

ates” were acquitted. 2 comrades were confirmed “heads” of the association, while the accusation against Giova of having become the new “head” following the two’s arrest after the first wave of precautionary measures, was not accepted.

The gathering in Sollicciano saw the acquittal of all the defendants en bloc, probably because, unlike that of April 25, the prosecution had not managed to get any details of those who organised it. In fact, as can be seen from the convictions for the Sant’Ambrogio demo, those sentenced for unauthorized demonstration are the two people who used the megaphone; for April 25, the two charged while talking about an intervention to be done at the gathering. The other acquittals concern people who were not recognized by witnesses or surveillance cameras at the trial.

As for the convictions, the associated have been given a minimum of 2 years. It would seem that they have come down particularly hard, often above the expectations of prosecutors, for charges related to the events of Melograno.

In any case, we will not know with certainty what passed and what didn’t before the reasons for the sentence are filed. I think it’s obvious, though, that DNA has been fully accepted as incriminating evidence for Ghespe, and that things could hardly have gone worse. On the other hand, the feeling was that this sentence had already been written a long time ago.

Ghespe 9 years

Giova 9 years, 10 months and 15 days

Paska 9 years and 10 months

For all the others, the sentences go from one month to 6 years.

The deadline for filing the reasons is 90 days.

The prison sentences are suspended except for Paska, Geshe and Giova who are already under house arrest.

About Operation Panico Against some Anarchists in Florence, Italy

2017 - 2019

“Operation Panico” Sentences

“Prison is one of the main expressions of repression in the prison-society; as such I’m trying to understand it as best as I can and I’m trying and hoping to contribute to destroying it”

Ghespe

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actforfree.nostate.net

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<https://panicoanarchico.noblogs.org/>
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<https://www.autistici.org/cna/>
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22/07/2019

Awaiting further information, we are publishing some of the sentences (news received via text message) for the 28 comrades accused in Operation Panico.

None acquitted

Salvatore Vespertino Ghespe 9 years

Giovanni Ghezzi Giova 9 years, 10 months and 15 days

Pierloredo Fallanca Paska 9 years and 10 months

For all the others the sentences range from one month to 6 years.

Fire to the prisons and the courts

Freedom to everyone

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Technical considerations about the sentence

In essence, much has remained unchanged from the requests of the pm, some of the sentences are even worse.

These are the substantial differences / considerations at a glance:

The qualification of the new year charge as attempted murder did not pass, but was downgraded to serious injuries; however this did not result in much difference in sentencing from that requested. The lethality of the device was still accepted. Giova, Ghespe and Paska were sentenced for the new year, while another accused was acquitted of that charge.

The charge of criminal association passed, but 6 (out of 15) of the “associ-

As for the civil parties, Mario Vece (the policeman blaster) asked for the realistic figure of 2 million euros; the Siulp police union demanded 100,000 euros, “Il Bargello” fascist bookshop and Casapound (fascist party) 10,000 each. Among the civil parties there were also the ministry of the interior, of the defense and a passer-by of the demonstration of April 25th (2016), but we don’t remember what they asked for what interests us.

The days of Wednesday and Thursday were devoted to the harangues of the three defense lawyers and, in the final measure, one of the prosecutors was heard again on Thursday for an idle reply.

Monday 22nd was confirmed as the last act of the first degree of the trial. The hearing starts at 9:30, there will be defense counter-arguments. Then the judges will retire to the council chamber and at some point in the day they will issue the sentence.

Giova, Ghespe and Paska will be present in the courtroom that day, as they were for these last hearings, and they appreciate the presence of the comrades in the courtroom. Our main thought goes to them, still locked up with all the restrictions. Strength!

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NEW IBAN for Operation Panico solidarity fund 23/10/2018

Here is the new IBAN for payments into the account to contribute to expenses (legal and for the prisoners) of Operation Panico:

The card is still the same, n. 5333171039986134 in the name of Youssra Ramadan, agenzia Poste Italiane

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Towards the end of the “Panico” trial

The week of final hearings of the “Panico” trial ended today. On Monday 15th and half of Tuesday 16th the final part of the trial phase took place; on the prosecution side, the treatment of the last tranche of expert interceptions of wiretapping, environmental and by telephone; by the defense, some objections have been raised regarding the interference of the prosecution expert in the court expert’s activities (that is: the main interception with which they accused Paska was first transcribed differently from the court expert, then corrected after prosecution pressures to bring it back to the “original”). Then a defense witness was heard about the broken foot of Ghespe in the period around 2017 New Year.

On Tuesday afternoon there was the indictment of the prosecutors and of the civil parties, and these are quite useless to comment on, they have given the worst of themselves. The requests for the 28 defendants were rather high, as was expected. The heads of indictment for each remained unchanged with respect to the closure of the investigation.

The four accused of the 2017 New Year events: 10 years for Ghespe and Nicola (the latter burdened, as well as the 416, that is the crime of “criminal association”, even a protest outside Sollicciano prison in August 2017), 10 and a half years for Paska (also included in the “association” since November 2016), 11 years for Giova (also accused of having become “head of the association” since January 2017).

For the other two grotesquely called “heads” of the criminal association the requests are of 6 and 4 years of prison.

For another eight defendants in the criminal association the requests are between 2 and 3 years, for the remaining two instead they are 4 and 7 years.

For the remaining 13 defendants for various specifics outside the criminal association, the requests range from 15 days in prison to one and a half years. Overall, the prosecutors asked for 86 years in prison.

Last hearings of the trial for the “Panico” operation

The hearings from 15 to 18 July, 2019, are confirmed, but due to the absence of one of the judges the sentence (scheduled for July 22nd) could slip, by a maximum of one week, apparently.

For Giova, Paska and Ghespe under house arrest, was asked the transport by their own means for the hearings, therefore without an escort. For Paska has also been asked to temporarily move house arrest to a house near Florence.

As regards presences in the courtroom, Paska should therefore be present at all hearings. Giova and Ghespe will certainly not come to the hearing on the 15th, but for the following ones they still haven't decided.

We remember that the hearings will be:

15 July – Deposition of the digos [“political police”] on the last part of the environmental interceptions.

16 July – Public prosecutor indictment and civil parties.

17 and 18 July – Defensive harangues.

22 July – Reading of the device (sentence).

All will start at 9.00 am, in room 28 (basement) at the courthouse in Novoli (Florence).

Note: During the course of the month of June 2019 the three imprisoned anarchists, Paska, Giovanni and Salvatore (Ghespe), were transferred from the prisons of Viterbo and Sollicciano (Florence) to house arrest.

News from Florence October 2017

On the 1st of January 2017, following the explosion of a home-made bomb in front of a fascist bookshop after which a policeman from the bomb disposal unit lost a hand and an eye, the homes of several anarchist comrades were raided. The police were hoping to find firearms and/or explosives. The searches didn't lead to anything other than the seizure of pamphlets, computers, clothing and other generic material. An investigation against persons unknown was launched with the intention to charge with the offences “manufacturing, possession, and transportation of an explosive or incendiary device to a public place” and “attempted murder”.

The police began a separate operation called “Operazione Panico” (Operation Panic) on January 31st. At 12:30am the police called at several comrades' houses to notify them of the enforcement of ten provisional measures. 3 people were confined to house arrest, 4 were given orders not to leave the city and to return to their houses by evening and sign at the police station every day. And lastly 3 people were given bail conditions of signing on at the police station everyday.

During the course of “Operazione Panico” 35 people were targeted directly. It also led to the eviction of Villa Panico, one of Florence's historic squats which had been occupied for the past 10 years. In total 12 people were charged with “membership of a criminal organisation”. The suspects in this repressive operation are all under investigation for a series of contested events which took place in the city in 2016. These events include an attack on the fascist bookshop with clubs and bricks, an explosion at the same bookshop and distribution of anti-militarist leaflets at a local market, which resulted in a handful of people being taken to the police station and charged with “resistance and refusal to provide evidence of identity”. Other events were a fight with police in April following one of the latter's many provocations, which ended up with the arrest of 3 comrades (Michele, Francesca and Alessio), a sit-in and solidarity demonstration/march with those arrested.

Two months after the end of the operation two comrades were given a

series of repressive measures that escalated in severity from daily signing at the pig station to house arrest. A 3rd comrade was also bailed to sign on daily at the police station. This new wave of repression and arrests was linked to the simple appearance of militant graffiti across the city.

On the 3rd of August, a joint nation-wide operation between the DIGOS (police special operations unit), the ROS (the Carabinieri special operations unit) and the counter-terrorism police ended up with 8 further arrests: 6 in Florence, 1 in Rome and 1 in Lecce. Five comrades were charged with attempted homicide for the New-eve bombing. The others with “manufacturing, possession, and transportation of an explosive or incendiary device to a public place”. The second charge relates to a molotov attack against a Carabinieri barracks which happened on the night of the attack on the police mentioned earlier.

On August 5th, 6 arrestees were released by the GIP (judge for the preliminary investigation) due to lack of evidence against them. One comrade, Salvatore Vespertino, is in jail because the authorities claimed to have found traces of his DNA on components used to build the bomb. Paska, another comrade, who was to have been released for lack of evidence for the events of New Years Eve, is still being held in prison for alleged “membership of a criminal organisation” based on evidence gathered during Operation Panico.

As Paska’s case shows, the investigation against persons unknown has now been incorporated into Operation Panico. This means that they have adopted the same line of inquiry, be it for those charged with “membership of a criminal organisation” or for the several specific offences.

Salvatore Vespertino (Ghespe) transferred to house arrest

Yesterday, Friday 21 June, after almost 2 years of detention [he was arrested on 3 August 2017], house arrest for Ghespe was accepted, with all restrictions, but with the possibility of a visit of one hour three times a week, to bring him shopping.

Send a big hug to everyone!

Note: The other two anarchists in prison for the “Panico” operation, Giovanni and Paska, were also transferred to house arrest.

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Solidarity Poster “Operation Panico”



racist, patriarchal and totalitarian forms as they are blackmailed with prison, risk being locked up in detention centres for migrants, be deported, die at the workplace or during compulsory mental health treatment or a raid, unable to find the means to get away from a violent situation, living their gender and sexuality in marginalized conditions if they don't conform to the norm, and much more. According to the State's logic, in order to maintain order and look after the constant development of the techno-industrial and coercive apparatus, it is necessary, among other things, to bury those who have always struggled against those responsible for all this with years in jail.

As it puts its system of power to work, the State has to isolate practices of self-determination, struggle, solidarity and attack because they undermine the very idea of its existence, its claim of total control, because the State needs to ward off the possibility of self-organization and the possibility to recognize one's own enemies, so that any form of social war for the subversion of the system of domination and the possibility to be part of the latter cannot take shape. The State is trying to contain an anti-social conflictuality that doesn't give up in the face of the reappearance of fascist groups tolerated by alienated society or the imposition of a technological and military security model in defence of showroom-cities. It's trying to present the existence and actions of those who are accused of practices of attack and those who support them in a way designed to make their reasons invisible.

Our lives and practices belong to us, and so do our differences and tensions. They are part of our history and experience, they are not weakness but potentiality. They won't see us in their theatre, we won't follow their deadlines, but we'll give ourselves our own times and methods. We won't hang off the words of an already-written sentence or a democratic guarantee with which today the lives of those who have no place in this world are being crushed, making its well-being and privileges stronger and stronger.

In Florence on 20th April we will continue to be in a city where anarchist critique has always existed, affirming that they can't get rid of us and claiming practices of attack and solidarity with all the imprisoned and investigated anarchists as our own.

FIRE TO THE PRISONS, FREEDOM FOR ALL!

Florence : Verdict of the court of review concerning the events of 1st January 2017

From the local press we learn that the court of review has pronounced a verdict concerning the prosecutor's appeal against the orders of release concerning the comrades arrested following an attack on a Casapound bookshop on 1st January 2017.

The court rejected the prosecutor's appeal against all the comrades except:

– Paska, currently being held in Lecce on charges of organized crimes, against whom evidence was apparently identified concerning the fabrication of the device on 1st January. His situation has therefore worsened as he is being held not only for 'organized crime' but also on charges related to the attack.

— Giovanni, against whom, according to the local press, evidence was also found concerning the fabrication of the device.

— Nicola, who is being held under house arrest on charges of organized crime.

The defence layers will appeal to the court of cassation and the above measures won't be applied until its pronouncement.

We point out that following the same investigation, besides Paska [in Lecce] Ghespe has also been imprisoned in Sollicciano since 3rd August 2017.

Our warm solidarity goes to all the comrades struck by the repression.

FREEDOM FOR ALL!

This leaflet was given out in Florence a few days after the arrests of 3rd August 2017.

WELL DONE ANYWAY!

On a police operation in Florence

When you hold power, you can lose your head believing you are able to do anything at all, engage in attempts without rhyme or reason and talk nonsense, until you are left swamped in your own pile of bullshit.

This is what happened to the police and carabinieri recently in Florence. On 3rd August – as a result of blowhards such as Lucio Pifferi (local Digos chief), Eugenio Spina (Antiterrorism chief) and Giuseppe Governale (Carabinieri Ros commandant) – 200 armed fatheads, covered by the paper-pushers of the Public Prosecutor’s Office, vandalized and evicted the Riottosa Zquat in Galluzzo, arresting 8 anarchist comrades, 6 of whom were released a couple of days later because of a complete lack of evidence. Masked policemen and carabinieri, a militarized neighbourhood, raids in private houses, comrades’ faces splashed over the newspapers, press conferences and institutional praise... to then see the whole operation miserably collapse.

In the heat of August, a media hallucination that began on New Year’s Eve reached a climax when a particularly careless police bomb disposal expert removed a bomb from a notorious fascist bookshop in Via Leonardo da Vinci with his bare hands, making it explode right in his face. If we didn’t live in an upside down world all this – the rhetoric of ‘bombs, blood and anarchy’, the tears for the injured cop, the investigation for attempted murder – wouldn’t even be conceivable. For the cops and journalists it was an attack with intent to kill. For us, it was an antifascist action like others that have occurred in the past and an accident at work which – unlike those that take place in factories and building sites every day – doesn’t deserve one tear.


In the Florence of security delirium, with police everywhere and freedom nowhere, a few actions – incendiary devices against fascist premises, molotovs against barracks or wild demos against the order of resignation –



On 9th May the sentence against 20 comrades accused of organized crime and carrying out anonymous attacks on fascist meeting places will be pronounced at the end of a trial in Florence. [The sentencing has been postponed to 22nd June]. Three of these comrades, Paska Giova and Ghespe, have been held in jail for some time, and besides other accusations they have been charged with transporting, fabrication and possession of explosive material and attempted murder, following the wounding of a bomb disposal expert who handled an explosive device placed outside a fascist joint in the night of 31st December 2016 without any precautions. They have not been spared provocations and

violence in prison in response to their constant conflictual attitude.

In Trento and Turin, two repressive operations led to the eviction of the Asilo Squat and 12 people arrested, to put an end to the struggles they were involved in. After the arrests and eviction we took to the streets to respond to the blows of repression and take spaces to express our anger with force. Now the Scripta Manent trial, where more than twenty years’ history of anarchism are being put under investigation, is also coming to an end, with requests for heavy sentences. In all these cases, intimidation and repression also continue against those who express solidarity with the anarchist practices and individualities on trial and in jail. Anarchist dreams and practices, possibilities and realities are the usual thorn in the side. In Italy and anywhere else, the State is trying to sweep away anyone who continues to oppose its projects, so that it can pave the way for yet another authoritarian turn. We are living in times when more and more people are undergoing daily oppression in





Nell'attuare il suo sistema di potere, lo stato deve isolare le pratiche di **autodeterminazione, lotta, solidarietà e attacco**, perché minano l'idea della necessità stessa della sua esistenza, della sua pretesa di totalità del controllo, perché ha bisogno di scongiurare la possibilità di auto-organizzarsi, così come la possibilità di riconoscere i propri reali nemici, perché non possa prendere forma una **guerra sociale per la sovversione** di questo sistema di dominio così come quella di prendervi parte. Cerca di arginare una conflittualità anti-sociale che non si rassegna al riaffermarsi dei gruppi fascisti tollerati dalla società alienata, né all'imposizione di un modello securitario tecnologico e militare a difesa delle città-vetrina. Cerca di rappresentare l'esistenza e l'agire di chi è sotto accusa per le pratiche di attacco e di chi le supporta in modo da invisibilizzarne i motivi.

Il nostro vissuto e le nostre pratiche ci appartengono, come le nostre differenze e tensioni. Sono parte della nostra storia ed esperienza, non una debolezza ma una potenzialità. Non ci vedranno nel loro teatrino, non staremo alle loro scadenze, ma sapremo darci tempi e modi. Non penderemo dalle labbra di una sentenza già scritta, né di un garantismo democratico con cui oggi si schiacciano le vite di chi non ha alcun posto in questa porzione di mondo, che fortifica sempre più il suo benessere e i suoi privilegi.

A Firenze il 20 aprile continueremo a stare in una città dove da sempre la critica anarchica è stata presente per continuare a ribadire che non possono cancellarci e **per rivendicare come nostre le pratiche di attacco e la solidarietà** a tutti x anarchicx prigionierx e inquisitx.

FUOCO ALLE GALERE, LIBERX TUTTX!

SABATO 20 APRILE
PRESIDIO DI SOLIDARIETA'
ORE 16 P.ZZA DELL' UNITA'
ZONA SANTA MARIA NOVELLA
FIRENZE

have dared to interrupt the course of normality. As the police rarely manage to identify those who carry out certain actions, they can only strike those who support such actions publicly: the anarchists. Finding themselves with little or nothing in their hands after months of constant interceptions and shadowing, the cops decided to cast their net anyway, as they were sure the media furor would allow them to catch as many fish as possible. Contrary to their forecasts, the investigating judge didn't feel like endorsing such a clumsy investigation this time. The only validated arrest was that of our comrade Salvatore Vespertino, 'trapped' by a DNA fragment judged compatible (while writing these lines we are awaiting the result for Pasca, still held in a prison in Lecce). If the anarchists' alleged 'guilt' is for now only an opinion of the investigators, the response of science is being presented as certainty. But the latter is still to be proven. Far from being pure theories of disinterested researchers, on the contrary science is a social product, that is to say an assemblage of models elaborated and applied by human beings within a network of interests and power relations. Not only is DNA sample 'compatibility' the result of a statistical calculation, but this calculation has also been carried out by technicians hired by those who arrested our comrades.

For all those who care about freedom there lies the task of starting a battle against DNA sample-taking and instrumentalisation, before genetic filing and fabrications become part of our daily life. Our comrades have already begun by refusing to have samples taken in prison. As Security becomes the centre of politics and police are being deployed right to the most remote suburb, for the oppressed and rebels an iron fist is being prepared. Let's not stand by looking on as they close the cage.

Let's act.

FREEDOM FOR PASCA AND VESPERTINO

No tears for a cop, let's continue the struggle

Florence, 8th August 2017

Some Anarchists

GENOA – INCENDIARY ATTACK

18/11/17

There is a lot of anger, and sometimes it doesn't take much for it to turn into fire.

Anger and fire go together and do not wait for field days to show themselves, they strike rich and poor alike as happened at the Genoa G8 or the Hamburg G20, showing their best face at such times.

Fire and anger just act, they don't prepare the ground for revolution, they're not looking for adepts among the masses, they look sadly at a society that has nothing left to ask of its very existence.

Fire and anger: the first an element, the second a feeling, it takes little to get them to wed, just a little courage, then they let out a scream that pierces the cloak of apathy which this dying society is now drenched in and addicted to.

Screams of revenge for the tens of thousands of migrants who die trying to cross the borders scattered all over the world.

Screams at the devastation and looting by States and multinationals in the name of progress.

Screams that warm the hearts of our anarchist sisters and brothers all over the world.

Catastrophes are the days when nothing is done against the brutality of governments!

For the anarchist comrades, prisoners of Op. Scripta Manent, for anarchist prisoner on hunger strike David Delogu, for the comrades of Florence, some cars have been destroyed by fire, including one belonging to the Italian Consular Service.

LONG LIVE ANARCHY

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Anarchist comrade Pierloreto Fallanca is finally out of prison - 23/11/2017

Our comrade Paska is finally out of the cage; he has an order to reside in Martinsicuro, to report to the police station and be indoors at night.

We await and demand his total liberation.

Solidarity with all the comrades involved in the Florence investigation

Relentlessly, For Anarchy!

Posters for the April 20 gathering in Florence



**SENZA TREGUA
PER L'ANARCHIA**

A Firenze il 9 maggio ci sarà la sentenza di un processo che vede imputati 28 compagni accusati di associazione a delinquere ed alcuni attacchi anonimi alle sedi fasciste. Tre di questi compagni, Paska Giova e Ghespe, già da tempo si trovano in carcere, ed oltre alle altre accuse sono imputati per trasporto, fabbricazione e detenzione di materiale esplosivo e tentato omicidio, per il fermento di un artificiere che ampeggiò senza alcuna precauzione con un ordigno collocato davanti ad una sede fascista, la notte del 31 dicembre 2016. Per loro in carcere le provocazioni e le violenze non si sono risparmiate, in risposta all'attitudine conflittuale mantenuta.

A Trento e Torino due operazioni repressive portano allo sgombero dell'Asilo Occupato e 12 arresti per cercare di stroncare le lotte che questi portano avanti. Dopo gli arresti e lo sgombero, si è scesi in strada per rispondere ai colpi della repressione e prendersi con forza spazi di espressione della propria rabbia. In quei giorni anche Scripta Manent, processo che mette sotto inchiesta più di vent'anni di storia dell'anarchismo si sta concludendo, con dure richieste di condanne. In tutti questi casi, continuano le intimidazioni e la repressione anche nei confronti di chi porta ed esprime la propria solidarietà alle pratiche ed alle individualità anarchiche sotto processo ed in carcere.

I sogni e le pratiche, le possibilità e le realtà anarchiche sono la solita spina nel fianco. Lo stato, in Italia come altrove, cerca di spazzare via chi continua ad ostacolare i progetti, per spianare la strada per una sua ulteriore svolta autoritaria.

Viviamo tempi in cui un numero sempre crescente di persone vive esperienze oppressive quotidiane, nelle sue forme razziste, patriarcali e totalitarie, ricattati dal carcere, rischiando di essere rinchiusi in un CPR o deportati, di morire sul lavoro, durante un T.S.O. o una retata, di non trovare i mezzi per separarsi da una relazione violenta, di vivere generi e sessualità non normati in condizioni marginalizzate, e molto altro. Secondo le logiche dello stato, per mantenere l'ordine e provvedere alla continua ristrutturazione dell'apparato tecno-industriale e coercitivo su larga scala, è necessario tra le altre cose, seppellire sotto anni di galera chi si batte da sempre contro i responsabili di tutto questo.

The hearing went on with a discussion about Paska's mother's car, which Digos officers claim they saw parked outside Panico on 2nd and 3rd January, while his telephone was elsewhere. The defence demanded that the discussion be postponed to a date when Paska's lawyers would be present; the judge refused and continued the hearing. Paska also had to defend himself in this case, and declared that he had been celebrating elsewhere since 31st, with his telephone on him, and that he had the car with him, so the Digos must have been mistaken.

Another Digos officer gave a statement about a control carried out on Ghespe in the street on 30/12; this was to counterattack the defence aspect in Ghespe's medical record and the X-rays of his fractured foot at the end of December 2017. The Digos cop obviously said that Ghespe was standing during the control, he wasn't wearing a plastercast and he [the Digos cop] didn't notice any abnormality in Ghespe's gait.

However, all this aside, the most annoying news is that, considering the experts' troubles with the interceptions (and the prosecutors' repeated interference in their work, it seems), the schedule of the hearing was cancelled, no way 'the trial will definitely end on 9th May'. Everything was postponed to JULY, and this is the new schedule:

25/6 – deadline for the submission of environmental interceptions

15/7 – hearing on the interceptions

16/7 – prosecutors' final speeches plus civil parties

17 and 18/7 – defence's last speeches

22/7 – sentencing.

Given the schedule, Paska asked the judge to inform the prison administration that he would request a transfer so as to be near the court, considering the frequency of the hearings. He looked in great shape today!

The public was allowed in again after photographs were taken of their documents, then Paska got warm greetings as he was taken away at the end of the hearing.

Two communiques by Ghespe, written within a month of each other

I was arrested along with 7 other people in the umpteenth Digos and ROS operation. Imagination never fails that scum (wish their health also failed them) and anyone who even just glanced at the newspapers knows very well how they went crazy this time too. But it must be said that although the papers read like a thriller (pretty third-rate), they mention 3 events that have little to do with imagination: the Molotov that flew over the Carabinieri barracks in Rovezzano in April, the 'device' that exploded at the casapound bookshop 'il bargello', where a specialized police bomb disposal expert lost an eye and a hand, and the fact that all those arrested are anarchists. Up until now Paska and I are the only ones being held in jail.

One of the things in the papers that struck me, but didn't surprise me, can be found between the lines of the document of validation of the arrest: ...the overall behaviour of the person under investigation and the fact that he continues to mingle in anarchist milieus... Personally, as I live my anarchist tension, I've always taken the possibility of imprisonment into account; and now, without any victimization, here I am! What to say... the struggle continues in every kind of prison... for anarchy.

Greetings

Ghespe

Our passion for freedom is stronger than any cell.

20/08/2017

Hi folks,

I've been in the 5th unit since the first day of my imprisonment, and didn't go through 'arrivals'. I'm starting to get used to the place and to know the other prisoners. At first the unit was quite animated, with daily uproar even if mainly between prisoners (sic!). Food is inedible 3 times out of 4 and on Sundays there's no dinner, so those who can't buy anything...

I'm with a Kurd in the cell (we are 55 in the unit) and we get along quite well. About ten days ago we had a search, the typical monthly search, which however didn't have anything typical about it this time. Instead of

Report on the 18th April hearing and new schedule

doing the whole unit (19 cells) they did from cell 5 (ours) to cell 8. They made us all go to the yard where we stayed for half an hour. As I went back to the cell I was a little astonished at their insolence; they'd completely turned the other 3 cells upside down ... in ours they didn't touch a thing!! They left everything as it was, they seized weights made out of bottles and the rubbish (which I had left empty the night before... and they didn't allow me to check it). Odd also was the presence of a MOF member, the squad of 'working' prisoners who take care of prison maintenance under the guards' constant watch. No one in the unit had ever seen a MOF member during a search before, and someone heard the inspector saying to him: 'go directly to cell 5'. Okay!! The cell is what it is, a good point is that there is a sort of little balcony (which has allowed many prisoners to put the cell on fire whilst protecting their safety a little. 4 or 5 episodes since I've been an 'unwillingly guest' here... never in this section). The relation with the guards is one of reciprocal indifference, apart from 3/4 of them with whom it was 'love' at first sight. Closed regime, i.e. you get out only for the exercise yard, 2 hours in the morning, and 2 hours for lunch, and to go to another cell for sociality.

The investigation speaks for itself, with a timeworn methodology, with all its fanciful and/or paradoxical nuances. Now, starting from the assumption that I piss (spare me obvious jokes) on the innocent/guilty categories of those who only care to preserve the system, even less do I want to analyse the event in 'juridical terms', which I despise. Although their typical 'corruption of language' is obvious, and I'd say even taken for granted from a functional point of view, I admit that I never fail to be struck by their 'Orwell-like' way. Like when they talk of 'organized crime with the intent to impose one's ideology with violence', with leaders and followers. Well said by those who, by following their goal and principle impose their social system on all individuals with cop and military violence, all sorts of courts and prisons, infrastructures and control systems managed and made possible by automaton/individuals in strong capillary fashion in the cancer they call 'civil society' where they want to constrain us. Where everything that goes beyond indignance is considered not dignity but a vile gesture to be punished. Those who know me guess that such a paradox could even make me laugh, besides making me angry, if it wasn't for the fact that Paska is in jail precisely for this! To him my warm brotherly hug and I hope my letter arrives late in respect to his being released!

A big hug to you too, Greg!

Today started with the first tricky one: the experts' transcripts of the monitoring, not even complete, (some of those requested by the PM were missing, because they'd got it wrong when they photocopied them) submitted last week, in particular the transcript that the prosecutors consider more 'incriminating' for Paska. Instead of 'I put a big bomb in casapound's mouth', the expert heard and wrote: 'he came to put a big **bomb**, etc.' The prosecution must have resented this because they insisted that the expert listen to the audio again and use a recording studio to 'clean' the sound. After this pressure the expert finally rewrote the interception with the prosecution's interpretation but only submitted it yesterday at 5pm so the defence didn't get a copy until this morning.

The defence therefore demanded a postponement because it was impossible to carry out a counter-examination on the expert's report. There and then the judge said something like 'there isn't time', without formally dealing with the defence's request, and had the hearing begin.

Monti, the expert, gave his statement; on the judge's request the famous audio was played. You couldn't hear much, juxtaposed indistinguishable voices, in both the original audio and even more so the 'clean' one. It was played several times. At this point Monti described the passages he had presented earlier, and as he came to his conclusion, namely what was supposed to be corrected because he actually heard 'I put a big bomb', sarcastic applause and voices arose from the public, at which point the judge evacuated the comrades from the court; the comrades were then stopped by Digos in the smoking area while antiriot cops were allowed in court and waited nearby.

In his lawyer's absence Paska decided to defend himself, he spoke to declare that he recognized the recorded voice as his own, but the words attributed to him had never been pronounced.

Then new experts were appointed for the interceptions, but they expressed doubts about being able to finish the job during the Easter festivities.

happens to the comrades during the struggle they give up-front with their own bodies, we will return and this time we will not limit ourselves to only material damage against any envoy of the Italian State. It is time to put aside what isolates and drives us in idleness and build strong, honest bonds moving by small daily steps in making key hits. Beyond loose bases and opportunistic relationships, to pursue the impossible by methodically walking in the future that each of us has dreamed of, freely, together and self-organized. Because only when you resist, you struggle, you fight, you can hope.

PS1. The pleasant news of the “disappearance” of Giannis Michailidis from the rural prison where he was held and the corresponding “disappearance” of K. Athanasopoulou the day before her conviction was announced, brought a big conspiratorial smile to our faces.

Good strength and good freedom comrades.

PS2. Comrade Salvatore who is sentenced in a case of a bomb at a fascist bookstore and the injury of a cop in Italy, has been released, but remains under house restriction. Until true freedom comrade, keep strong.

PS3. Even if more than 10 years have passed, the memories of December are still fresh. A decision of the second degree court is expected in the coming days at Lamia for Korkoneas and Saraliotis. Apparently, without any expectations from civil justice, all we are waiting for is yet another reason for the next hit.

PS4. May 22, 2009 Comrade Mauricio Morales falls dead in Santiago, Chile, in an attempt to place an improvised explosive device at a police school. No distance and no border is capable of separating us comrades. “Ideas without actions are worth nothing, so theory and action must be and are a unified thing “.

PS5. Strength and solidarity to those who choose to apply in practice the anarchist slogans and live a life away from the slavery of labour.

Close to the 3 comrades accused of robbing the money transfer agency at AHEPA.

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A thought also goes to the anarchists recently arrested in Turin and those imprisoned following ‘Scripta Manent’ and to all the individuals who put their lives at stake, each one with their practices and tensions... for Anarchy!

Prison is one of the main expressions of repression in the prison-society; as such I’m trying to understand it as best as I can and I’m trying and hoping to contribute to destroying it.

Ghespe

P.S. For GUAP: Our passion for hooligans’ chants is stronger than any serious stuff!

20/09/2017

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Some solidarity actions day and night!

Grenoble, France: Solidarity Fires

During the night of October 26 – 27, we burned three vehicles in via Jean Perrot in Grenoble, i.e. a vehicle of the SPIE (a company that gets rich building prisons), a private security company car, and a Schindler vehicle. We also tried to set fire to a Jaguar but, for unknown reasons, it seems that it came out with just some trace on the bodywork and with the tires down. With this gesture, we want to send our solidarity to Ghespe and Paska, presently detained in Italy following the wave of arrests last August, and the two imprisoned for the story of the burnt cop-mobile. We also welcome the recent attacks on the cops in Limoges, Clermont and Isère, and we express our support for the anonymous incendiaries.

ACTION AGAINST THE ITALIAN CONSULATE THESSALONIKI, 20 OCTOBER 2017

For action against states, capital and the mechanisms of authority: to eliminate the distances between insurgents around the world, to break the isolation of imprisoned comrades.

On 3 August, the Italian state carried out 8 arrests of comrades accusing

them of involvement in 2 different episodes (6 in Florence, one in Rome and one in Lecce). It is worth remembering that in order to carry out 2 of these arrests, the cops evicted the Riottosa Zquat in Florence. Specifically, 5 are accused of placing a bomb outside a fascist bookshop in Florence, which, exploding, seriously injured a cop, while the three others are accused of a molotov attack on a carabinieri barracks in the same city. In the days that followed, 6 of them were released due to insufficient evidence. Concerning the comrades still in prison, Pierloredo Fallanca is accused of being a member of a criminal association, Salvatore Vespertino, of attempted murder of the cop, with a biological DNA trace as the only evidence. These persecutions are part of the modern strategy of a dominion that aims at repressing struggles, causing material damage to communities in struggle, the arrest and detention of anarchists, revolutionaries, insurgents and the defamation, marginalization and emptying of ideological significance of their actions.

This strategy is drawing new lymph from the counterterrorism measures that states are implementing and applying. The project of anti-terrorism is aimed at exterminating the not only material but also ethical enemies of the state, with every possible means and tactics needed.

One such method is the identification of DNA, which although it remains essentially a controversial subject, is considered by cops and judges sufficient evidence to justify long sentences and detentions. And besides that, trying to invoke seemingly scientific authority, they put great zeal into imposing the use of torture for the violent removal of genetic material.

The program of the anti-terrorism is clearly not confined to the use of DNA and traditional repressive methods. Its banks are constantly overflowing, as the persecution of personal and amicable relations is currently being integrated, proceedings against the public expression of one's radical ideas, in addition to the social legitimacy of a reality of constant and massive monitoring of movements and communications, a reality of widespread police forces and networks of cameras in every corner of the metropolis. Striving to impose their repressive mechanisms, states are proving their long-standing collaboration, which includes exchange of know-how and the sharing of common databases of suspect individuals, police co-operation and the issuing of international arrest warrants. On the other hand, however, they have always met the resistance of those struggling in the

Greece, Thessaloniki: Taking responsibility on 20.6.19 by Afternoon Arsonists Group 'Mauricio Morales'

In recent years, it can be observed that there has been increasing establishment and empowerment of modern totalitarian regimes in various regions-states of this fragile world. From Bolsonaro's Brazil, to the upcoming Le Pen's France and from fascist Salvini's Italy in Mitsotakis' expected "march" into our surrounding territories Panoptic control, manipulation of populations and their consciences, overwhelming arms power show-off and exhibition of vengefulness against those who choose to resist, are only some of their common attributes all over the world. Repression and long sentences on those who dispute them.

And if at times we are just waiting for the opportunity to return to the streets of fire and action, this time we heard of the hunger strike of Italian comrades Silvia and Anna seeking to put an end to their isolation in Italian AS2 type prisons and have the opportunity to communicate with each other and with their comrades outside prison. The hunger strike was also backed and supported by other anarchist comrades such as A. Cospito, Salva and Steco. The enforced permanent isolation status is, after all, widespread and applied to anarchists all around the world. So the Italian state is showing its teeth too against its political opponents with machinations and demonstrations of power against those who have hated exploitation and authority, every deprivation of freedom.

For us, solidarity is unquestionable with comrades who fight with all of their being all kinds of authoritarians, fascists or oppressors. Using as the driving force our anger and as the means the flame that burns within us, we proceeded to the arson of the Italian Consul Christos Sarantopoulos's personal car on Thursday 20/6 in the area of Touba near the Italian Consulate. We chose to act at noon in an area guarded by permanent stable and mobilized forces (police guard of the consulate of Romania at 20 metres, DIAS outside the Theageneio Hospital), highlighting once again the "security gaps" of this society of control they are trying to impose.

The low-powered means used were such that the desired damage was inflicted, but the integrity of any random passerby was not compromised, as the collateral damage logic is far from our mindset. In case anything

no new analyses had been made on the small residual sample (which was in effect the subject of the question posed by the court) and that precisely the prosecution, on the contrary, having previously maintained the unimportance of the quantity of material and of the methods of analysis were and methods of analysis were therefore in contradiction with itself. The expert insisted that the presence of 5 alleles out of 7 systems involved the presence of at least 3 donors on the sample (since each individual can contribute a maximum of 2 alleles per system) and that, obviously, increasing the subjects in question would also change the likelihood ratio.

Moreover they questioned that, there being at least 2 subjects other than the bomb disposal expert's DNA on the exhibit, the other attribute was not necessarily that of the "culprit" and moreover it could have been present by chance, e.g. during transportation. For the record we're talking about a sample mixture whose analysis involved 7 cells. The day ended with a new schedule of hearings as the expert for the transcripts had been unable to transcribe the vast amount of interceptions and extra experts were needed.

The hearings of 11 and 12 April will therefore be skipped. The next will be that of the 18th, where these interceptions should be dealt with; on the 24th there will be the indictment of the prosecution and the civil parties, while the concluding statement of the defence will be on April 29 and 30 and May 6. May 9 was fixed as the date on which the sentence will be pronounced.

Paska, in good form and smiling, greeted us with a 'see you on the 18th!' (at 9 am).



war against power, and the solidarity that connects these individuals brought together by their choices.

And since the means of this war are not determined by the limits of the legitimacy that dominion strives to impose upon its citizens, so also our solidarity with the comrades trapped in their chains is not determined by power. It is triggered by our common choice of fighting the various aspects of power and positioning ourselves within the deployment of anarchist struggle. This is because it is only through the translation of these choices into practice that the distances between insurgents are eliminated, that false separations (frontiers, nations, homelands) are abolished and prospects for the construction of a world universally without authority re-opened.

On Friday, October 20, we attacked the building of the Italian Consulate in Thessaloniki, in solidarity with our comrades in the sights of the repression of the Italian state. We invaded the building armed with hammers and paint and destroyed computers, other devices, control systems, and window panes.

WAR WITH EVERY MEANS AGAINST THE STATE AND CAPITAL
SOLIDARITY WITH COMRADES PIERLORETO FALLANCA AND
SALVATORE VESPertino, HOSTAGES OF THE ITALIAN STATE.

Anarchists

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Genoa: Incendiary attack 10/2017

Genoa, by night: A car of Italian Post Office torched in solidarity with the prisoners of Scripta Manent, with Ghespe and Paska. We are with you! For all migrants who died on borders.

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Florence – Repeater burned for Ghespè, prisoners in struggle and those on the run

claim:

FLORENCE 31/1/18 FIRE TO A REPEATER BEHIND VILLA PANICO.
FOR GHESPE, WHO CONTINUES TO FIGHT AUTHORITY INSIDE, WHO DECIDED NOT TO BE FOUND, WHO STRUGGLED TO THE END.
AGAINST THE THEATRE OF JUSTICE AND GENETIC FILING. NOTHING HAS ENDED

Greece, Athens : Solidarity to xm24 and the comrade Salvatore Vespertino in Italy

The Italian government is harassing our comrades in Bologna, and threatening them with eviction and punishment. All ready in Bologna they shut down Labas and Crash showing their wild intentions. In Rome they shut down a refugee squat leaving 800 people without a home..Also they invade squats and they took two of our Italian comrades hostage. We will not tolerate this attitude, and we will target the capitalist institutions that cooperate with the Italian State, to raise awareness about its violent and repressive nature,as a solidarity action for the incidents in Italy.We invite all comrades to join us, through direct action or other means, in the struggle against the enemies of a free society.

The purpose of the Greek-Italian Chamber of Commerce (GICC) is to promote Greek products and companies in Italy. Which sounds great ?? But look, these are some of the sharks behind it:

Ioannis TSAMICHAS, former Siemens executive, nationalist, Tsipras fan and active supporter of economic terrorism

Luigi Efisio MARRAS, fascist general during the Mussolini regime and Chief of Defense of the Italian government

Ioannis SYNGELIDIS, former Citroen executive and Knight of the Order of Value in France

GICC doesn't work with local producers and families, only with capitalist companies, as well as the Italian State's embassy, and Eurobank , a •66B (BTC28M) monster. So it's all part of the game. So fuck the game.

And finally we decided to send a message of solidarity to Italy.....

HANDS OFF XM24 AND THE ANARCHIST COMRADE SALVATORE VESPERTINO !!!



Updates from 4 April hearing and new court schedule

Paska and about a dozen comrades were present at the hearing. To start with Paska made a brief declaration saying that his correspondence is being photocopied even though he has not been subjected to censorship by the judicial authorities. So, given the persistence of this annoying further surveillance in his regard, it is import to write to him to reconfirm our solidarity with him and our hostility towards them. He then deposed the digos on the attribution of identity of the conversants in some environmental interceptions.

Then it was the turn of the experts appointed by the court. The coroner basically argued that the bomb disposal expert did not suffer potentially lethal injuries and his life had never been in danger. The expert for the prosecution, despite having insisted on the possibility that if shrapnel from the device had hit other regions [of the body] it could have had lethal consequences, agreed that there had been no threat to life. The defense expert agreed with the declarations of court's one and, with reference to radiological data, confirmed the distance of the splinters from vital organs, and the absolute non-lethality of the device. The conclusion more or less shared, therefore, is that since there was no danger to life at the most it is possible to speak of very serious injuries.

Then it was the turn of the appointed geneticist and biostatistician for the court that decided not to carry out a new DNA analysis as, according to them, the residual quantity present on the exhibit it was 5 microlitres while the previous analyses performed by the expert of the prosecution were on 15 microlitre samples. Therefore they had only checked the calculations and analysis carried out by the prosecution confirming that the accusatory hypothesis (i.e. that the DNA of a subject they presume is Ghespe was present on the device) was far greater than that of the defence. Anyway they stated that DNA analysis only provides a probability, even if high, and never certainty, for this reason they cannot draw conclusions, this task belongs to the judge. The geneticist for the defence disputed the fact that

18th April – Sentencing

We still don't know about the imprisoned comrades' presence in court; Paska and Ghespe are not likely to be present any longer.

Solidarity with the comrades arrested and investigated in Operation 'Renata' in Trentino, with those arrested/investigated in operation 'Scintilla' in Turin, those of Scripta Manent and all those who don't bow down in these times of State repression.

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Operation Panico: News from the hearing of 12th March 2019

Today there the hearing concerning the consultants for the defence was held. Statements were given by forensic consultants, an explosives expert, and again the prosecutor's geneticist, with the cross-examination of the defence. In order not to bore anybody we won't write a detailed summary, but as a matter of fact it went pretty well; the prosecutor didn't seem to cut a great figure.

In conclusion, the judges decided to examine the experts' reports with their super partes experts, regarding forensic genetics (probably they will take DNA samples from Ghespe, as this hasn't been analysed so far), statistic biology (given the perplexities that have emerged in connection with the statistical analysis of data which should not be valid in terms of evidence) and the legal-medical report. So the trial has been rescheduled as follows:

14th March – Official statements by the court/prosecutor/defence experts

4th April – Experts' statements; prosecutor's statement on environmental interceptions (which haven't been submitted yet)

11th April – Prosecutor's/civil parties' summing up

12th and 18th April – defence's summing up

The dates of repetitions and sentencing will be probably fixed at a later time.

Solidarity with the imprisoned comrades in Italy from 111 Squat in Thessaloniki – Greece

On August 3rd 2017, cops raided several houses and occupied spaces in Florence (eviction of Riottosa squat), Rome and Lecce, aiming at the arrest of 8 comrades from Florence. This specific operation concerns 2 attacks. The first concerns the placing of an explosive device at a fascist bookstore that has connections with Casapound, on new year's day last year, resulting in the injury of the bomb disposal cop (who lost an arm and eye). The second attack was with molotov cocktails against police facilities on April 4th 2016. The 2 attacks took place in Florence. Cops claim that they identified people through phone taps, surveillance, and identification of dna samples.

The charges are:

“attempted homicide” for the 5 comrades from the first case, and “manufacturing, possession, and transportation of an explosive or incendiary device to a public place” for all comrades, all of this in the frames of “consisting a criminal organization”.

A few days later 6 comrades were released while the charges remained, and 2 comrades were imprisoned for the attack on the fascist bookstore. One of the 2 comrades has had all communication forbidden.

During the summer of 2017 one more theatrical play took place, with the Italian state, society and mass media as the directors.

The stars were the “good” cop, a victim who heroically lost an eye and an arm, and the police and fascists who get attacked by the “bad” characters, the anarchists. The message this play is trying to promote is the punishment of the “bad ones” and using them as an example for those who will attempt to act accordingly.

This play did not first appear this summer in Italy. It is seen a thousand times, expected and quite outdated. They might change some details, such as the names of those directly involved, the places etc, but in its substance remains the same.

It is about the perpetual attempt of the authoritarian complex to crush every

resistance, insurgency, every revolutionary prospect.

Despite that, the end of the play has not been written yet and includes “subversion”: destruction and insurrection.

We do not care if the actions were carried out by these comrades or if they were found guilty or innocent by the judicial system. Contrarily we support direct actions because they are an important part of the diverse struggle. Because they disrupt the balance of normality and the smooth functioning of society.

Because they wear down structures, institutions, and parts of the authoritarian machine.

We stand in solidarity with the 2 imprisoned and 6 accused comrades because solidarity is an exceptionally important weapon in the arsenal of anarchist action. It knows no borders, speaks a common language and connects individual struggles in the prison society. It is a means of connecting with comrades who are incarcerated, with comrades who are far from us.

“Arm yourself and become violent, beautifully violent, until everything is subverted.

Because remember that every violent act against the instigators of inequality is completely justified for the centuries of endless violence imposed on us. Arm yourself, conspire, sabotage and become violent, beautifully violent, naturally violent, freely violent.”

Mauricio Morales

FREEDOM TO THE 2 IMPRISONED COMRADES SALVA AND PASCA

SOLIDARITY WITH THE 6 ACCUSED

10s, 100s, 1000s OF DIRECT ACTIONS

TORCH AND BURN ALL CELLS

STRUGGLE WITH ALL MEANS, UNTIL ANARCHY

111 Squat

Updates on the trial Operation Panico and new calendar

12th February: start of the discussion on the New Year Eve’s events. Witnesses for the prosecutor (Digos officers) and for the defence (Digos officers and a bomb disposal expert) gave statements on the reconstruction of the events.

14th February: discussion on DNA. Consultants for the prosecutor and the defence (geneticists) gave their statements. If you are interested in a detailed summary of this hearing, write to the Panico email (panico2@inventati.org).

21st February: hearing concerning the charge of organized crime; witnesses for the prosecution (Digos officers). The novelty, as for the investigation papers, was the insistence on the links between the comrades from Florence and those arrested in Turin and Trentino.

28th February: one of the prisoners did not renounce being transferred to court for the trial. At the start of the hearing the news came that he was unwell and couldn’t attend. But the judge decided to wait for the response of the prison administration regarding his presence. Finally, it was reported that the prisoner had gastroenteritis and therefore he wouldn’t appear; at this point the hearing was cancelled.

However they reworked the calendar of the trial:

7th March – Conclusion of the prosecutor’s witnesses (Digos officers on the crime of association); prosecutor’s cross-examination of the defendants. Start of the defence’s side.

12th March – Statements from the defence’s consultants concerning the events on New Year Eve’s events. New statement from the police geneticist; it was announced that she had worked again on the tests that had been contested by our geneticist, but without mentioning the results.

13th March – Cancelled

14th March – Discussion on the transcripts of environmental interceptions if these have been submitted; otherwise the hearing will be cancelled.

4th April – Summing up of the civil parties and the prosecutor.

11th and 12th April – Summing up of the defence

been occupied for the past 10 years.

On the 3rd of August, a joint nation-wide operation between the DIGOS (the police special operations unit), the ROS (the Carabinieri's special operations unit) and the counter-terrorism police ended up in 8 further arrests: 6 in Florence, 1 in Rome and 1 in Lecce. Five comrades were charged with attempted homicide for the New-eve bombing, the others with the offence of "manufacturing, possession, and transportation of an explosive or incendiary device to a public place". The second charge relates to a molotov attack against a Carabinieri barracks.

On Augusts 5th, 6 arrested people were released due to lack of evidence against them. One comrade, Ghespe, is still in jail because the authorities claim to have found traces of his DNA on components used to build the bomb. Another comrade, Paska, who should have been released for lack of evidence for the events of New Years eve, is still being held in prison for alleged "membership of a criminal organisation" based on evidence gathered during Operation Panico. A third comrades, Giova, was later arrested and is still in jail. The investigation against persons unknown has therefore been incorporated with Operation Panico.

The trial for Operation Panico started in the summer of 2017 and is still going on. The first degree sentence should be released soon, between march and april 2019.

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Cagliari, Sardinia – Casa Pound premises damaged

February 28, 2018



From the internet we learn that the premises of Casa Pound in Cagliari have been damaged.

Someone left graffiti on the wall, reading: "FREE GHESPE"* – "EVIL PEOPLE" – "FRIENDS OF THE COPS" and two encircled A's.

A plaque was also trashed and two cameras that had been set up about 10 days earlier were removed.

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Rome: Antennas and phone masts torched

On the night of 12 February, 2018 in the vicinity of metro/bus station Ponte Mammolo in Rome, antennas and cell masts have been torched.

Against technological domination, let's sabotage the alienation caused by smartphones, social networks e by everything that produces fictive social interactions and misery of human relations.

Solidarity to all anarchist prisoners locked up in jails.

A greeting to Cello, Greg and Ghespe

Genova - Righi telecommunications repeater up in flames 13/03/2018

We live in a world where being connected is essential if we want to keep up with the times and keep pace with the neurotic rhythm that modern society is offering us.

Human relationships have broken up behind displays, Apps.

Without WhatsApp you risk being excluded from your group of friends ... seriously.

At work, in the family, as a couple, we all need to be constantly available: "send your precise position", "send a selfie", "listen to this voice message".

Although we realize that "perhaps" we're spending a lot of time at home, links are becoming more and more virtual and our first thought as soon as we get in after a day's work is to turn on the pc, we don't want to figure out for ourselves that something's wrong, we're lying to ourselves.

It's a well-known fact that technology and its damsels have full control over our lives today, what needs to be analysed is why we've accepted it. Perhaps because we consign ourselves to something we see as bigger than ourselves, perhaps because we are fed up with the unpleasant daily life imposed on us, the frivolous use of technology lightens up the day, or perhaps we even believe it's useful.

One thing sure is that it is useful to the bosses!

Above all else technology and its equipment produce alienation.

The emptiness derived from this mediation is functional to power for keeping its hold firmly on the reins, not by chance new "Apps" such as Youpol turn frustrated citizens into guard dogs of power.

The fact is that for one reason or another we always have a screen in front of our eyes, big or small according to preference.

We delegate any choice whatsoever to a plastic and silicon object, now an actual extension of our body, and in moments of relaxation we rely on real opiates: TV series, online games, soccer games.

What we are experiencing today, turning us into unaware "perpetrators and victims" is the dramatic lobotomization of the human race.

In order to be spread, these new drugs require structures (pylons, anten-

13th March 9am

14th March 9am

On 31/1 will probably see the last witnesses for 25th April case and the start of the two specific ones concerning Bargello. New Year's Eve will be the subject of one of the first February dates, when the prosecutor will describe how the DNA samples were taken and Paola Montagna, a forensic expert, will give a statement. Bomb disposal expert Mario Vece's medical report has been submitted, but the prosecutors haven't nominated any other witnesses for the reconstruction of the 1st January events. After the phone trapping transcripts .

via: Inferno Urbano

Translated by Act for freedom now!

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OPERATION PANICO (FLORENCE) 2019

On the 1st of January 2017 a home-made bomb exploded in front of a fascist bookshop in Firenze, and a policeman from the bomb disposal unit lost a hand and an eye.

Immediately several houses of anarchist comrades were searched in the city. The police were hoping to find firearms and/or explosives. An investigation against persons unknown was launched with intention to charge someone with the offences of "manufacturing, possession, and transportation of an explosive or incendiary device to a public place" and "attempted murder".

At the same time the police began a separate operation called "Operazione Panico" (Operation Panic) at the end of January. Several anarchist houses were searched and some comrades arrested. 35 people were directly targeted, suspected for a series of contested events which happened in the city in 2016. They were charged with the offence of "membership of a criminal organisation". These events include an attack with clubs and bricks on the fascist bookshop, an explosion at the same bookshop and distribution of anti-militarist leaflets at a local market. The operation also led to the eviction of Villa Panico, one of Florence's historic squats which had

Operation Panico trial: report on the hearing of December 20 2018

A hearing of the "operation Panico" trial took place today. The only accused present in court was Paska, and a few people of the public. Yesterday Paska was notified he had been assigned article 14bis for three months and went to court to discuss this with his lawyer. He asked a lawyer to tell us not to worry if we hadn't come, it was impossible for him to let us know he'd in the court at such short notice.

With his lawyer, he decided not to ask for the annulment of article 14bis; his detention now consists of remaining in the unit but in a single cell, without a gas stove or TV. A claim had been submitted for house arrest at his mother's home in Martinsicuro, given the time he has already spent in prison and the fact that he had already been released and then re-arrested, so it's not clear why a custodial measure is still being maintained. The judges will defer their decision until after they know the prosecutor's opinion and will probably give an answer around December 27/28.

As concerns the issue of the admissibility of bugging interceptions, the judges will pronounce themselves later on, so for now nothing has been decided.

The hearing was shorter than expected as half of the witnesses (the people who claimed they were assaulted or robbed on 25th April) did not turn up. The Melograno cop witnesses concluded, contradicting themselves considerably regarding the statements they gave at the first Melograno trial (that against Ale, Michele and Fra). Some of the defendants were not recognised by the witnesses either concerning the Melograno or the 25th April case, others were.

The future dates of the trial were also fixed. Here is the new calendar:

31st January 12pm
12th February 11pm
14th February 10:30pm
21st February 9am
28th February 9am
7th March 12pm
12th March 11am

nas, repeaters) and instruments (software, panels of control) diffused far and wide throughout the country.

This makes it easier to attack them and harder for the authorities to defend them.

So for these reasons and thousands of others we are taking responsibility for our actions and claiming the attack on one of the main Telecom repeaters on the heights of Righi.

The cameras and motion detectors defending the metallic monster within the fenced-off area are many, but with the passion for freedom and a certain degree of determination certain obstacles can be overcome.

Once we positioned everything necessary we triggered the fuse ... in a flash the parasitic light of the city passed into the background. Twenty litres of petrol took shape and our eyes and hearts lit up with joy!

It matters little if we are not understood, we are not seeking consensus but accomplices.

We are beyond miserable political calculation, we leave that to whoever wants to domesticate the masses by deluding them with the chimera of giving power to the people.

That said and done, we are not being as presumptuous as to say that we have fully dissected and solved the causes of the self-entailment that society, which we also belong to, has become a material author of, but invite all those who feel close to such practices to take part in the celebration and continue attacking the techno-industrial apparatus.

We too have been encouraged by the summer barbecues of repeaters in France, England and other cities of Italy, including Genoa (also thanks to those who have taken on the task of translating foreign texts).

May the match pass from hand to hand without extinguishing!

ENEMIES OF THIS SOCIETY AND ITS SERVANTS!

SOLIDARITY TO ALL THE PRISONERS OF OP. SCRIPTA
MANENT, GHESPE, LISA, TAMARA SOL, MAURIZIO ALFIERI,
DAVIDE DELOGU AND ALL THE REBELS IN THE PRISONS
ALL OVER THE WORLD!

Updates on ‘operation Panico’ March 25, 2018

On 9th January, 2018 after about 2 years, the closure of ‘operation Panico’ was notified, so we had access to almost all the investigation files. After getting a genetics expert to examine the forensic report concerning the evidence, DNA sample-taking and relative tests, we considered the possibility of submitting a request for Ghespe’s release to the investigating judge. In fact, since the arrest was confirmed in August, the latter had put in question the accusatory framework of what, to us, seemed no more than a police reprisal along with the inevitable ROS. Therefore as a purely technical choice, we decided to request interrogations in order to slow down the judicial proceedings and the passage of the documents from the investigating judge to the judge for preliminary hearings.

This unusual move was interpreted by the press as a sign of fear due to the gravity of the charges, and the possibility that someone might whetted the appetite of prosecutors and Digos. In all their misery, well versed as they are in the art of defamation, the journalists reported that this was about to happen. Sadly for them, on the contrary we all had recourse to our right to not respond, and gave spontaneous statements individually as happened in February (2017) on the occasion of the interrogations concerning the collective charge of organized crime and the squalid hierarchical subdivisions and roles between comrades in Florence.

Unfortunately, however, that same day we learned of the prosecutors’ move to drop the charge of organized crime against Ghespe and to proceed separately for him as regards the events on new year’s eve, thus speeding up the procedure, and appoint a judge for preliminary hearings for him. The intent, pretty clear, seems to be that of getting a sentence without wasting time on other questions.

Meantime on 21st February Michele, Ale and Fra were sentenced to one year for resisting a violent police control, an event for which other comrades were investigated in ‘operation Panico’. It’s worth pointing out that

think it over; in fact he had Paska brought back and asked him if he wanted to return to the court. The comrade accepted as did Giova and Ghespe. On the contrary the other accused comrades stayed outside, where some improvised a small gathering near the entrance then joined the others to greet the [imprisoned] comrades at the end of the trial. But this was not possible because at the end of the trial the three comrades were quickly taken to the armoured vans, which rode the wrong way for a stretch of the road so as not to pass in front of the comrades; but we know the screw’s human misery is without limit.

The day ended with a tour in the Sant’ Ambrogio neighbourhood and a stall in the piazza.

At this moment it is more and more urgent to express active solidarity with Giova, Paska, and Ghespe; we remember that Paska has been on hunger strike since 5th November, and it’s up to us to make him feel our support and complicity.

On Sunday 18th November we’ll be outside La Spezia prison from 3pm, in good shape and pissed off!

Report on the 8th November hearing of the 'operation Panico' trial

The third hearing of the trial concerning Operation Panico took place on Thursday 8th November. We don't know how it went nor are we much interested. The events speak for themselves.

Giova, Ghespe, Paska, some of the other comrades on trial and an audience of comrades were in court. As soon as the hearing started, through his lawyer Paska demanded to speak in order to read out a declaration. He had come to court with the signs of the beating he had been given in La Spezia prison in the morning before being transferred to Florence. He started to read out his declaration, which began by telling of the screws' beating, but the judge immediately ordered his microphone to be switched off, blabbing that what the comrade was saying was not pertinent to the trial, that the court was not the place to denounce this kind of thing and similar bullshit.

However Paska continued reading more loudly but was pulled away by the disgusting guards, who tried to tear his papers off him then locked him in the court basement. The comrades present and the other defendants stood and protested noisily, at which point the judge emptied the courtroom. The other accused also went out to discuss things, while Paska's lawyer demanded that he be readmitted to the court, even in a cage, reminding the court that his client had been on hunger strike for some days to protest against the prison conditions and to request a transfer to another prison. Of course the judge cared little about that and ordered that Paska remain locked up in the basement. The defendants returned to the courtroom to read out a short declaration in which they said that the judge was also complicit in Paska's ill treatment in jail; they reaffirmed solidarity with the three imprisoned comrades and their intention to continue to attend the trial.

The judge tried to interrupt almost immediately, talking over the comrade who was reading out the declaration, at which point the defendants left the courtroom for good. We know that soon afterwards Giova and Ghespe also demanded to be taken away, and perhaps this prompted the judge to

the judge would grant bail release for two of them if compensation for the damage on a carabinieri car was paid. However an appeal will be presented.

On 26th March there will be the court of cassation for Paska concerning the arrests of August and the charges of attempted murder and fabrication of explosives; the same will take place on 5th April for Giova with the addition of a request for imprisonment also for organized crime, whereas for Nicola request was for compulsory residence and reporting to the police station only for organized crime. Following the positive result of the court of review concerning the 3 comrades accused of throwing molotov at carabinieri barracks, no one was sent to trial on these charges. The dates for the preliminary hearings will be set soon.

Solidarity with Ghespe and all the comrades struck by repression.

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Cello: house arrest refused 14/03/2018

An investigating judge refused house arrest in Saronno. So Cello is to remain in prison at Le Vallette. In the coming weeks a new request will be made for house arrest in another city. It also seems that immediate proceedings will be demanded for Cello, which means his trial will begin earlier and separately from the other five. No date has been fixed yet.

Cello tells us he's doing well and he's been in a new cell for some days, still alone, with a view of the mountains, still in B block. He goes to the exercise yard in the morning and afternoon and has sociality in the evening; he has access to the gym and football pitch. Visits from his family carry on regularly.

He thanks everybody for the mail he gets (telegrams, books, letters, cards). He's reading a lot so we suggest you send books and magazines with the book form.

Our strength and determination are also his own, the spirit is high!
We give his address and details for any money contributions:
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Statement read out during a TAZ event on the 9th anniversary of TeLOS squat

Hi all, we are stealing a few minutes from the celebrations because one of us has been missing for a month now. In the night between 8th and 9th February Cello was arrested on charges of resistance and aggravated bodily harm following the events of last 31st December in Turin: that night a conspicuous group of people went to greet the prisoners outside the prison of Le Vallette, as has been happening for years. Chants and fireworks broke up the monotony of life in prison. That night, during clashes with the police, a woman cop was hit in the face by a bottle. Besides Cello being arrested, orders of reporting to the police station and of prohibition of residence in Turin were given to 5 comrades.

Every fucking day the world of shit inundates us with violence: police violence, prison violence, the violence of fascists who try to raise their heads, of the increasingly widespread control in any street of any city, of the borders that every day break up the lives of hundreds of people, of the bosses and the rich who destroy our lands for their profits, the violence of work, rents and bills, schools and also the violence of sexism and the sad and empty relations between people more and more isolated and distant from one another.

We're happy when a little of this violence bounces back, with a bottle in the face of a woman cop, a shit fascist tied up and beaten up in the public square, an anti riot cop beaten up with his own shield, a picket of workers

As far as attendance in the court is concerned, we learned that during the hearing the three consulted and decided not to attend the hearing on October 18th; if it were confirmed, we would be happy to desert the courtrooms as well. Instead, they hypothesized being present at the hearing on 8 November, but we are waiting to understand their final decision.

The day continued under the prison of Sollicciano, for a further greeting to our comrades, and to all the prisoners: unfortunately we could not make ourselves heard even by Paska, because just ended the hearing was again translated to the prison of La Spezia (at least hopefully he heard the shouts at the passage of the three phones). The garrison was animated by choirs, shouts, music and fireworks, and was lit by a fire set in a section, which has wrapped a part of the prison in the smoke for some time, requiring the intervention of the firefighters.

We then moved towards the center, and with an agile ride we left a little 'signs of our passage, words of anger and solidarity that stand out against the oppressive white of the city of "decorum" and "beauty" of total commodification.

The day ended in the churchyard of the church of S. Spirito, the subject of recent months of the mayor's attention, cops and servile journalists because of the umpteenth "anti-degradation" ordinance that prohibits the "bivouac" (that is, simply being in the square) after a certain time in the evening. We happily bivouacked with food and wine until we felt like it. The day was positive after all, although there was nothing to "celebrate" for the beginning of the process, but we hope that these small gestures of solidarity can warm the hearts of our comrades still hostage in the homelands galere ... A big thank you goes to the compas of every part of the peninsula (and not only) come to Florence for the occasion, for their presence, for their fomento, for their contagious force.

With anger & love

Report of the day of 9 October, first hearing of the trial for the “Panico” operation

Yesterday, Tuesday 9 October, the first hearing (postponed from 12 July) of the trial for the “Panico” operation took place. A large audience of comrades warmly welcomed the entrance to the court for the three comrade prisoners present at the hearing, provoking the growing irritation of the president of the judging panel. The three answered greetings, smiling and waving, while the infamous guards tugged at their place, in the front row; they were not put in the cages, but next to the defenders, separated from the others co-accused by a compact wall of guards. Move that however did not prevent the exchange of looks, kisses, and signs of affection between us and them. The hearing took place according to the tedious script: there was once again the discussion on the admissibility of the civil parties, the judges withdrew to deliberate, and then re-enter and proclaim the fact that, even at the trial, all the parties civilians (already mentioned for the preliminary hearing) are eligible. Subsequently, there was a brief debate about the temporal order with which to prepare the appraisals on interceptions with respect to the testimonies (if before, after or during), and the request for evidence by prosecution and defense. The hearing ended with the scheduling of the following four hearings:

October 18, 2018: introduction to the investigation, speaks the head of the Digos;

- texts (cops) on the Melograno brawl on 21 April 2016
- texts (digos) on the presence under the police headquarters of the same night, after the arrests
- texts (digos) on the antimilitarist banquet of February 2016

8 November 2018: texts of the accusation of the facts of 25 April 2016, garrison and procession in solidarity with the arrested

December 13, 2018: to be defined

December 20, 2018: to be defined

who block goods circulation, a revolt in a migrants’ detention centre, a home defended from eviction, sabotage on a yard or any other clog of the world, smashed windows of cities that give more and more space to consumerism and money.

It matters little that they take us apart by repressing us if the tension that unites us every day and every night is much stronger than the bars that sometimes keep us apart.

We think that the best defence is attack and the best solidarity is the struggle, so we’ll carry on the struggle that has united us over these years and will still unite us with even more love and anger; for Cello, Greg, Ghespe, for those who are no longer with us and for all those who are locked up in jail because they hurled themselves against the world. For to free everybody means to struggle more.

“Revolution is the only form of war whose final victory can be only prepared through a series of defeats”. (Rosa Luxemburg)

Freedom for all!
Fire to the prisons and the guards!

Updates on anarchist comrade Pierloreto Fallanca (Paska)

28/3/18

Paska has been transferred back to the prison of Castrogno Teramo. His address:

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Leaflet given out in Florence, March 2018, on rampant fascism and bad memory

*Macerata, February 2018: 28-year-old Luca Traini goes on a shooting spree targeting migrants and wounding a number of them.

Florence, March 2018: 54-year-old Idy Diene, from Senegal, is shot dead by racist Roberto Pirrone, who declared he wanted to shoot the first black person he bumped into that day.

In solidarity with Ghespe, who remains in prison, and in complicity with those who decide to pass to action

FACE TO FACE WITH FASCISM

‘Whether the mask is labelled fascism, democracy, or dictatorship of the proletariat, our great adversary remains the apparatus—the bureaucracy, the police, the military. Not the one facing us across the frontier of the battle lines, which is not so much our enemy as our brothers’ enemy, but the one that calls itself our protector and makes us its slaves. No matter what the circumstances, the worst betrayal will always be to subordinate

In the court were Ghespe and Giova, a considerable number of comrades and some of the people on trial. The little said didn’t seem very comprehensible to us, after all theirs is a language that doesn’t belong to us, but it could be roughly summarized as follows:

Three of the defendants had not been given notification; the reunification of the trial had been accepted, but a week’s time wasn’t sufficient to sort out the relative bureaucracy; among the judges of the commission was a honorary judge, who according to a recent law is not competent in cases of such gravity and so a new commission of judges was appointed.

For these reasons, which the prosecutors didn’t appreciate much as they were hoping for a quick start to the trial, the hearing was postponed to 9th October.

The only new thing is that the ministry of the interior has joined the circus of those bringing a civil action; so those bringing a civil action in the trial are now: CasaPound, il Bargello (bookshop)), Mario Vece (bomb disposal expert), Siulp (police union) and the ministry.

Ghespe and Giova, who were kept apart in the cage, as they are still prohibited from meeting each other, were well and happy to see so many friendly faces, even if they saw them from behind bars...



hit by repression over this period are still there with their heads held high, and I think that they consciously repeat to themselves: “I find my path is right because I’m right!”.

Their repression hit us, true, but it didn’t attack [us] completely as they would have wanted at first.

Now, how should we carry on? Their repression doesn’t attack, let’s attack it ourselves. In the end, at this point, it would be important to start again not so much from discussions and endless reasoning on solidarity in response to repression, but from the practices they accuse us of, which annoy them much more than our theoretical discourses.

Let’s forget this year and a half of blows and start again from what hurts them most: for us inside the walls, by giving in to their power the least possible, and for those outside “with the choice of weapon, which is yours for the duel”.

Greetings, a big hug and a cry full of anger and love to Ghespe and Giova!
Against power, against authority, for freedom!

FOR ANARCHY!
PASKA

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What was to have been the first hearing of the trial for Operation Panico took place on 12th July 2018

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ourselves to this apparatus and to trample underfoot, in its service, all human values in ourselves and in others.’

Simone Weil

‘I’m not racist, it’s just that there are too many of them’; ‘I’m not against immigration, it’s just that more controls are needed: these people come here as criminals’; ‘Already our State can’t look after us Italians, there’s no work... how can we take in others?’

How much longer will we have to hear these hideous lies, these ranting flimsy arguments from the mouths of people who (sometimes) insist on saying they are antiracist?

Italians clearly have short memories. They look on happily or indifferently at the re-awakening of fascism, the proliferation of symbols and political programmes that brush up and evoke the times of the Duce [Mussolini], the targeted attacks of terror squads against migrants, Roma and homeless people, the marches on Rome (and not only) on the anniversaries of their dead camerati.

As though the Twenty years’ dictatorship hadn’t been a human, political and social tragedy involving the whole country and the world, as though it hadn’t been a totalitarian regime that denied any kind of individual freedom, as though its expansionist aims hadn’t been paid for with thousands of bodies slaughtered in the carnage of the second world war.

Fascism has never been eradicated: the germ has preserved itself, survived the Resistance and evolved and adapted to modern times. In critical times of low immune defence systems, it has become contagious again. In Florence as in Macerata, fascists have already started shooting those whose colour of skin they don’t like, just as not all that long ago they put bombs on trains, in banks and stations, killing at random.

The institutions, less and less interested in even keeping up an antifascist facade, are content with blathering about the introduction of an ‘antifascist register’, a kind of contract that the political forces are to sign in order to be granted public appearances. In the meantime fascist premises are opening all over the country, their electoral stands are springing up like mushrooms, their marches infesting the cities with Celtic flags and Fascist sa-

lutes. Anyone with the least historical memory can't help noticing the similarity with the propaganda and modalities of the early fascism, revised with a modern twist. The sincere antifascist looks on, at best pouring out their indignation on to their virtual friends now and again; then, perhaps, they will go and vote for the Northern League.

‘After all, actually, these migrants...’

Victims of a fulminating collective amnesia, the inhabitants of the peninsula are finding they are proud to be Italians again, culturally and economically superior to the masses of desperate people disembarking on these coasts in an attempt to survive. No one seems to remember the times when it was our ancestors who were disembarking on other coasts, fleeing poverty and persecution, doing their best to live in more ‘rich’ countries where they were often emarginated and discriminated against, exploited even more than in their own country and accused of exporting forms of organized crime. No one seems to realize the fact that mass migrations are caused by neo-colonial wars carried out by Italy and its allies, bombs dropped on houses and the plundering of resources. No one is ashamed of the hypocrisy of how convenient it is for the Italian economy to exploit the labour of builders, fruit pickers, carers, prostitutes, drug dealers and so on, so that Italians pay competitive prices for their enterprises and whims while joining the choir of those who want to ‘send them back home’.

No, it's too easy to forget the concentration camps of the past so as to avoid admitting that they are the same as those of today (real landfills for migrants in Italy – CPR [Temporary Stay centres] – and in Libya), too easy to forget what Fascism was so as to be lulled by buzzwords proposing simple solutions and a common enemy to be eradicated. Too easy to pretend one doesn't know that silence is complicity and that indifference to today's institutional racism is feeding the implementation of an increasingly totalitarian regime that we'll have to face in the future.

In December 2011 Casapound dissociated themselves from Casseri [a Casapound member who killed two Senegalese men in Florence then took his own life as the police were chasing him], depicting him as a madman like any other, and ‘forgot’ that their member had been considered an ideologue by his camerati up until the day before the shooting, besides

All this followed a string of events that took place in the city: an attack on Casa Pound premises, two devices planted outside fascist premises (one of them on 2017 new year's eve, when a bomb disposal expert lost a hand and an eye while trying to detonate the device, hence a charge of attempted murder following which 3 of us are currently being held in custody), an unauthorized antimilitarist demo, the throwing of a molotov against Carabinieri barracks in Rovezzano following the arrest of three comrades after a fight with cops at a concert, demos outside prisons, graffiti on the walls of the city... and finally charges relating to the event on new year's eve, which they are presenting as the main point of the question.

An investigation which accelerated remarkably after 1st January 2017, and couldn't lack [charges of] organized crime and incredible twists: arrests, releases from prison, the exacerbation of restrictive measures because of graffiti, court reviews – cassations – counter-court reviews... competent investigating judges, incompetent investigating judges, police chiefs and antiterrorism services, the operation unit of the Italian police (UOPI) and so on and so forth... A judicial mess to strike certain practices and those who realize them because they are not subjugated to the system but are the latter's enemies.

Then the investigation methods have been most disgusting and squalid, but what can we expect from our enemies? In particular, in order to justify the attempted murder and correlated charges (possession, fabrication and transport of war weapons) made against those of us under arrest and one other comrade, interceptions of chats between friends have become the main evidence, DNA fragments taken at random have turned into certain indications of guilt, emotional and personal states of mind have become symptoms of admission [of guilt].

Not to mention their misery in attempting to divide the comrades under investigation and set them against each other through all their court papers which resemble the script of a *deja vu* film rather than a judicial investigation. All this aimed not only at identifying those who were guilty of the charges according to their vision or making arrests or evicting squats, but also to get rid of the Florentine reality and split up the situation even more. Well, personally I say they tried it but didn't succeed completely: there are still those who organize themselves, discuss and act in the city, and those

Paska's communique ahead of the trial

July 2018

The first hearing of the trial against Ghespe took place today, 4th July. It was very short because the judges accepted a request for the reunification of the trial, so they simply postponed the hearing to 12th July, the day when the first hearing for all the others had been fixed. The escort jailers did everything to prevent any communication between us, standing in front of Ghespe to prevent him from seeing the many comrades in the courtroom. However he could hear the greetings, warmth and cries for freedom dedicated to him.

We reiterate the call to be present in court on 12th July to greet Giova, and at this point Ghespe is very likely to be there too. Thanks to all those who came from practically everywhere, north, south and abroad; your strength and support are of incalculable value. Here is Paska's declaration, which has just arrived from the prison of Castrognò (Teramo) where the comrade is being held:

REPRESSION DOESN'T ATTACK,
LET'S ATTACK IT!

Hi everybody,
Finally I have also decided to write a few lines on the current show of repression against us anarchists, which is keeping me and another two comrades in jail.
It's been about 11 months now that we've been stuck in their trap: Ghespe eleven months all spent in prison, me seven months in prison and 4 with compulsory residence and night curfew, Giova 2 and a half months in prison and eight between restrictions, curfew and signing at the police station. But their "notorious" Operation Panico, initiated in January 2016 and started to strike on 31st January 2017, also gave other comrades "a present" of days in prison, house arrest, compulsory residence, signing at the police station, prohibition to reside in Florence and another absurd prohibition of residence in Galluzzo, a Florence neighbourhood where the Riottosa squat was located, and later evicted along with the other anarchist squat in the city, Villa Panico.

being an assiduous militant in their premises in Pistoia.

Today, instead, Forza Nuova and the Northern League say they will pay the legal expenses for their pistolero camerata Traini [who shot at migrants in Macerata in February 2018, wounding several of them] assuring him of support and institutional-political protection, while the newspapers vomit out the picture of a woman cut to pieces alongside the picture of a black man, and rot our brains with statistics on the criminality of foreigners, thereby legitimising an increasingly murderous racism.

So, as 'partisans' associations and leftist politicians reveal their mute servility by renouncing demonstrating in deference to the Macerata mayor's request for 'town tranquility', fascists march undisturbed in the centre claiming the 'reason' and the political and emotional motive for xenophobic 'action', not a month later in Florence the electoral and media propaganda armed the hand of a random racist, who decided to 'suicide' the first black man he bumped into, Idy Diene. [a 54-year-old Senegalese man shot dead by 65-year-old Roberto Pirrone in the streets of Florence].

Still in Florence our comrade, Ghespe, has been locked up in Sollicciano for over six months after being accused of blowing up the window of the Casapound fascist bookshop 'Il Bargello' in via Leonardo da Vinci on new year's eve 2017 (an event widely known because of the lack of skill of the bomb disposal expert who was injured while trying to defuse the device without any protection). Other comrades have undergone custodial measures and will be on trial on charges, among others, of attacking the former fascist premises in Viale d'Annunzio with sledgehammers and bricks, and for another explosive device outside the same bookshop a month later. We are not interested in knowing whether they are guilty or innocent, whoever it was simply put into practice an antifascism that doesn't stop at declarations of intent or content itself with cowardly institutional antifascism, but acts in person to contribute to extirpating the disease of fascism, striking its premises here and now.

Whoever did it, didn't just stand by and watch.

All our solidarity goes to those who have suffered and are suffering the revenge of a State interested in keeping alive the never dormant values of

fascism. All our complicity goes to those who decide to act without delegation or mediation, against all forms of fascism and to bring about a world that no longer needs jails, borders or authority.

'No government in the world fights fascism to the death. When the bourgeoisie sees power slipping from its grasp, it has recourse to fascism to maintain itself.'

Buenaventura Durruti

Anarchists

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Teramo, Greetings to anarchist comrade Pierloredo Fallanca (Paska) April 2018

In the afternoon of Easter Monday some people in solidarity went back outside the prison in Teramo. A couple of large fire crackers were set off, there were chants and some exchanges with prisoners at the windows. Our brother Paska heard and saw us, both that day and last Friday evening. Reciprocal invitations to hold strong and the promise, to Paska and the many prisoners who asked us, that we'll be back.

Later the carabinieri arrived and put an end to the solidarity greetings but we managed to get away without showing our documents, with the cops saying they had taken some car numbers, with the comrades encouraged by the many shouts against the guards coming from the cells.

We'll be back.

With blood in our eyes!

Paska's address:

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64100
TERAMO
ITALY

antifascism in PD style is simply disgusting.

It is right and urgent to strike fascists directly.

WEDNESDAY 4TH JULY 9AM, LET'S BE IN COURT AT THE PALAZZO DI GIUSTIZIA OF FLORENCE (NOVOLI) TO GREET GHESPE; THURSDAY 12TH JULY TO GREET GIOVA.

Always alongside our comrades imprisoned in Sollicciano

On 4th July at 6pm a gathering in Santo Spirito with distro stall, aperitifs benefit, food and discussion and updates on Operation Panico

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Rome : Arson Attack Against Diplomatic Corp and ENI Vehicles

When you set out at night with the intention of burning or putting something out of action, interrupting the paralysis inherent in everyday life, you never know exactly what you will find once you are on the street. Which is how it was one night in mid-June when we came across a Diplomatic Corp car and one belonging to ENJOY* parked side by side next to the footpath. If until then, they had been united in the same shitty existence in service of devastation, power and domination, we could not help but see their willingness to share the same demise together. And so, just like it was with some excavators in France not long ago, we took note of their will by enjoying the sight of the flames that enveloped them.

We hope that despite the high temperatures of recent days that the heat of this fire may bring a smile to all the comrades locked up in prisons, subjected to judicial controls or under surveillance...

To the Argentine comrade Diego Parodi... Strength, hold on!

To those facing investigation for the G20 in Hamburg.

For the prisoners and the accused of Operation Scripta Manent.

For Giova, Ghespe and Paska.

For Anarchy!

*Translation note: ENJOY is a 'sustainable' vehicle sharing company run by energy company ENI and public transport operator Trenitalia

Giovanni ends up in jail too

tourists and the armed forces are allowed in the city's historic centre. Those who don't bring money or contribute to profit must simply disappear from the city. The same goes for those who protest. We saw it, for example, in February 2016 in Piazza Sant' Ambrogio, when some comrades were taken to the police station and denounced for setting up an info stall. We saw it in April of the same year in Via Aretina, when the mere refusal to hand over ID unleashed a manhunt by dozens of policemen and carabinieri leading to battles between anarchists and forces of order, leading to three arrests.

This is democracy closing ranks in order to secure the order of submission and exploitation.

Following an attack on new year's eve in 2017, when a particularly brainless police bomb disposal expert seriously injured himself as he tried to defuse a device planted against the Casapound bookshop "Il bargello", Operation Panico was unleashed on 31st January against some of those who can't take it any longer: anarchists in Florence. In the space of few months this operation led to two evictions (Villa Panico and Riottosa), dozens of arrests, several other forms of restriction and imprisonment. 40 comrades are currently on trial, accused at various levels of non-authorized initiatives and attacks on fascist premises, with charges ranging from spontaneous demonstrations to damage, to organized crime, fabrication and transport of explosive devices and attempted murder. Three comrades, Ghespe, Giovanni and Paska, have been held in jail for months, whereas a fourth one, Nicola, is still subjected to compulsory residence and reporting to the police station in Florence. Ghespe, the main suspect for the new year's eve attack, is to be tried separately and will have a first hearing on 4th July, while trial against all the others will begin on 12th July.

Even if the prosecution appears particularly weak and the evidence ridiculous (not to say inexistent), we are not interested in dwelling on terms such as guilty or innocent. They are anarchists, and that's enough: for the judiciary to imprison them, for us to feel we are their accomplices and are in solidarity with them. We are all guilty of struggling against a word of exploitation and submission, against an increasingly plasticised and militarized city, against the assassins in black shirts or green. When fascist and racist brutality gains space, one organizes oneself and shoots, cultural and political protest is no longer enough, whereas the election campaign-orientated

Today, 19th April, 2018 the decision of the court of Cassation was made known, concerning the defence's claim against the appeal submitted by Florence prosecutors last September over Giovanni's and Pasca's remand in custody and the restrictive measures against Nicola. Pasca was on trial a few weeks ago (because he was in Lecce at the time of his arrest, under a different jurisdiction); Giovanni's and Nicola's case was prolonged for a few more weeks because of technicalities, which however didn't change the result.

As happened with Pasca, a dozen Digos vultures descended immediately upon Giovanni's home, sneering and pleased with themselves, as they tried to provoke the comrades who were in the house with him by asking them for identification.

A year and three months since the official beginning of the operations (31/01/2017), this dirty affair has increasingly inflated rather than deflated, and the State's watchdogs are not letting it go (significantly, the attorney general of the republic got involved personally as he wanted to represent the State against the anarchists himself): of course, after deploying hundreds of men, spent several million euros and investigated dozens of people (12 thousand pages of court papers), they need to justify all this apparatus!

Preliminary hearing for anarchist comrade Salvatore Vespertino (Ghespe)

The preliminary hearing against Ghespe (we point out that he was taken out of so-called Operation Panico, and has been put on trial alone simultaneously) was held in camera on 15th May at the court in Florence. Preliminary investigating judge Bagnai decided not to alter his charges in any way because in his opinion there is still serious evidence of guilt against him, and so the charges remain unchanged: attempted murder, fabrication, transport and possession of lethal explosive devices, and damage. The first hearing of the trial is to be held on 4th July 2018, and it will open to the public.

We reconfirm our solidarity with Ghespe, who has been held in the prison of Sollicciano for nine and a half months, and our hatred towards prison society and its jailers.

Freedom for Giova, Ghespe and Paska

- Till the destruction of all cages
- Freedom for all!

Florence: Poster by those present in court



LONG LIVE THE REBELS

Italy, second decade of the twenty-first century. In the midst of a security delirium of cameras, police and army everywhere, racist and fascist hatred is organizing and arming itself. As the disgusting ‘bulldozer man’ [Matteo Salvini] conquers the Ministry of the Interior with the complicity of five-star political apathy, the fascists of Casapound, Forza Nuova and other groups are increasing their presence throughout the country with new premises, bookshops, gatherings and raids against the poorest. While fascist attacks are now countless, the hatred they foment has already opened fire. It happened in Macerata, Firenze, Rosarno, Napoli, Milan.

Florence, second decade of the twenty-first century. As in other cities, the police are strangling any attempt at self-organization and struggle by evicting occupied places and charging demonstrations and info tables along with beatings, charges and arrests. The message is clear: only the rich, the