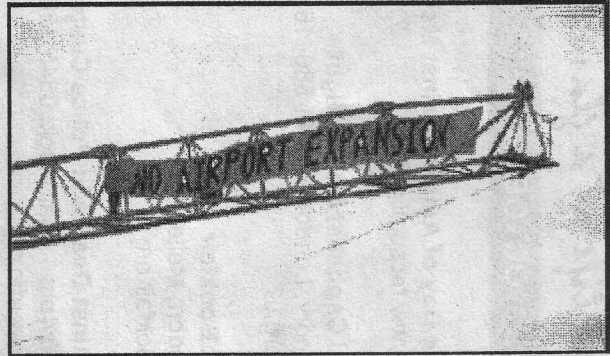
Meanwhile, the two who had bolted upstairs and had also been forcibly removed, re-entered BAE from the side entrance of the offices and caused a diversion. This action divested the HQ of the entirety of its security staff enabling others to find the key to the front sliding doors and keep them open, ushering in the combined Rhythms of Resistance and Sheffield samba bands to create complete mayhem, with music, whistles, banners and shouting. The delegates didn't seem overly keen to receive the attention, preferring instead to bury their shame by reading 'The Arms Dealer Weekly' with fixed expressions on their faces, before eventually being escorted out of the building en masse by sympathetic police.

Having lost the two previous D-locks from the melee with security, we eventually found them again hidden behind the secretary's desk and two of the band then locked on to some office furniture with others joining arms with them in solidarity.

Eventually the band was removed from the premises, whilst the police cut the two women free. Those arrested have both been charged with criminal damage to which they have pleaded not guilty. The case has been adjourned to some time later in the autumn.

British Aerospace is one the worlds largest arms suppliers. For more info on them have a look at [www.corporatewatch.org.uk/profiles/bae/bae1.htm](http://www.corporatewatch.org.uk/profiles/bae/bae1.htm)

## Crane Occupied to Stop Heathrow Terminal 5



As a protest against the government's "aggressive airport expansion programme" eight people from "Hounslow Against New Terminals" occupied a crane on the construction site of Heathrow's Terminal 5 on Monday October 6<sup>th</sup>. Four were brought down and charged with aggravated trespass the next day. The four remaining activists stayed up until Saturday - fair play!

## DSEI OPINION

### Doing it with yer mates!

On the 18th June 1999 we caused havoc in the city of London. We were able to do this because we had: a) a long run up of grassroots networking round the country b) numbers c) surprise. Since then all of these have been in decline while the police have got clued up about how to contain mass actions in London. May Day protests have been surrounded under section 60 (police kettle) and DSEI 2001 epitomised everything that was bad about mass London actions (see letters in Do or Die No.10). So much so that I was hesitant about going this year, but thank fuck I did, DSEI 2003 we regained the initiative. We, finally, put into practise again what we have talked about for ages: simultaneous actions by affinity groups on various targets and going for their weak points. Deciding in advance with your mates exactly where you are going to hit and what you are prepared to do, instead of being subsumed into a unfocussed mass. Knowing that collectively you are going to have a much bigger impact by everyone actually doing their own thing.

For more thoughts on this see 'Anti Mass methods of organisation' get from *Repressed* - email for catalogue [repressed@mail.com](mailto:repressed@mail.com)

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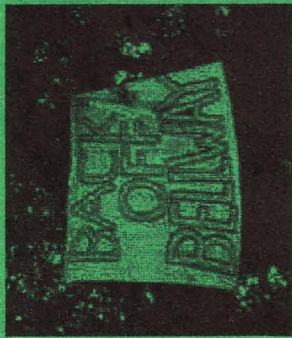
"That's Yew that is!"

*taxus baccata*

Range: Britain to Iran  
Habitat: Likes well drained or chalky soils  
Age: Upto and beyond 4000 years.

We think the yew is a stunner, yews have long been associated with the afterlife and rebirth. It is no wonder, the oldest living example being the split trunked Fortingall yew in Perthshire, a magnificent tree that could be over four thousand years old - possibly the oldest living thing in Europe (now the queen mum's dead)! Yews are poisonous almost every part of the tree contains taxine which can be very toxic when ingested. The red of the berries which are quite sweet and tasty but produce laxative effects. Their needle like leaves contain taxol which has been shown to reduce cancer cell growth and yew needles are in high demand for this medicinal purpose. Yews are often found in churchyards, some people would have you believe that this for the production of longbows to defend the parish. Yew wood does make great longbows but many of the yews found in churchyards predate the churches next to them, in some cases by more than three thousand years. The oldest known man made wooden tool is of course made from yew - a wooden spear carved 50,000 years ago, found at Clacton upon sea.

## Eviction Alert! - Tree Protest Site Sherwood Rise, Mansfield



The Heart of Sherwood Forest is under attack from a band of corporate thieves and the Sheriff of Nottingham isn't lifting a finger. The thieves, Bellway, are attempting to destroy a group of ancient trees and a natural meadowland to build an unnecessary road junction, which will open the area up for further "development".

Papers have been served and bailiffs and Turners have visited the site with is likely to be evicted imminently. The site needs all the usual things (tarp, rope, tools, etc..) but most importantly people!

Debdale Lane, Mansfield Woodhouse, Mansfield, Notts.  
07890 165727 [http://mysite.freeseerve.com/sherwood\\_camp/](http://mysite.freeseerve.com/sherwood_camp/)

## Bilston Woods

The camp at Bilston Glen exists to stop the PFI funded "realignment" of the A701 through mature woodland

To get to the site, upon entering Bilston (8 miles south of Edinburgh towards Penicuik on the A701), there's a footpath opposite the VW garage. Go down the path towards the bridge to the site. Tel: 07986 632 429  
web: [www.bilstonglen-abs.org](http://www.bilstonglen-abs.org) email: [uk.info@bilstonglen-abs.org](mailto:uk.info@bilstonglen-abs.org)

## Burn Baby Burn

In the largest act of environmental sabotage in US history, the Earth Liberation Front (ELF) has claimed responsibility for a \$50 million fire in San Diego, California, that destroyed an unfinished five-story condominium complex on August 1st. The complex is owned by Garden Communities, the second largest developer in Southern California. Nationwide, Garden Communities owns more than 40,000 apartments and 25 million square feet of commercial space. This is one of five actions in 2003 against urban sprawl known to have been the work of the ELF. No one was hurt in the blaze, which was credited to the ELF through a painted slogan: "If you build it-we will burn it. E.L.F."

## Make some noise!

No one wants GM Food - Make Bayer Listen. There will be a big noise demo at Bayer HQ all day Thursday 13th November starting at 10 am. Bring whistles, air-horns, megaphones, pots & pans and anything to make some noise! Contact your local group for transport details or get to Bayer HQ, Strawberry Hill, Newbury RG14 1JA.

For more details see [www.stopbayergm.org](http://www.stopbayergm.org)

## Climate Trashers Critical Mass

A small but determined group of cyclists (including a very noisy sound system) visited several companies complicit in the Baku-Ceyhan pipeline on Friday 10th October 2003. The Mass made its way from the South Bank to the offices of Bechtel just off Fleet Street (providing support to the construction work, as well as feasting on Iraqi 'reconstruction'), AMEC (leading the construction, also off Fleet Street), ABN AMRO & the European Bank for Rapacious Destruction (EBRD, Bishopsgate), BP & Mizuko (both Finsbury Circus). Each location received plenty of boos, whistles and chants on the sound system's microphone.  
You can find more information at [www.risingtide.org.uk](http://www.risingtide.org.uk) and [www.baku.org.uk](http://www.baku.org.uk)

## Your social life at a glance...

### OCTOBER

**Th 16 Worldwide Day of Action against McDonalds**  
0845 458 9595 [www.mcspotlight.org](http://www.mcspotlight.org)

**Tu 21 TACT Anti Capitalist Social Night**  
7:30pm The Foundry, London. 07944 586416  
[www.temporary.org.uk](http://www.temporary.org.uk)

**Sa 25 Anarchist Bookfair**  
University of London, Mallet St.  
[www.anarchistbookfair.org](http://www.anarchistbookfair.org)

**Sa 25 Demo against Deaths in Police Custody**  
Meet Trafalgar Sq 1pm - wear black. 0845 330 7927/  
07770 432 439. [www.uffc.org](http://www.uffc.org)

**Sa 25 Close Down Campsfield**  
Close down the refugee 'detention' centre in Oxfordshire  
12-2pm. 01865 558145

**Sa 25 New Moon (12:50 GMT)**

### NOVEMBER

**Mo 3 - Su 9 Barry Horne Memorial Week**  
A week of action against animal abusers

**We 5 Leeds EFI Meeting**  
7:30pm Adelphi pub, Leeds city centre.  
[leedsef@leedsef.org.uk](mailto:leedsef@leedsef.org.uk)

**Th 6 London Anarchist Forum**  
8-10pm Conway Hall, London. [www.trak.to/LAF](http://www.trak.to/LAF)

**Sa 8 Campaign Against Prison Slavery Action**  
[www.enrager.net/caps/](http://www.enrager.net/caps/)

**Su 9 Full Moon (01:13 GMT) Samhain**

Earlier in the year a group of activists from Norfolk & Waveney EFi occupied the UK offices of Cipta/Eurindo in Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. The company acts as agent for the Indonesian plywood importer, Barito Timber, who have operations in West Papua. For more info on the campaign see [www.eco-action.org/ssp](http://www.eco-action.org/ssp)

### Gateway to Destruction

The Thames Gateway is a range of developments in Essex, Kent and East London - 120,000 new houses, plus multiple retail, industrial and road developments could mean the end to the last few remaining green spaces in areas that are already awash with concrete and tarmac.

A new website has been created which aims to give the public truthful and gloss-free information about one of the most wide ranging development schemes ever to hit Europe.  
<http://beehive.thisissex.co.uk/thamesgateway>

The deadline for the next issue of the ActionUpdate is the 7th November - contact details on page 2 - send us stuff!

### International Solidarity Movement

On October 12th Five International ISM volunteers were snatched by the Israeli military while harvesting olives with Palestinian farmers in the village of Awarta, near Nablus. Two US citizens, one Briton, once Swede and one Irish national were standing on the side of the road, providing accompaniment to Palestinian farmers trying to harvest olives on their land despite the ban on Palestinian movement by the Israeli military, when they were taken. They were later released but the whole area has become a closed Israeli military zone.  
[www.paleosolidarity.org](http://www.paleosolidarity.org)

### Bronze Age Site Under Threat

First nine ladies, then Stonehenge, now Thornborough The 5000 year old Thornborough Henges, near Ripon in Yorkshire, are a unique complex of three massive bronze-age circular monuments. Tarmac want to carry out bulk gravel extraction right up to the perimeter of the henges. This will destroy the ceremonial causeway that served as the entrance to the southern most henge. Post hole alignments which have been not properly excavated will be destroyed.

The movement to save the Thornborough Henges has already begun, with 98% of local people signing a petition organised by the 'Friends of Thornborough' campaign group. They want our/your help! To learn more about the Henges and the proposed quarry plans, visit: <http://www.friendsofthornborough.org>

we 12 - Su 16 European Social Forum Paris  
[www.fse-esf.org/francais/rubrique1.html](http://www.fse-esf.org/francais/rubrique1.html)

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Fr 21 Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty London  
7:30pm Conway Hall, London. [www.shac.net](http://www.shac.net)

Sa 22 Inner-Terrestials album launch Gig  
Amersham Arms, Newcross, London

Su 23 Leeds EFi Radical Films  
7:30pm Packhorse pub, Leeds.

Su 23 New Moon (22:59 GMT)

Sa 29 Campsfield - 10 Years Too Long!  
Tenth anniversary demo at Campsfield Detention Centre, Langford Lane, Kidlington, Oxfordshire. Bring drums, whistles, etc. 01865 558145

Sa 29 Buy Nothing Day  
[www.buynothingday.co.uk](http://www.buynothingday.co.uk)

we can only list events & actions if you tell us about them! (See page 2 for contact details) Not all actions will be announced - contact your local group.

“From a certain point onward, there is no turning back.  
That is the point that must be reached.” Franz Kafka



They're inside for us, we're outside for them

Supporting prisoners is vital solidarity in struggle. Here is a short, not comprehensive list of comrades inside. Write to them and show them your support, if you think you can help them, ask them how, raise money for them, publicise their cases etc... **Good News!** Raul Zapatos was released on the 19<sup>th</sup> September.

**Robert Lee Thaxton**, #12112716 777, OSP, 2605 State Street, Salem, OR 97310, USA: Rob, a long time anarchist organiser, publisher and writer, is serving an 88 month sentence from actions in Eugene on the global day of action, June 18th 1999.

**Harold Thompson**, #93992, NWCC, Site 1, Route 1, Box 660, Tiptonville, Tennessee 38079, USA: Harold has been in prison since 1979, serving a life sentence.

**Kamina Libre**: There are around 50 political prisoners in Chile. Marcelo Andres Villaroel Sepulveda, Pablo Hernan Morales Fuhrmann, and Alvaro Christian Rodriguez Escobar, all serving lengthy sentences for political actions, formed the 'Kamina Libre' collective in 1996 to take action for the release of all Chilean political and mapuche (Indigenous) prisoners. Write to them via:

kamina Libre@yahoo.es, or in English via Santiago ABC: stgo\_cna@hotmail.com

**Thomas Meyer-Falk**, JVA Bruchsal, Zelle 3117, Schoenbornstr. 32, 76646 Bruchsal, Germany: In 1996, Thomas was sent down for a bank robbery and will be inside until at least 2010. Because of his strong antifascist and anarchist beliefs, he's been subject to very harsh repression.

**Jerome White-Bey**, #37979, South Central Correctional Centre, 255 West Highway 32, Licking, MO 65542-9069, USA: Jerome is a black anarchist prison activist who set up the Missouri Prison Labour Union to fight slave labour in prisons.

**Matt Lamont**, # 2057039, Intake Release Center 550 N. Flower St., Santa Ana, CA 92703, USA: On April 20, 2002, Matthew, a Long Beach anarchist activist, was arrested and then charged with four felony charges relating to 'destructive devices'. He was sentenced in April 2003 to 3 years.

**Thessaloniki**: A number of people were arrested at the demonstrations against the EU summit this summer in Thessaloniki, Greece. Several are still inside, having been refused bail and having had evidence planted on them. The charges include Riot, Resisting Authority and Possession of Explosives, carrying sentences of between 7-25 years. There are 3 Greeks, 1 Syrian (an exile, who is in danger of being deported), 1 Spaniard and 1 Basque, and a UK activist, Simon Chapman. They are currently on hungerstrike and need support.

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The address (on the left) and the names (on the right) need to be written in Greek. To receive regular email updates and for info on the forthcoming solidarity actions in the UK email: thessaloniki prisoners@yahoo.co.uk  
**Sherman Austin**, webmaster of RaiseTheFist.com, was sentenced on August 4, 2003 to one year with three years of probation basically for running a political website. For his current address, check the website.

**Marco Heinrichs, Daniel Winter, Carsten Schulze**, OLG Naumburg, Aktenzeichen: 2StE8/03-2, 1.Strafsenat, Domplatz 10, 06618 Naumburg, Germany: Three anarchists from Magdeburg have been arrested charged with membership of a terrorist organisation, and another five have been charged. See www.soligruppe.de for more information.

### Eco-Defence Prisoners

**Jeffrey 'Free' Luers**, #13797671, OSP, 2605 State Street, Salem, OR 97310, USA; **Craig Marshall**, #13797662, SRCI, Stanton Boulevard, Ontario, OR, USA: In June 2000, two US anarchists, Free and Critter, were stopped by police and ended up being charged with Criminal Mischief and Arson. They had been followed by undercover agents after setting fire to cars at a car showroom. They were both held on remand and faced lengthy trials with evidence that had been tampered with and lying police officers. Critter was sentenced to 5 years 5 months. Free was convicted of 11 felony charges and sentenced to an outrageous 22 years and 5 months, with no possibility of parole.

**Inaki Garcia Koch**, Prison Provincial de Pamplona, Calle Sanroque sin numero, Apdo 250, 31014 Pamplona, Navarra, Spain: In July 2001, Inaki was sentenced, along with seven others in their absence (who have remained on the run) to nearly five years for cutting cables on the construction site of the Itoiz dam in the Basque country.

**Ted Kaczynski**, #04475-046, US Pen. Admin. Max. Facility, PO Box 8500, Florence, Colorado 81226, USA: Ted is serving multiple life sentences for the infamous Unabomber bombing campaign against symbols of technology.

**MOVE Prisoners**: MOVE was a mainly black revolutionary group with an ecological perspective who were consistently persecuted by Philadelphia police during the '70s. This culminated in the police firebombing of their commune in 1985 in which 11 people died. The 'Move 9' were framed for the murder of a cop and sentenced to up to 100 years each. The 9th defendant, Merle Africa, died in prison in 1998 under suspicious circumstances.

**Debbie Simms Africa**, #006307, **Janet Holloway Africa**, #006308, **Janine Phillips Africa**, #006309, SCI Cambridge Springs, 451 Fullerton Ave, Cambridge Springs, PA 16403-1238, USA

**Michael Davis Africa**, AM4973, **Charles Simms Africa**, AM4975, SCI Grateford, PO Box 244, Grateford, PA 19426-0244, USA

**Edward Goodman Africa**, AM4974, SCI Camp Hill, PA 17011-0200, USA  
**William Phillips Africa**, AM4984, **Delbert Orr Africa**, AM4985, SCI Dallas Drawer K, Dallas, PA 18612, USA

**Mumia Abu-Jamal**, AM8335, SCI Greene, 1040 East R. Furman Highway, Waynesburg, PA 15370-8090, USA: Mumia is an ex-Black Panther, radical journalist and MOVE supporter who was framed for the murder of a cop in 1981. His death sentence was recently overturned, and he is awaiting re-sentencing.  
**Helen Woodson**, 03231-045 FMC Carswell, POB 27137, Fort Worth, TX 76127, USA: Helen is serving her 19th year of a consecutive sentence totalling 27 years for three actions.

### Animal Liberation Prisoners

**Benjamin Persky**, DIN: 03R3916, Lakeview Shock Incarceration Corr. Facility, P.O. Box T, Brocton, New York 14716-0679, USA: On April 21st, 2002, ten people were arrested in New York City for demonstrating against a backer of Huntingdon Life Sciences. Benjamin was sentenced to 2-6 years concurrently. Emails can be sent to Benjamin at: lettersforbenjamin@riseup.net  
**Rae Schilling**, GN6613, HMP Winchester, Romsey Road, Winchester, SO22 5DF, England. Serving 4½ years for aggravated harassment against HLS shareholders.

**Dave Blenkinsop** EM7899, HMP Bullingdon, Oxfordshire OX6 0PZ, UK: Serving 10 years imprisonment. The sentence is made up of three parts. 1) Three years for a stove attack on the Managing Director of Huntingdon Life Sciences 2) 18 months for rescuing 600 guinea pigs from a lab supplier (Newchurch Farm) 3) 5 years for possession of incendiary devices.

**Tony Haughian**, JM9774 HMP Pentonville, Caledonian Road, London N7 8TT, England: jailed on unknown charges related to animal rights activity.

### Indigenous Prisoners

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

**Leonard Peltier** #89637-132, PO Box 1000, Leavenworth, KS 66048, USA: An American Indian Movement activist, Leonard has served over 25 years in prison. He was framed for the murder of two FBI agents and is serving two consecutive life sentences.

**West Papua Prisoner Support**. West Papua has been under Indonesian military rule since the 1960s. Indigenous Papuans, traditionally living balanced and autonomous tribal lives, have continuously been displaced, tortured and killed, and their land exploited by corporations. West Papuans are demanding their freedom and have been resisting the Indonesian army for over forty years. The repression against them is severe, and includes Indonesian police picking out those that are active and putting them in prison under terrible conditions where many 'disappear' or are poisoned. These prisoners need support, and support from the West can make a big difference in the way they are treated. West Papuans are collecting information about prisoners and publishing lists. Hopefully people can spare some time to phone a prison, or write to the prisoners or the prison governors. Contact: koteka\_prisoner\_support@xsmall.com for information or check the website on which you'll find updated prisoner lists and news: www.westpapua.net/cases/hr/prisoner/index.htm

**Zapatista Prisoners**: There are still some Zapatista political prisoners. Email: ajlum\_vozcerrohueco@hotmail.com or chiapaslink@yahoo.com, or check the website www.chiapaslink.ukgateway.net for up to date lists of prisoners.

### Resources and Contacts

**ABC Brighton** (anarchist prisoner support): PO Box 74, Brighton BN1 4ZQ, UK. www.brightonabc.org.uk mail@brightonabc.org.uk

**ALFSG** (Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group): BCM 1160, London WC1N 3XX, UK

**Earth Liberation Prisoners**: BM Box 2407, London WC1N 3XX, UK. www.spiritoffreedom.org.uk earthlibprisoner@hotmail.com

**Legal Defence & Monitoring Group (LDMG)**: BM Box Haven, London WC1N 3XX, UK. Tel: 020 8245 2930 (24hr answerphone) ldmg@mail@yahoo.co.uk, www2.phreak.co.uk/ldmg/

**Prisoners' Advice Service** (independent charity providing unbiased legal and other advice to prisoners and their families): Unit 305 Hatton Square, 16/16a Baldwins Gardens, London EC1N 7RJ, UK. Tel: 0207 4058045 pas@tinyworld.co.uk.

# HOW TO ... DO OFFICE WORK

**Aims** Before you get to the target office, agree on the aim. Is it to make demands to the company, to gather information or designed for maximum disruption? Everyone should agree on what to do inside and how long to stay for - and stick to it. Are you going to occupy it by barricading yourself in or D locking on to something? Or are you going to do a banner drop from the roof and leaflet inside but remain flexible? Or are you going to do a ten minute hit and run?

**Reconnaissance** Go have a look at the place in the day when the office is in use, look like you work in an office near by or something. Where could you drive in and drop people off, is there somewhere near by to park the van? What are the possible routes to and from the office, are they covered by CCTV? Look at maps but remember to compare them to real life, if possible take photos. Look for ways in, such as open ground floor windows, fire escapes, side doors and ensure everyone knows the basic layout. Although entrances often have security locks, swipe-card readers, or intercoms, this usually the best way in.

**Plan** Make a simple plan to get in. Who is going to do what? What stuff do you need? Make sure you can communicate with your driver. Test mobile phones! One smartly dressed person going in and opening doors and windows for everyone else often works. It helps if this person has an excuse such as courier delivery, an employment inquiry or a pre-booked appointment with a named worker. This person must be prepared to react quickly and sometimes decisively, for example, to push past employees to get doors open when the rabble arrive. Revolving doors can be easily blocked and are hard to get a lot of people through fast so windows might be a better bet. Alternatively, you can sneak in behind employees going in, or catch the door as one leaves. Anyone who doesn't want to go in could picket the entrance/ talk to the press/ warn those inside when the cops turn up. Is someone going to be in charge of time and blow a whistle to signal everyone to leave? Where are you going to meet up afterwards? Have you got a plan B for when (sorry if!) the unexpected happens. Sort your legal info out.

**Action** On arrival ensure that you aren't spotted beforehand. Once in, the fun starts! You might all look for specific offices or scatter through the building to cause chaos, but stay in pairs at least, as office workers can defend their space assertively. In the past it has often worked for groups to barricade themselves into unoccupied offices thus ensuring an uninterrupted search/reorganisation. In open plan offices, or when barricading options are limited, there is a tendency for activists to drift to one place after the initial rush. Try to avoid this as it makes it easier for staff/police to contain you and get you out. Keep it calm and non-confrontational, especially as most workers you come across will not be the decision makers; seek out the bosses! Reassure workers who seem frightened by the invasion that you intend no violence, and distribute leaflets explaining your case to them. If your goal is disruption, rearrange paper and cabinets, lock doors and hide keys, unplug, play with computers. Keep it tidy, and they might not discover what you've been up to until later; obvious criminal damage or theft on these type of actions may lead to everyone being arrested especially if you are few in number.

That said, some occupations have involved smashing up as much as possible (obviously masked up) then legging it. If your goal is info-gathering, get in and out quickly, there is nothing to be gained and a lot to be lost by hanging around because a 30 minute action seems too short. Rummage through filing cabinets, go through desk diaries, look at notice boards, search through computers and photograph or photocopy anything interesting. Alternatively, you could fax documents to someone on the outside, although they will probably check who you sent the fax to. You may want to borrow some documents or computer disks to study at your leisure. Chuck them out of a window to waiting colleagues who can spirit them away immediately. Don't hang around waiting to be arrested. Leave a pre-printed disclaimer in their place, stating that anything removed will be returned undamaged within 24 hours. This gives time to read files and copy useful stuff, you can return the files either to the office doorstep in the middle of the night, or (anonymously) to a police station lost property office in a different town. It is essential to return everything if any one does get nicked for theft; although the disclaimer has no actual legal weight, charges should be dropped if files are returned as promised.

Everyone should leave together, and make sure no-one is left inside. Be aware that police often search everyone before they leave the office, especially if anything appears to have been removed or damaged. Having even a single sheet of office paper on you can lead to everyone being nicked. Office occupations generally don't lead to arrest. However, there is the possibility of arrest, most likely for breach of the peace, burglary or section 241 of the Trade Unions Act 1994. Burglary is often used as an excuse to arrest. Don't openly eat food or use electrical equipment or they may indiscriminately make arrests. Most arrests will not lead to a court case. People have sometimes gone in with a list of demands such as a meeting senior management (although in one probably exceptionally case this led to convictions for coercion.)

**Geek Attack** While some of your mates are going through the desk diary, the filing cabinets and the drawers it may be worth you taking a look at the beige box with a telly on it in the corner of the desk. Before you decide what best action to take you have to browse around the PC. The computer may appear to end its starting procedure with a logon box. Many systems save the last username to be used in this box, write this name down because if the user has e-mail it can probably be worked out using this `username@whatever.co.uk` (alternatively find the person's calling card). E-mail addresses are handy to have as viruses and hacking tools can be sent to the unwitting user at a later date. You may try a couple of passwords (look for obscure things written on post-it notes). This probably won't work and after a few tries it will tell you that you are locked out of the network. Just accept this and click cancel until the computer seems to be running. If the computer is already on then open the windows explorer and check out how many drives there are. If there are more than 4 drives then you are probably already attached to the network.

**Re-formatting** This is quite un-subtle and may cause the least damage of all. In any fair sized company most data will be either stored on a file server or backed up nightly. Having said that most users are crap at doing this (especially those at the top of organisations). If there appears to be no network attachment then this may well be your best option. To format the disk select Start menu- shutdown- restart computer in MS-DOS mode. When you get the `C:\>` Prompt type `format C: /u` Repartitioning. If you're going to re-format a disk then you may as well repartition it. Repartitioning a drive just makes it a bit harder recover any data than a simple format. Get to `C:\>` prompt. Stick a floppy disk in and type `a:` then type `copy c:\windows\command\fdisk.* a:` - if no file is found then type `copy c:\dos\fdisk.* a:`. Then format as above. Reboot the PC with floppy disk in the machine. Type `fdisk`, delete all partitions, reboot again, type `fdisk` and create 2 or 3 new partitions. DELETE FILES: Deleting files on the hard drive in the machine is pretty simple. Highlight the files you want to delete. Select lots by holding the shift or control key down as you click (experiment with this). Before you press the delete key hold down the shift key. Do not release the shift key - until the confirm file delete box comes up. If you don't hold shift down the files will only go to the recycle bin. After deleting you may as well empty the recycle bin. For more info:

# ★ UK Ecological Direct Action Groups ★

If you know of any changes or additions to this list please tell us! If there's not a group in your area starting one is easy. Get together with one or two (or more) of your mates and call yourself earth first! That's what everyone on this page has done, nice one - send us some contact details and we'll put them here with a star so other people can get in touch to help get things going. If you're looking for international groups and other useful contacts visit <http://www.earthfirst.org.uk/>

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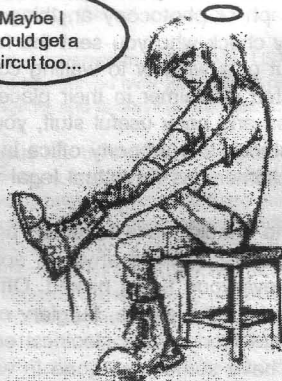
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Shit! Gotta get this damn boot on...  
gotta get the image right or all those hardcore  
anarchists'll think I'm just an  
old hippy wimp!

Maybe I  
should get a  
haircut too...



## The Last Word...

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