

Notes about the Repression against Anarchists in Italy



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Juan was arrested 22 May 2019, wanted for about 2 years for some final sentences.

The comrade Manuel Oxoli (Manu) was arrested, accused of 'aiding and abetting', aggravated with 'in order to avoid imprisonment' in reference to Juan's time in hiding.

Latest arrests in Turin and Milan

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The comrades were arrested 20th September 2019 during a repressive operation in Turin and Milan linked to the demonstration of 9 February against the eviction of Asilo Occupato in Turin. They are accused of 'resisting public official', 'damage', 'defacement' and 'serious bodily harm'.

Operazione “Prometeo”
(see p. 56)

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Anarchists arrested in the province of Brescia 22 May 2019

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ABOUT THE REPRESSION AGAINST ANARCHISTS IN ITALY

Unfortunately, Italy has a long history of repressive operations against anarchists.

Since the Marini frame-up in 90s, the waves of repression against comrades which put many people in jail on charges of terrorism or criminal association have been countless. Just to name a few of the biggest repressive operations: **Cervantes, Croce Nera, Ardire, Mangiafuoco, Thor, Ixodidae, Nottetempo, Fuoriluogo...** These operations usually lead to several house raids in all Italy and to the arrest of several comrades who spend 1 or 2 years in pre-trial detention. Then they face trials with charges of ‘association’ and usually they are also accused of several direct actions for which the inquisitors never found any responsible. Sometimes the public engagement of these comrades in the anarchist struggle and their open expression of anarchist ideas (direct actions support, prisoners solidarity, running an anarchist magazine or website and so on) is the only evidence that the prosecutors bring into the court. For this reason, in the majority of the cases all the accused are later acquitted at the trial, but only after having spent many months or years in prison.

Besides these huge operations, there is a constant small-scale repression against local anarchist groups which are especially active on the territory, for example with struggles against police repression, evictions, detention centres for migrants, jails, gentrification, corporate interests... In these cases anarchists are constantly repressed with recurring trials and spend much of their time going in and out of prison, house arrest or other restrictions of their freedom. This kind of police strategy of trying to burn out comrades with the aim of destroying the local anarchist group happens in many cities but for many years has been especially strong in Turin.

Since it is impossible to relate all the trials and repression going on, with this text we are concentrating on three main repressive operations for which so many of our comrades are currently being held in prison: operation Scripta Manent, operation Panico in Firenze and the latest one, operation Scintilla in Torino.

OPERATION SCRIPTA MANENT

Operation Scripta Manent struck in September 2016 with a series of house raids and arrests in all Italy. 32 comrades were accused of terrorist association and of some specific direct actions; seven of them are transferred to jail.

The investigation refers to a string of attacks claimed by FAI and FAI/FRI, which occurred between 2003 and 2012 against the armed forces (police officers, carabinieri barracks, carabinieri training centres and RIS), statesmen (mayors, a minister of the interior), journalists, firms involved in migrants' detention centres maintenance and the director of a migrants' detention centre. The wounding of engineer Adinolfi, executive manager of Ansaldo Nucleare, is also part of the investigation, an event that had already been dealt with in a trial and had been claimed by the Olga Nucleus FAI/FRI, namely Nicola and Alfredo, in prison since 2012 (they are also accused in this trial).

At various levels there's also the charge of creating and participating in a subversive association (article 270bis), charges related to specific crimes (article 280) and charges of instigation to commit crime and defending crimes (article 414) because of articles, sites, blogs and anarchist editorial projects – among which an Anarchist Black Cross prisoners support group.

After more than two years, six of them are still held in jail in pre-trial detention while one is on house arrest. Because of the terrorist charge, they are held in special high-security wings inside the prisons where they are kept isolated from the rest of the prisoners and they suffer many restrictions on their mail and visits.

The Scripta Manent trial, which began in June 2017, concerns 40 years' history of the anarchist movement. The linchpin of the accusatory theorem of this inquest is based on the distinction between 'good' and 'bad' anarchists and the repression's instrumental interpretation of the debate within the anarchist movement. The trial distinguished itself for the use it made of debates within the anarchist movement in an orchestrated game of interpretations and differentiations, which the prosecutor in charge tried to use against the anarchists themselves, as the former is seeking to sentence our comrades and put the last twenty years of the history of anarchism and anarchist solidarity on trial. In

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Maddalena was arrested in 2017 as she still 'owed' some of her life to the State for preceding sentences.

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Operazione "Ardesia"

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Anarchist Leonardo Landi was arrested on February 26 2019 following a sentence in the court of cassation for a robbery in 2007 when a number of anarchists were arrested in the context of "Ardesia". He was sentenced to a remainder of 2 years and 8 months. The other accused have already completed their sentences.

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Davide is a Sardinian anarchist sentenced for several robberies and thefts. He has already spent over 20 years in prison. He attempted to escape from the prison of Brucoli (in Augusta, in Sicily) May 1 2017.

Operazione “Scripta manent”

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fact, all demonstrations of solidarity expressed on websites, pamphlets, journals and posters continue to be added to the court papers.

The first part of the trial is due to end in the early months of 2019, with the first-grade sentence.

OPERATION PANICO

On the 1st of January 2017 a home-made bomb exploded in front of a fascist bookshop in Florence, 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 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-Year’s 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 August 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 make 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 comrade, Giova, was later arrested and is still in jail. The investigation against persons unknown has therefore been incorporated into 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.

OPERATION SCINTILLA

On 2019 Thursday February 7, early in the morning, hundreds of cops with the help of the fire brigade stormed the Asilo Occupato, an anarchist squat in Turin that has been occupied since 1995 and was very active in the organization of social struggles (against evictions, against prisons for migrants, still a few years ago against the TAV...). People climbed on to the roof, where they resisted for over 24 hours. In the end, the cops managed to get everyone out, evict and smash the building.

In addition to evicting the premises, the aim of this repressive operation was to arrest some people, accusing them of terroristic association. The 6 arrested comrades (a seventh person is on the run) are accused of 21 attacks against companies and institutions (including the French Embassy and several Post Offices) connected to the detention and expulsion of migrants.

Over the following days several solidarity gatherings took place in the neighbourhood and turned into wild demonstrations. Two comrades were arrested during the first one of these demonstrations. Two days later a big march with more than 1.000 people crossed the centre of Turin, smashing some corporate and urban targets and fighting with the police. Four people were injured and one of them is in bad condition for being hit by a police van. Unfortunately another 8 comrades were arrested at the end of this march, were beaten by the cops and charged with “devastazione e saccheggio” (devastation and pillage) which carry

Anarchists imprisoned in/by Italy

G8 di Genova (2001)

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In 2012 there was the judgment on appeal in the case against ten people accused mainly of “devastation and looting”, as well as some related offences for acts of revolt and attack that occurred when the G8 summit was taking place in Genoa in 2001. Jimmy was sentenced to 14 years and, after over a year on the run, he was arrested in June 2013 in Barcelona, then extradited to Italy.

Another anarchist, Vincenzo, sentenced to 13 years and 3 months (reduced to 11 years and 6 months), has been arrested in Brittany, France, due to the combined efforts of the French and Italian police. The French judges considered that the documents provided by the Italian justice system for his extradition to Italy were insufficient so, for the moment, he remains in prison in France.

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Anarchist comrade Marina was sentenced to 11 years and 9 months and another seven people were given sentences ranging from 6 years and 6 months to 10 years and 9 months.

Letter of Vincenzo from the prison of Rennes, France

30 August 2019

Ciao, this is an open letter...

My name is Vincenzo Vecchi, I have been wanted in Italy on two European arrest warrants since 2012 because of sentences of the courts of Genoa and Milan, one in 2006 and the other in 2001. I was arrested by the police of the flying squad and it was their captain who told me that he was very satisfied with this operation between the police forces of two European countries. A structure, said the captain, whose collaboration is obviously working better and better.

“It is financed by Interpol...” he told me in a confidential tone... captain I don't think there is anything new in this... I know well about collaboration in “police operations” and that is precisely why I don't want to be sent back [ndr. to Italy]. “France is better than Italy?”... just to make it clear, I am not interested in expressing a preference between the prisons of one country or another, indeed I have already expressed my point of view on more or less democratic prisons (and on the countries that are their mirror, as someone rightly said), in broad terms that is the reason I have already done time in prison. They cooperate among themselves on topics such as “regulation”, reception, the movement of individuals on European soil (a subject that concerns me in first person), are able to give birth to monstrous agreements like “Frontex” ... they give directives which as a result add to the already macabre figures of boats sunk with their “load of poor” every day. If you want to keep your feet on the ground, aren't the operations at the borders of Libya or Tunisia where those poor people are repelled home, militarily, (concentrating them in camps on the way) the result of this cooperation? I call this war.

So that is why I don't want to be dispatched, that is why I don't want to find myself being the result of a good police (co)operation carried out by two allied States in times of war ... even if I still have a chance, since I have still dry feet ... I wanted to tell the captain all this, I wanted to tell him that I am against this war ... but he was too busy taking selfie upon selfie with his colleagues from the flying squad ... and the prison door opened in front of us ...

up to 15 years' prison. The day after, like almost every day, a solidarity demo was held outside the prison of Turin where the comrades are imprisoned. Some fireworks were launched and managed to reach the inside of the prison, causing the explosion of some gas tanks which lead to the complete demolition and collapse of a section of the prison (no one was injured). Sometimes “Fire to the prisons” is not just a slogan!

On the 13th of February all the comrades arrested during the march and previous demos were released and the heaviest charges were dropped, they are now free but forced to sign every day at the police station. The other comrades arrested on charges of terrorism remain in jail, the male comrades have already been transferred to a high-security prison.

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Call for Solidarity with the Imprisoned of “Operazione Scintilla” following the eviction of Asilo Occupato in Turin

On Thursday 7 February 2019, at 4:40 a.m., the eviction of the squat “Asilo occupato” (“the occupied kindergarten”) in Via Alessandria 12 in Turin, occupied since 1995, began. The eviction was carried out as part of the “Operazione Scintilla” (“Operation Spark”). Several hundred Carabinieri in riot gear, police officers and Guardia di Finanza with machine guns and plain clothes police not only evicted the house, but also arrested six anarchists. A seventh person is still being searched for.

The charges are serious: formation of a subversive association, incitement to crime and the possession, manufacture and transportation of explosives in a public place. The charges are related to the resistance against the Italian migration regime, namely against the deportation camps/prisons CPR and CIE (Centro per l'Immigrazione e il Rimpatrio = Immigration and Repatriation Centre; Centro di identificazione ed espulsione = Identification and Deportation Centre).

The Asilo was evicted as part of this operation because the State regards it as the “logistical and operational base” of this “subversive, insurrectional association”.

The eviction of the Asilo was delayed by the squatters for 36 hours because some of them had retreated to the roofs. In the meantime, sympathizers organized wild demos in the city, where there were clashes with the police. The Asilo was made uninhabitable in the last few days (destruction inside, bricked up windows, etc.). A first court date for the prisoners of “Operazione Scintilla” will follow in about 15 days, i.e. on about 27 February.

During the big solidarity demonstrations there were several arrests and over 300 identity checks. Many arrested people reported bruises inflicted by the police when they were arrested. At least four people had to go to the hospital because of their injuries. The accusations for the twelve people arrested at Saturday’s demonstration are devastation, looting, resisting orders, bodily harm and possession of weapons.

However, in the meantime, the twelve people who were arrested at the demo are again free but have to report daily to a police station (as of 13 February).

Freely translated from the communiqué of the solidarity demonstration on Saturday, February 9:

“They wage war on the poor and call it retraining. We oppose the lords of the city.” The demo concentrated behind this banner. A multifaceted, strong demo, determined to make the hostility against those who benefit from the management of the city concrete and visible. [...]

The atmosphere we breathed was an atmosphere of intense emotional participation in the events of the past few days and growing anger at the militarization of much of the Aurora district, a police presence that still does not seem to be diminishing and that restores the sense of “normality” that the mayor wants to impose on the city. [...]

The demo fought its way through the streets, leaving barricades of burning dumpsters and shattered cars behind. [...] Unfortunately, a

Regarding the latest arrests in Turin and Milan

On Friday, September 20, 2019, the notorious executioners of the Turin police headquarters went back to work directing their puppets in various cities to carry out three arrests, order 11 prohibitions of abode and overturn several houses.

The charges are specific to this damn system. Having expressed anger and dissent over the arrests of comrades in Turin and against the eviction of Asilo Occupato [operation “Scintilla”, February 7, 2019] translates into the allegations of resistance, injury and damage [for the demonstration on February 9, in Turin].

The three comrades arrested are currently in the “Le Vallette” prison, where solidarity has already been heard with a roaring greeting.

The addresses to make us feel again are:

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“Scintilla” repressive operation – Silvia has been transferred to house arrest

Wednesday September 25th, 2019, following the acceptance of the request for house arrest, Silvia was transferred from the “Le Vallette” prison in Turin to house arrest, with all restrictions. The comrade is the last anarchist to be imprisoned for the “Scintilla” operation of February 7th this year, which involved the arrest of five other people, the eviction of Asilo Occupato in Turin (anarchist squatted building existing since 1995) and some house searches.

The main accusation, according to the documents of the Turin prosecutor’s office, was that of having constituted or participated in a “subversive association” (article 270 of the Italian penal code) and of having carried out some direct actions concerning the fight against the CIE and the CPRs, prisons for migrant people. At the beginning of March, following the re-examination tribunal, the accusation of “subversive association” fell, while still remain some specific accusations (among these, “incitement to commit crimes” for the publication of the brochure “I cieli bruciano”, where are indicated the precise responsibilities of institutions, companies, institutions, etc., in the management and maintenance of CIE and CPRs, and the realization of a direct action against an office of Poste Italiane, at that time linked to the airline Mistral Air, employed in the deportation of migrants). Consequently the other five people in arrests, in the following months, were gradually released from prison.

final police action at the end of the demo caused the arrest of twelve demonstrators and the injury of four.

[...]

Yesterday’s demo is only the beginning, now it’s time to start a fierce battle that will produce a new flower from the ashes of this repressive operation.”

Details of the accusations

The allegations: formation of a subversive association; incitement to crime; possession, manufacture and transportation of explosives in a public place. The six persons were arrested at the request of the anti-terror group of the Turin public prosecutor’s office. The indictment is that the accused “have promoted, constituted, organised and participated in the creation of a subversive association (ex Art. 270 c.p.) which is intended to and can influence national immigration policy through the repeated destruction of the CIE/CPR and through systematic acts of violence and intimidation against the companies involved in the management of the abovementioned structures.”

The arrested are accused of “21 subversive attacks” in various Italian cities: On the one hand, 15 explosive packets were allegedly sent to companies in Turin, Bologna, Milan, Rome (French Embassy) Bari and Ravenna; explosives affected six other offices of the Italian Post Office (Poste Italiane) in Turin, Bologna and Genoa. Poste Italiane was allegedly hit because, as the owner of the airline “MistralAir”, it has held the ministerial mandate for deportation flights since 2011.

Two of the arrested (together with two yet unidentified persons) are accused of having placed explosive devices in front of Poste Italiane ATMs in Turin on 30 April and 9 June 2016.

“In order to establish contacts within CPR, they threw tennis balls with a multilingual brochure and a mobile phone number with which they agreed simultaneous actions within and outside the CPR structure. Then they put matches and everything needed to start a revolt and setting fire inside packages of biscuits and other goods.”

Allegedly, the aim of these actions was to weaken or destroy the CPR’s “capacity”.

The political climate in Italy and other notes

Italy's politicians want to "crack down with all their might":

– Police president Messina describes the (imagined) group of detainees as a "highly dangerous cell".

– Italian Interior Minister Matteo Salvini demands "prison for these infamous people" and wants to close all "social centres frequented by criminals".

– Mayor Chiara Appendino congratulates the police on their eviction.

– Alessandro Ciro Sciretti, a Turin Lega-Nord politician, wishes "no mercy at all" for the demonstrators of the Solidarity demonstrations for the Asilo-Squat. His suggestion: "a little bit of the Diaz school" is needed.

Not all bad news, the following news has been joyful:

Shortly after the demonstration on Saturday, an anti-fascist demonstration took place, like every year, on 13 February, against a fascist commemorative torch march of the Casa Pound in the Vallette district.

The antifascist demonstration ends in front of the prison, where the prisoners of "Operazione Scintilla" are imprisoned. According to the communiqué, this was "a cordial greeting to all the prisoners and especially to the comrades and friends who had been imprisoned for a few days." A shed in the prison yard catches fire by a happy coincidence [a Molotov cocktail according to the media] and is destroyed.

Practical solidarity

A lot of money is needed, long prison sentences are imminent – people are very grateful for solidarity contributions to the following account:

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This time also diligent investigators displayed their creative skills and frustration by fishing at random, by miserably exploiting interceptions and everyday talks and by clinging to any pretext in order to give substance to nothing. Correspondence with prisoners and solidarity initiatives become key points to be used to investigate, and they represent pretexts to invent links and forcing. Nothing new that we've not already seen in the investigations that have been striking various realities in recent months.

In these times of hysteria and witch hunt, the state doesn't miss any chance to foment a war among the poor by instituting undesirable subjects (anarchists, foreigners, vandals, etc.) so as to divert attention from the obscenities which it carries out every day. And by using cowardly and liberticidal measures it tries in any way to get rid of those who are considered too much and those who oppose the bosses' interests.

With great delay due to censorship I learned of the comrades' hunger strikes, and of the mobilization that was formed to break isolation and give an echo to the voices and the struggles of those who are locked up. I find it interesting that there's an attempt to develop a discourse which goes beyond emergency, in the hope not to be unprepared in similar circumstances. So I sent a strong hug to all those who were on hunger strike and those who struggle inside and outside these murderous walls.

The massacre-perpetrator and terrorist is the State.

With love and anger, with my heart beyond the bars. Daje forte!

Robert

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Note: * Former DAP director Santi Consolo, as the charges refer to 2017. The current DAP director is Francesco Basentini

Words from Robert from the prison of Sassari

Hi everybody!

I'm Robert and since 6th July I've found myself locked up in the prison of Sassari. Along with two comrades, I'm accused of sending 'parcel bombs' to two public prosecutors, Sparagna and Rinaudo, and to the director of DAP [Direction of Prison Administration] *. At dawn on 21st May we were searched and taken to prison. Beppe and I were locked up in Opera, where we spent a month in the 'observation' unit. This is a unit where prisoners are placed, who have to serve 15 days of punitive confinement or are considered self-harm high-level risk. In our case we found ourselves in this unit because in Opera there's no AS2 but 'only' AS1, AS3 and the inevitable 41bis. As we were forbidden to communicate with other prisoners we spent a month in single cells with armoured door always locked and an hour in the exercise yard in the morning in a squalid narrow little courtyard. Moreover in the unit use of stoves was prohibited, so we adapted to the prison food, almost always inedible. Not that I had ever nourished any expectation in these places of psychological and physical annihilation. A month later the transfer came, and they took me to the AS2 in Terni where I stayed 2 weeks. Not satisfied with transfers, on 6th July they moved me to Sassari where there's an AS2 unit, which so far has been used to lock up Islamist prisoners accused of terrorism; obviously 2019 is the year when they experiment with anarchists/Islamists combinations. This place is defined by the prisoners themselves as 'Italy's Guantanamo' for its harshness and the restrictions of the regime in itself; and its being far away from everything, besides making visits difficult, completely paves the way to the prison administration to make decisions and take measures in an even more arbitrary way.

As concerns operation Prometheus I'll make a couple of short considerations. The investigation, led by the Turin ROS coordinated by Milan prosecutors, reveals itself as the umpteenth coarse attempt at striking anarchists as such.

The defenders of order need to provide a justification to certain acts at all costs, they need to fabricate motives and attribute responsibilities.

Those arrested during "Operazione Scintilla":

Antonio Rizzo,
Lorenzo Salvato
Silvia Ruggieri
Giada Volpacchio
Niccolò Blasi
Giuseppe De Salvatore

LARRY, SILVIA, NICCO, BEPPE, GIADA AND ANTONIO
FREE!

SOLIDARITY WITH THE COMRADES IN TURIN!

SOLIDARITY WITH ASILO OCCUPATO!

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"Scintilla" repressive operation: Niccolò transferred to Cuneo prison

Niccolò Blasi, anarchist arrested 7.02.2019 in the context of the repressive "Scintilla" operation – which involved the eviction of the Asilo Occupato in Turin and the arrest of six people (two of whom were subsequently released from prison following the fall of the "subversive association" accusation) – has been transferred again, this time from the prison of Ivrea to that of Cuneo.

Milan : Action in solidarity with the comrades arrested in Turin

MILAN. In the night between Friday 8 and Saturday 9 [February] we attacked the branch of Poste Italiane in via d' Agrate. Windows, entrance door and cash machine smashed with hammers. Writings 'FIRE TO CPRs' and 'IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE COMRADES ARRESTED IN TURIN' were left.

Montevideo, Uruguay: Paint attack on the Italian embassy

Solidarity with the comrades in Turin

On the morning of February 7 the police of the city of Turin deployed all their repressive apparatus with the intention of clearing the “Asilo Occupato” Social Centre of the Aurora neighbourhood.

A social centre for more than twenty years in the area, which fought against borders and racism. A horizontal, self-managed space, which fights against social inequality, facing a more and more cruel capitalism. For these and many other reasons we have to light the spark of solidarity with the comrades who resisted on the roof for over 36 hours.

On Friday February 25 we decided to attack the Italian embassy in Uruguay by throwing paint bombs on its disgusting façade and writing “Asilo Occupato resiste” on its walls.

For the comrades arrested under the antiterrorist law

Against evictions

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Greece: The Italian consulate in the city of Patras attacked with paint

last night, 12/2/19 in solidarity with the social center AsiloOccupato and the arrested comrades in Turin.



handcuffed, kneeling, stripped naked, or in an inoffensive attitude, with the precise intent to humiliate in body and mind... I am now used to feeling myself compared to provocateur, infiltrator, etc., and it's hard, but be compared to a torturer in uniform, no... this statement is nothing short of revolting! It's worthy of those who formulated it.

And then setting up a process for policemen and carabinieri [another Italian police force], just to remind us that we are in a democracy, means reducing everything to a handful of violent and insane people on the one hand, and on the other hand to cases of excessive zeal in the application of the code. This, in addition to being synonymous with intellectual misery, indicates the weakness of the reasons for wasting oneself in order to preserve the current social order.

From my point of view, prosecuting the police in parallel with the demonstrators means investing the so-called law enforcement forces with too important a role in the affair; it means taking away importance from the gestures made by the people who took to the streets to express what they think of this society, relegating everyone in their historical role as victims of an omnipotent power. Carlo Giuliani, like so many of my other comrades, lost his life for having expressed all this with the courage and dignity that has always distinguished those who aren't subjected to this state of affairs and as long as relations between people are regulated by external bodies representing of a narrow social minority, he will not be the last. And since I am disillusioned and I attribute the right meaning to the word democracy, the idea that a representative of the established order is tried for having done his duty sincerely makes me smile. The State prosecutes the State would say someone rightly.

Surely there will be convictions and I will certainly not experience them as a sign of indulgence or fury towards us by the court. They will be evaluated, in any case, as an attack on all those who in one way or another will always have to put their existence at stake in order to upset the existent in the best possible way.

quantity of objects to bring devastation”: for this type of crime they demand very high sentences, and this despite the fact that they are not particularly odious actions or heinous crimes.

I have always assumed full responsibility and the possible consequences of my actions, including my presence on the day of mobilization against the G8 of 20 July 2001, indeed I am honored to have participated as a free man in a collective radical action, without any hegemon structure above me. And I was not alone, with me there were hundreds of thousands of people, each with his own poor means, he worked to oppose a world order based on the capitalist economy, which today is called neoliberal... the infamous globalization economic, which stands on the hunger of billions of people, poisons the planet, pushes the masses into exile and then deport and incarcerate them, invents wars, massacres entire populations: this is what I call devastation and pillage.

With that enormous open-air experiment done on Genoa (in the previous months and on the days when that event of planetary devastators and pillagers was held) that some latecomer still insists on calling management of the square, a temporal watershed was placed: from Genoa onwards nothing would have been as before, neither in the squares nor in the trials following possible disorders.

With sentences of this kind it paves the way to a modus operandi that will become a natural practice in similar cases, that is to say to strike in the pile of protesters to intimidate anyone who dares to participate in marches, marches, demonstrations... I don't think it's out of place to talk about measures preventive of psychological terrorism.

Instead I am not going to argue here about the concept of violence, about who perpetrates it and about who it must defend itself from and so on: this is not to assume ambiguous attitudes regarding the use or not of certain means in the class struggle, but because I consider this location is not suitable for facing a debate that is part of the antagonistic movement to which I belong.

A few words about the trial on the police.

With the trial of the so-called law enforcement forces is tried to give a sense of fairness... prosecutors wanted to compare violence between police and protesters to a war between gangs: without too many words I say that I wouldn't dream of never to cowardly rage on people

Spain: Poster in solidarity with the resistance in Turin and those arrested in “Operazione Scintilla”

On the 7th of February the police evicted the Asilo Occupato, a social centre managed for 24 years.

At the same time an antiterrorism operation was taking place against other comrades, linking them to the struggles against the C.I.E.[detention centres], institutional racism and borders.

16 people were arrested, of whom 7 are presently in prison. Those released have been put under precautionary measures, some of which are quite complex.

The comrades on the roof of the Asilo resisted for 36 hours, while there were numerous expressions of support and solidarity all around. The following days various demonstrations in solidarity took place, all were repressed and there were more arrests. In spite of that THE RESISTANCE CONTINUES.

FREEDOM FOR NICCO, ANTONIO, BEPPE, SILVIA, GIADA E LARRY!

“They make war on the poor and call it regeneration. Let's oppose resistance to the bosses of the city.”

Thessaloniki, Greece : Action in solidarity with the comrades in Turin

On Saturday 9th February we attacked the Italian-Greek Chamber of Commerce in Saloniki, leaving an explosive device in front of the main entrance; an action that was concealed by the media.

This attack is a response to the repression carried out by the Italian State, the latest example being the eviction of Asilo Occupato in Turin.

In the early hours of Thursday 7th February the squat was evicted and that same morning six comrades were arrested and accused of subversive association. The squat had existed for 24 years and was a

point of reference for constant actions against detention centres for migrants, against evictions of social housing and the gentrification of the neighbourhood.

This repressive blow came after a period of persecutions that have been striking anarchists in Turin in recent years with arrests, compulsory residence orders and much more.

This attack is a signal of solidarity with the comrades carrying on the struggle in Turin.

It is also a signal of solidarity with Spyros Christodoulou, who has been on hunger strike since 14th January. Keep strong Spyros.

LET'S CREATE LINKS OF SOLIDARITY ACROSS THE
BORDERS THAT DIVIDE US
FOR A WORLD WITHOUT PRISONS SOLIDARITY WITH ASILO
OCCUPATO
FREEDOM FOR THE 6 ARRESTED
FREEDOM FOR CESARE BATTISTI, DEATH TO THE STATE
FREEDOM FOR THE PRISONERS OF OPERATIONS SCRIPTA
MANENT AND PANICO
FOR ANARCHY

On the arrest of comrade Leonardo Landi

On Tuesday 19th February our comrade and friend Leonardo Landi was arrested due to a residual sentence of 2 years and 8 months. In these days, in fact, the Cassation confirmed the 2012 sentence concerning a robbery that took place in 2007, thus making it effective. Leo is currently being held in the prison of Lucca.

We reconfirm our closeness and solidarity with Leo.

Vincenzo was a fugitive and wanted since 2012, following a final sentence of 11 years and 6 months in prison that was imposed for the accusations (specifically, the crime of “devastation and pillage”) inherent in the days of revolt against the summit of the G8 which took place in Genoa in July 2001.

Below is a statement read by Vincenzo in court in 2007, during the trial in which about twenty people were accused of the revolt against the G8 and some specific facts that occurred in those days.

Declaration at the hearing on 7 December 2007 in the first instance trial against 25 defendants for the revolt against the 2001 G8 in Genoa

First of all I would like to make a brief introduction: as an anarchist, I consider the bourgeois concepts of guilt or innocence totally meaningless.

The decision to want to debate in a process of “criminal actions” that are meant to impute to me and to other people, and above all to express here the ideas that characterize my way of being and to perceive things, could be object of wrong evaluations: it is therefore necessary to specify on my part that the spirit with which I release this declaration, after years of media spectacle of the facts debated here, is that in which even the voice of some defendant makes itself heard. With this brief intervention, however, I look for neither loopholes nor justifications: for me it would also be absurd that the court decides that it is legitimate to revolt, it is not up to it.

Rereading facts that happened under a certain point of view, with a certain type of language (those of the bureaucracy of the courts, for instance) doesn't mean only considering them partially, but it means distorting their scope, their historical, social and political collocation, means completely distorting them from the whole context in which they occurred.

What is being challenged in this process, the crime of devastation and pillaging, according to the language of the penal code implies that “a plurality of people indiscriminately take possession of a considerable

attack. What we do know is that it was a clear precise action. What we do know is that from the words of the claim a feeling of solidarity, ethics, hatred and love emerges, which are also ours'. What we do know is that Juan has been by our side in many struggles and that our heart is with him.

Anarchists

Anarchist Vincenzo Vecchi, convicted for the G8 in Genoa in 2001, has been arrested

Following the arrest of the anarchist Vincenzo Vecchi, which took place in France on August 8, 2019, thanks to the joint work of the Italian and French police, this morning (August 14) at 11.00 am, at the Court of Appeal of Rennes, was held a hearing about the extradition to Italy. According to the fleshless information that has been possible to learn so far, during the hearing the judges decided nothing about extradition, as they would lack useful "different elements". A further hearing has been set for August 23rd. So in that time he would presumably remain imprisoned at Rennes prison.

To send mail or telegrams to people held in French prisons it would be necessary to have the specific identification code (numero d'écrou) that each prison assigns to the individual inmate to identify him and that, as regards the correspondence, should be indicated in the address in a precise manner. Unfortunately, by contacting the prison the answer is that this number cannot be provided (although in the other situations exactly the opposite has happened), but that it's sufficient to indicate name and surname and the letters should still arrive. You can try. Below is the address:

Vincenzo Vecchi
Centre pénitentiaire de Rennes-Vezin
Rue du Petit Pré
35132 Vezin-le-Coquet
France

Arrests and searches following a repressive operation against anarchists in Trentino

Cassa AntiRepressione delle Alpi Occidentali [Anti-repression Fund of the Western Alps]

During the night and the morning of Tuesday, February 19, 2019, seven anarchists were arrested in various places in Trentino: Agnese, Giulio, Nico, Poza, Rupert, Sasha, Stecco. One person was placed under house arrest while all the others were imprisoned in various prisons.

The main accusations are "subversive association for the purpose of terrorism and subversion of the democratic order" (article 270bis the penal code) and "terrorist attack" (article 280 of the penal code), with reference to some direct actions that took place in Trentino during the last few years. Other offenses of which they are accused are: "interruption of public service", "damage", "sabotage of telematic devices", "fire" and "transport of exploding material".

At the same time 50 searches were carried out, with about 150 policemen and carabinieri mobilized in the repressive operation (which was given the name "operation Renata", apparently a name taken from the nickname given to a car used by some comrades).

The investigations were conducted by Digos (state police) and ROS (carabinieri). On the same day of the arrests, a press conference took place in Rome, organized by anti-terrorism. It is clear the attempt to hit the anarchist presence in Trentino, pigeonholing and describing the relations between anarchist comrades within a phantom "subversive association" (with leaders, gregari, cashiers, responsible, "covi", etc.), an accusation trying to distribute as many years as possible in prison.

It is probable that soon the comrades will be transferred to other prisons (therefore the addresses will change). Below are the latest updated addresses.

Revolutionary solidarity with the imprisoned anarchists!

Giulio: Giulio Berdusco

Rupert: Roberto Bottamedi

Nico: Nicola Briganti

Stecco: Luca Dolce

Poza: Andrea Parolari

Agnese: Agnese Trentin

‘The most beautiful present’ – Antonio, Beppe, Lorenzo and Niccolò from the prison of Ferrara

Over the years we often happened to play with our imagination and imagined how and when Asilo would be evicted. How many police would invade the neighbourhood, how long the barricades would hold out, how long those who managed to reach the roof would resist, whether the eviction would coincide with a repressive operation, what the response outside would be like.

Two weeks have passed, and today many of these questions were answered. But we still can't make any sense of it. It might be because they took us away, one after the other, first to Le Vallette in solitary, then to the social unit of Ferrara prison. Struck by an investigation that depicts us as an internal sect hidden by the wider structure of those who organized at Asilo throughout the years. A committal for trial that disgustingly selected and twisted pieces of private, political and friendly conversations with the intention of confirming the thesis of the investigation. A reconstruction that in no way can catch the variety of rebel tensions, ideas and impetus unleashed from that place to the surrounding world.

It might be because we didn't see the armoured vans and antiriot cops closing down entire areas of the neighbourhood for over a week, as they kept away anyone who didn't live there or couldn't prove so in order to isolate what is by now an ex den of subversives. It might be because we didn't hear workers striving day and night to put the building out of use, but above all uninhabitable.

It might be because it doesn't interest us after all. These first days in here didn't pass in nostalgia for the many memories and moments lived in that place, for what it meant to each of us, for the struggle that started from there and stayed throughout the years, but in regret for not having been with you during these days outside there: in the streets from the centre to Aurora, in animated meetings, in a bar recovering from teargas.

For if with the eviction someone lost a home, a place to get organized and discuss, many felt deprived of a piece of freedom, torn off with such force and modality as to mark a point of no return. A 'spark'. A

the weakest and dispossessed, between one border and another, between one gender and another, one colour of skin and another.

Needless to say, no faction of authoritarian insignificant politician would ever be able to satisfy our desires. You are talking about a green-yellow' government, leftist and right wing, we want the State to be destroyed. You are promising wage increases, reduced taxes, jobs, we want the elimination of money, commodities and work. You are fighting for better government conditions but we only want to have fun over the flaming ruins of your cities. You do politics, we do social war. Things are difficult, there's an existential abyss between us and there is no space for dialogue. So to us all this makes where we need to strike clear to us! Strike racism and exploitation specifically.

To strike the state, capital and those responsible. Direct action makes why and how clear to us.

For an internationalist, rebel, Anarchist solidarity!

For a world without borders or authority!

With this action we greet the call launched by the comrades of the 'Santiago Maldonado cell', who proposed to increase attacks on the peace of the representatives and accomplices of domination.

We send our greetings to any Anarchist individuality and cell that continues to spread the flame through action, here and now!

'Today it's us who take the anarchist's torch in our hands, tomorrow it will be someone else. As long as it doesn't get extinguished!'

Solidarity with all the prisoners, Tamara Sol, Juan Aliste, Juan Flores, Freddy, Marcelo, J.Gan, Marius Mason, Meyer-falk, Dinos Yatzoglou, Lisa Dorfer, the members of the CCF and Revolutionary Struggle.

To the anarchists in Florence, Turin, Naples, Cagliari, Chile, Russia, Germany, Poland, of operation scripta manent.

And to all the rebels locked up in jails all over the world!

Haris Hatzimihelakis cell/Black International (1881-2018)'

With these words an explosive attack on the premises of the League of Treviso was claimed in August 2018. According to what one learned later, a second device was to serve as a trap for the police who arrived at the scene. On 22nd May, our friend and comrade Juan was arrested after over two years in hiding. Wanted for a series of final judgements, Juan is accused by the prosecutors of Venice of having taken part in the Treviso. We are not interested in knowing who carried out the

Trento – A leaflet in solidarity with Juan

An initiative in solidarity with Juan (but also with Manu and the comrades sentenced in Florence) was held on 24th July in Trento. A gathering outside the Northern League premises turned into a small demo in the city. Here is the leaflet given out in solidarity with Juan.

‘LET’S STRIKE THEM IN THEIR OWN HOME!!!!

Tired of keeping quiet, tired of seeing systematic violence every day through racism, sexism and wage labour that take place in this society, whose essential values are authority and profit. Sick of exploitation we see all political parties as mainly responsible, as they repress freedom through the state apparatus, reformist and repressive (TV, the mass-media, associations, the army, civil protection, etc.) The State and capital are the biggest criminals, they even violate their own laws, they steal through taxes, they kill through wars and waged labour, rejection in the sea and the concentration camps for migrants in Europe and Africa, they contaminate irreversibly man, animals and the entire planet, all for their profit and power.

Let’s not forget the hypocritical complicity of society composed of citizens who pretend not to see the horrors of present and past racism and nationalism. This acceptance is the pillar of totalitarianism and democracy: in the course of time the authority based on indifference, fear, apathy was able to create Gulags and nazi concentration camps, and today the concentration camps in Libya and just outside our homes. It is a history that repeats itself.

12/08/2018. At dawn the Northern League premises were attacked in Treviso with a device, we claim its placing against politicians, cops and their lackeys. We don’t want to be accomplice to all this, we will oppose the State’s indiscriminate violence with discriminate violence against those responsible for all this. The almost total pacification in Italy, where the masses are busy with war between the poor, one of our goals is to oppose resignation, impotence and immobilism. The State and capital use every technique and violence to divert attention away from the real problems of the exploited, first of all the hatred between

declaration of war to which everybody wanted to respond and whose echoes have reached beyond the kilometres, walls and bars that divide us.

This is the most beautiful present you could have given us: knowing that the eviction of Asilo and the response to the investigation were occasions for each one to express their malaise, anger and rebellion well beyond the single struggles and initiatives of those who constantly organized in there for years.

And then it doesn’t matter if we won’t recognize Asilo for what it was when we get out; we’ll find in the eyes of those who’ll be there the same love and anger that can be found today in Turin.

There’s hope. A hope that is not in an occupied Asilo, but in the hearts, minds and hands of those who have decided.

‘the prisoners’

Antonio, Beppe, Lorenzo and Niccolò

Ferrara, 18th February 2019

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Milan : Postamat [post office cash machine] under attack in an action of solidarity

Received on Thursday 27th February

Last night we destroyed two postamats, the windows and entrance door of the post Office in Via Franco Tosi in Milan.

Freedom for Nicco, Larry, Silvia, Giada, Antonio and Beppe.

Freedom for Rupert, Agnese, Stecco, Giulio, Nico, Sasha and Poza.

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Rome, Italy : Enjoy cars under attack

ENI kills and pollutes in Italy and abroad. In the night between 26th and 27th February 3 incendiary devices were left in 3 enjoy cars.

Solidarity with all imprisoned anarchists.

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

Pinerolo : Solidarity attack

Thursday 21 February 2019

During the night we attacked the Poste de Pinerolo office [near Turin] with hammers as a gesture of solidarity and complicity with the anarchists arrested in Turin and Trentino and with the comrades imprisoned for the Florence affair and operation Scripta Manent.

Salvini hatchet man – Asilo is everywhere

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Turin : Demo in the streets of Aurora

Yesterday, Thursday 21 February, a wild demo/carnaval of about 200 people went through the Aurora district, still militarised following the Asilo eviction. (A few days ago the inhabitants of the surrounding streets had to show their documents to the cops before they could pass and get to their homes). A leaflet pointing out the role of artists in the “requalification” of the neighbourhood was given out. The cops blocked them in the main streets of the area for hours.

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Action in solidarity in Cremona

Sunday 24 February 2019

Following the arrests and raids in Trentino we put an optic fibre cabinet out of use during the night. Silence the techno-world to let the living flesh scream. Also in solidarity with the comrades in Turin, the comrade of Fermento, the prisoners of operation Scripta Manent and Panico. In the fog of Cremona we don't swallow the pill of repression either.

by the media, a strong mobilization of solidarity in support of the protest has gone beyond the prison walls. It is necessary for the mobilization to continue, for us to take every chance to make felt our support of the determination shown by the imprisoned comrades. This struggle doesn't only concern the comrades locked up in that unit but is part of a wider opposition to a world increasingly under lock and key, a leap to not bow our heads in the face of generalized repressive rigidity.

In this sense the situation in the prison of L'Aquila is exemplary: a prison mainly destined to detention under article 41bis, 'harsh imprisonment' par excellence, where the conditions endured by the comrades on hunger strike are in fact those of 41bis in a 'lighter' version, completely arbitrary in respect to the conditions envisaged by High Security. The same can be said of the use of videoconferencing in trials, which in recent years has become a consolidated practice extended to trials of all levels, a practice that denies those on trial being physically present in court. Precisely due the imposition of videoconferencing, we can't be sure that Leo will be present in court on 2nd July, while Silvia is very likely to be able to be there this time.

Let's make it clear yet again: those who struggle will never be alone!

Solidarity presence in court at the hearings on 2nd July! 8:30am outside the Palace of Justice – Turin

Cassa Antirepressione delle Alpi Occidentali [Anti-repression Fund of the Western Alps]

Rovereto - A temp agency under attack

From the we learn that in the night between 30th and 31st July, the Randstad agency was attacked with a homemade device, which smashed a window to pieces. A text of claim was allegedly left on the spot, where solidarity with imprisoned anarchists and the anarchists sentenced in Florence is expressed. The same agency had been targeted last September.

According to the it collaborates with the TAP works.

Turin – 2/07/2019: Solidarity presence in court

‘Those who struggle are never alone’

On 2nd July 2019 hearings for two different trials will be held in Turin, including that concerning Silvia (arrested on 7th February following operation ‘Scintilla’) and Leonardo (arrested on 26th February following a residual sentence relating to a robbery initially included in operation ‘Ardesia’, 2007).

Solidarity presence at the hearings on 2nd July. Gathering at 8:30am outside the Palace of Justice, Turin.

[For more info read the poster]



Those who struggle are never alone

On Tuesday 2nd July there will be two hearings concerning trials against anarchist comrades. The one relates to resistance to an eviction in a popular neighbourhood in Turin, the other one a skirmish with a plain clothes carabinieri during an antifascist gathering in Pinerolo. Among those on trial are Silvia and Leo, whom the State is already holding in prison due to other vicissitudes. They both shared, along with other anarchists locked up in the prisons of Florence, Ferrara, Cagliari and Alessandria, a hunger strike started by Silvia and Anna to demand the closing down of the AS2 unit of the prison of L’Aquila, where they are locked up along with Natascia, another anarchist comrade, also on hunger strike and transferred there a week ago.

In spite of the almost total silence imposed

Athens, Greece : Occupation of the Italian Institute of Culture in solidarity with the Asilo Occupato eviction in Turin

Today (22/2/19) at noon a symbolic occupation took place at the Italian Institute of Culture in Athens. Texts were shared, leaflets were thrown inside and outside the building, two banners were put up in Greek and Italian and were also emailed from the institute’s address to the state-owned Italian services. This move is a minimal sign of solidarity with the arrested comrades during the eviction of Asilo Occupato in Turin but also over the following days, within the framework of the general repression and the war launched by the Italian state and capital against those who resist.

With this move, we declare ourselves in solidarity and accomplices with the prisoners and comrades accused under Article 270.

freedom for Antonio, Lorenzo, Silvia, Giada, Niccolò, Giuseppe
Solidarity with Asilo Occupato

Fire to all prisons!

Anarchists

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Athens Greece : Banners in solidarity with Asilo Occupato

February 17, 2019

We have hung banners in Exarchia and at the Polytechnic (addressed to the institute of Italian culture), in solidarity with Asilo Occupato and against the eviction by the police and the arrest of the comrades.

In the banners: solidarity with Asilo Occupato – Turin; Fire to all prisons; Freedom for Nicco, Silvia, Larry, Beppe, Antonio and Giada.

Graz, Austria: Car of Sodexo set on fire

In the darkness of the 6th of March we set a car of the company Sodexo in Graz on fire. Sodexo makes a profit with the deportation system by delivering shitty food to deportation centres. All companies that profit from this industry are our enemies and just deserve our hatred. We feel connected to all accomplices who are fighting against domination in this world.

Above all, those behind bars and those who support them, we want to show our revolutionary solidarity through this fire!

Through the walls we specifically send a burning hug to all recently detained anarchists in Turin, Trento and Rovereto. SILVIA, NICCOLO, BEPPE, ANTONIO, STECCO, RUPERT, AGNESE, SASHA, POZA, NICO, GIULIO tutti liberi!

We also send a burning greeting through the bars to Loiaè! We hope that you will feel supported by such acts in your unbending attitude.

For this action, we used fire accelerators that we filled into emptied beverage cans. We put the cans on the floor under the tires of the car. After 5 to 10 minutes, the tires burn and the car flares off.

Fire to Sodexo!

Fire to all cages!

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An update on “Renata” operation against anarchists in Trentino

[Note from roundrobin.info website]: We are posting, delayed due to a technical problem, this update received on 20/03:

The judges of the review [“giudici del riesame”, in Italian] considered the accusations of terrorism to be non-existent, therefore the 270bis accusation and the aggravating ones. The alleged crime is now of 270 or rather “subversive association”. In any case, the comrades remain in prison for now.

All free!

June 21, she was transferred to L’Aquila.

On 19 June there was a review [a judicial hearing] for Robert and Beppe and two days later, on Friday 21st, they had an interview with the lawyer. As early as the following day, Beppe was transferred to Alessandria, and on Monday the transfer of Robert to the prison of Terni was confirmed. On June 24, the official response of the review arrived, confirming the precautionary measures in prison.

They still have censorship of all post regarding the “political contents”.

We reiterate our solidarity, and invite all to continue to express it, also by sending telegrams, letters, books, which help to keep our prisoners’ spirits high.

Freedom for Robert, Natascia and Beppe!

Not a step back, no remorse.

Italy Updates on the anarchists arrested for the “Prometeo” operation 25.06.2019

June 26, 2019

After the arrests of 21 May 2019 for the repressive operation “Prometeo” (“Prometheus”), Robert and Beppe were imprisoned in the Opera prison in Milan until June 21st, while Natascia was imprisoned in France.

In the maximum security prison of Opera, Robert and Beppe spent an entire month in isolation in section 41bis, as there is no AS2 section [“High Surveillance 2”], with only an hour a day of “socializing” by being able to see each other, and the rest of the day with the barrier closed. This “illegal” regime was reported to the judge, PM and guarantor of the detainees, especially since the isolation had not been requested by the judge, but nothing changed for a month.

Saturday, May 25th, a warm greeting of solidarity under the prison was heard and welcomed.

Visits have been authorized for those who have requested them; letters and books have been received and sent even if slowly, they have received money and packages with clothes and food with some arbitrary prohibition on the passage of certain things by the guards (apparently cooked white rice and books with photos of mountain landscapes have been incomprehensibly incriminated). In particular, Beppe has received some ill-treatment by the guards, including homophobic insults, missed access to the showers for 3 days, he was not given food at least twice and after the visit he was left alone for at least two hours in a small room before being returned to the cell.

Around June 13th Natascia was extradited to Italy, to Rebibbia prison. The comrades sent money and parcels of first necessity; she had a cellmate, and after protesting she managed to get at least the armoured door open. The first interrogation was subsequently carried out, she was able to hold talks with the lawyer of her choice after the unfortunate episode of the lawyer in France, she asked for news of the imprisoned comrades on hunger strike, a press review on the Prometeo operation and some books. A few days later Natasha also joined the hunger strike [started by Anna and Silvia on 29 May in the prison of L’Aquila]. Around

Rome - ENI “Enjoy” service cars attacked

On a night in late March we have positioned incendiary devices and triggers to set fire to five cars of ENI Enjoy car sharing service.

Attack the State and its neo-colonial interests without delay.

Solidarity and closeness with the arrested and the investigated for Scintilla and Renata operations.

A fiery red greeting to the prisoners of Scripta Manent and Panico operations.

To all the imprisoned and fugitives anarchists in the world, strength!

Rome, Italy : Cash machine attacked

March 18, 2019

‘Ouch!’ the window said, but the cash machine didn’t answer because they had shut its mouth.

In the night of 7th March a window was damaged and a cash machine put out of use at the premises of Intesa San Paolo in Rome in solidarity with comrades in Turin and all those who struggle every day.

Against borders

Against cages

Against patriarchy

Against gentrification

Against every State, every boss, every husband, every party

Athens, Greece : Responsibility Claim of 28.3.19 by Group for the Reconstruction of the Mediterranean Anarchist Triangle

CONCERNING THE RECENT PROSECUTIONS IN ITALY

At the beginning of February the eviction of the squat ASILO OCCUPATO was ordered, a structure of the movement in the city of Turin, with a history of 24 years. The police don't 'play' alone and the evacuation lasts one and a half days because of the resistance from the interior of the squat. Simultaneously all over the city gatherings, meetings, violent protests are being carried out. The carabinieri, in order to silence the reactions, transform entire neighbourhoods into quarantine zones, with blockades, arrests and the prohibition of circulation of traffic. Finally the authorities, as well as the eviction, arrest 6 comrades on charges of subversive activity based on actions against the CIE/CRP [detention centres for immigrants] as well as for solidarity with the revolts that have broken out inside them.

It is clear that there are many more reasons for this operation. ASILO OCCUPATO has taken part in a lot of struggles which bothered the State mechanisms and the bosses. It opposed the destruction of the Val di Susa valley, participating in the movement NO TAV. It gave fights against the detention centres, against the repression and control and the regeneration and gentrification of entire neighbourhoods of the city. Neighbourhoods whose transformation into sterilized regions of consumption and amusement is desired by the bosses. For the above reasons the occupation and the 6 comrades were targeted by the repression.

Of these 6, 4 remain held under special detention, while 2 were given parole. A few days later another repressive operation takes place, named RENATA, in the region of Trento and in neighbouring cities. Special police groups, the DIGOS and the ROS, assaulted 35 spaces

principles as an anarchist.

And here it is not a question of saying that the struggle is non-violent or of passing themselves off as angels or pious souls. It is a question of calling things by their name and claiming the instances of struggle that anarchists, rebels and revolutionaries use and have always used all over the world.

I have said all this openly and publicly ever since I chose to struggle through my special conception of anarchism. Regardless of whether I am responsible for the deeds I am accused of or not, I share and am in solidarity with the struggle and the actions of attack on capital and the State. Which by its very nature is always responsible for the massacres and genocides all over the world.

“We must fight and fight for disproportion to be crushed”

And whatever path we take, always with our hearts!

For Anarchy!

Juan Sorroche – Prison of Terni AS2

07\2019

To write to Juan:

Juan Antonio Sorroche Fernandez

C.C. Terni

Str. delle Campore 32

05100 Terni (TR)

Italy

Juan let us know by letter that he's receiving all the letters written to him, even if the censorship is pretty hard. However, he is having problems in sending replies and is asking for a bit of patience in receiving them and to not be discouraged by the silence. For the rest, he says he's calm and doing well.

These are the key points that they linger over and which they want to strike and silence, because they represent the bases with which anarchists continue to support certain practices publicly (there are some anarchists under investigation for various publications and sentenced to years in prison). In this investigation, as in all those underway against anarchists, they want to repress the basic concepts of anarchist theory and action, such as refusal to delegate, direct action, solidarity with revolutionary prisoners, multiform non-hierarchical practices of attack and permanent rebellion averse to all forms of authority.

In this way power is telling us indirectly that these basic concepts remain qualitatively blunt if they are not accompanied prospectively with a projection into the struggle alongside the exploited; it is here that they are striking us preventively.

We need to have a common vision and feeling which includes the individual and the collective in an alchemy of local and specific struggles (as anarchists) intended as tactics of different and diversified struggles which are however born and recognize themselves in the whole of the general struggle and in the wealth of its methodological and projectual diversity. Which constantly needs to be in equilibrium with an internationalist perspective and harmonized in the chaos of infinite tactics and strategies of anarchism which flow into the universal struggle for anarchy. All this seasoned with the fundamental essence of Anarchy; universal solidarity at every level of the struggle/life.

The State is playing this game in order to strike us harder and to reaffirm that there can be no form of social organization other than the authoritarian and hierarchical one of today's society.

Revisionism of the past is a powerful weapon that States use to disempower the various forms of revolt of the present time and create a void around today's revolutionaries leaving them without roots or soul. That is why it is important to not forget but to propagate past epochs, and treasure the memory of our comrades' struggle as a stimulous for the struggles of today.

A glance at our past is enough to realize that certain tensions and methods have always been used in the anarchist struggle, even before the birth of the antiauthoritarian international in 1871.

I claim these fundamental principles head held high! I refuse any theorem that they want to pigeonhole me in contrary to my most basic

[houses, workplaces, anarchist centres and movement structures], confiscate computers and files, printed material, tools, flags etc, which led finally to the arrest of 7 comrades. The charges they face are heavy and concern sabotage actions against biotechnology structures, radio-television antennas, police vehicles, banks, private work employment companies, offices of fascists and taking part in violent protests.

THE REPRESSION OF ANARCHISTS IN ITALY, A NEVER-ENDING PROCEDURE

Clearly the mother of all the repressive attacks of the Italian State against our comrades is the Pontelungo operation, which became widely known as the Marini trial [by the name of the prosecutor – inventor of the same-named theory] and which in court lasted for ten years. In 1994 arrests of comrades took place and they were charged with armed robbery. As the trial the next year seems to be reaching its end, a giant operation across Italy started to set up charges of armed gang action and a host of other accusations, under the umbrella of an organization-ghost, an invention that will be used in the years to come. Several dozen are the persecuted and many will eventually end up in jail for many years. The Marini theory displays the anarchist space structured in two levels, with public and hidden activity under one central administration. This way the whole of anarchist activity is incriminated from the pamphlets to the attacks, the differences disappear and these all suffice to send someone to jail. Anarchists are categorized as pacifists and criminals, friendly and political relations are criminalized, homes are called safe-houses, newspapers and magazines are named terrorist manuals, tools are named weapons and the social centres and squats as the attackers' strongholds.

The wild repression with the anti – terrorism law and its articles 270 and 270bis brings imprisonment, people held hostage through lengthy court cases, house arrests, closed newspapers and magazines and online counter-information websites. It uses wire-tapping methods, which in the coming years are enriched with the use of new technologies such as gps, the use of genetic material etc. At the same time wild propaganda [with the help of the media] is carried out in order to isolate and

criminalize the anarchists so they can be hit more easily and lose their social and political affiliations. Of course where repression and slander are not enough, comes brutal violence and death as occurred in 1998 with the murders of Eduardo Massari and Maria Rosas Soledad who were found hanged, the first in his cell at Vallette prison in Turin and the second in her home being under house arrest.

Since then and until today, the same play has been repeated steadily and relentlessly with the same characteristics, even exported to Greece as it seems from the nature of similar persecutions in the recent past.

At the end of the judicial evolution of the Marini trials a new one began, operation Cervantes in 2004. After that three new ones followed the next year as part of the previous one, operation Nottetempo, Fraria and Crocenera with allegations of a subversive organization carrying out actions of the FAI. The same happened and the subsequent persecutions that make the catalogue look endless. Spring 2006 operation Gruppi di Affinati, autumn of 2007 operation Brushwood, summer 2009 operation Shadow. Spring 2011 operation Outlaw, summer and autumn 2012 operations Mangiafuoco and Ixodidae as well as Ardire and Thor for actions that concern FAI-IRF. In the same year persecutions were being conducted against anarchists who took part in the fierce clashes with police forces on July 3 in the Susa valley against the construction of the high-speed train line TAV which aspires to connect Italy with France. On summer of 2017 operation Scripta Manent sets off and a few months later Panico.

The tools and the methods for these police operations are well known and tried by the Italian State and its mechanisms, the police and judicial services. Recent Italian history is full of such prosecutions.

THE REPRESSION HAS NO BORDERS, THEN AGAIN ALSO SOLIDARITY

Another part of the repression concerns the strike against solidarity to the imprisoned and persecuted anarchists in Italy. The Italian State, trying to block the wave of solidarity and political relations between comrades in the two countries, presented the theory of the Mediterranean anarchist triangle of Italy, Spain and Greece portraying us as apolitical criminals who conspire with the purpose of acts of terrorism.

and the same operational lines”... as if there were orders from above. Charges are allegedly in cooperation with the usual unknown, because besides my DNA, partially identified, there would be another unknown DNA belonging to my presumed accomplice. On the one hand, associative crimes are brought into play, on the other I would be the only deviser, organizer and perpetrator. In other words, neither fish nor fowl.

My cynical jokes aside, it is clear there is an obvious intention by the magistrates, with their aberrant state ideology, to fabricate devisers-leaders in the anarchist reality, with operational lines to be followed and hierarchical structures. A strategy adopted in this specific case as well as in recent investigations that have struck anarchist realities. In this case, Alfredo is allegedly “one of the most important and recognised exponents of the terrorist movement of an Anarchist background currently imprisoned in the prison of Ferrara serving a sentence inflicted for the attack on Engineer Adinolfi”.

The state and the law (as usual) would like to make the accusations worse by fabricating leaders of an imaginary hierarchical terrorist organization, so as to manipulate and unify everything in one single inquisitive cauldron and throw the ‘representatives’ of the anarchist galaxy into it. In this way they are trying to create a spectacular atmosphere, they are preparing the ground to make scorched earth and eliminate any autonomous instances and direct action in the anarchist struggle.

But there is more. The judiciary would like to incorporate the practice of anonymous direct action by including such actions in the investigation “even if claims of specific acronyms (the action was claimed by so called haris hatzimihelakis\black international 1881\2018 cell) are not considered essential in the context of anarchist initiatives which also accept anonymous initiatives with similar initiatives and with the modalities already used in other attacks attributed to the FAI/FRI group”. So the intention is to create precedents for anonymous actions of attack by including them in the various investigations when this suits them most, so that they can fabricate their imaginative terrorist organizations with leaders created ad hoc. Moreover the aspect of solidarity with anarchist prisoners and those who are locked up or generally those who revolt, is emphasized.

The convictions are for various offences including theft, resistance, robbery, contempt, damage, occupation of public and private places, assault, false identity. Among these final convictions there is also that of the NO TAV 'Big Trial' (three years and nine months), which I'll make some points about some time in the future as an accused Anarchist.

Knowing that some of these sentences would come into effect, I spent three years on the run (and not because of the investigation concerning an attack on the POL GAI [police training centre] in Brescia, as the magistrates insist). With no regrets I claim my escape as an act of reconquering my freedom, which goes beyond all authority and law.

In the second line, which began during my time in hiding, I am accused with articles 270, 280, 285 (massacre) and am accused of two attacks. The first against the POL GAI (police training centre) claimed by the acca cell in the context of black December in 2015. The second attack, on 12\08\2018, concerns two explosive devices, one which exploded and the other full of wooden nails, found by bomb disposal experts and intended to be a trap to attract the occupants of the building and the forces of order; these were placed at the premises of the Northern League of Treviso and claimed by the Haris Hatzimihelakis\Black International 1881\2018 cell. I wasn't aware of this investigation until the day of my capture, contrary to what the judges are saying in order to worsen Manu's custodial situation, as he is accused of aiding and abetting. However we are waiting for a more complete picture as soon as the investigation closes.

Already a quick reading of the DIGOS and prosecutors' preliminary investigations gave me an idea of what they want to repress. Specifically against me as an Anarchist and generally against the anarchist reality as a whole. Nothing new that hasn't been already done by judges in all sorts of ways. To recognize repressive intentions is a guide to understanding what they actually want to strike and consequently how to move.

(From this point on, words in inverted comas are taken from the papers of the preliminary investigation)

According to the investigation, the claims of the two attacks are allegedly linked to an interview with Alfredo Cospito in the Anarchist paper *Vetriolo* 2019 and are supposed to represent "the same contents

Constantly throughout the years, they have published articles about contacts, connections, trips to make preparations for attacks and escalating riots in demonstrations and they don't forget to refer to interventions by the solidarity movement but as always they alter/remove their true content.

In this light, for example, can be understood the relentlessness of the Italian State for the court case of the 5 Greek comrades who were arrested after the end of the wild clashes that took place at the demonstration against the EXPO in Milan. They think that by hitting our solidarity and our political relations they can put us in a difficult position. We let them live with their illusions. The passion for freedom is not subdued, not persecuted or imprisoned. It is here and will remain their worst nightmare and their number one enemy.

These are the real reasons for their existence, of the latter as well as the previous repressive operations of the Italian State. They hit our comrades because they proclaim that they are anarchists, conscious enemies of the State and capitalism. Because they are guilty indeed, they participate in a multitude of struggles standing in solidarity with immigrants and prisoners. Because they are opposed to the plague of city gentrification, because they house their ideas in social centres and squats instead of sitting at home like peaceful citizens. Because they write and propagate their thoughts, creating breaches in the regime's normality, throwing sand in the gears of capitalism's murder machine.

Because they don't just stop at words, but set to action being a lifetime on the attack against multinationals, biotechnology structures and environmental destruction, cops and fascists. They are guilty because they make an example and a cry for breaking the silence imposed by the Italian State for the maintenance of peace between classes. Guilty because they are dreaming and carrying a new world, a world of freedom, equality and solidarity that will sweep away the old one.

For all these reasons, our group last Thursday 28/3/19 visited the Italian Archaeological Service located in the area near the Acropolis. After we wrote solidarity slogans on the marble front of the neoclassical building where this service is housed, we torched a van that was parked outside. In the building of the Italian Archaeological Service last week [Monday to Friday] a seminar took place for the policing of archaeological sites by the Italian Carabinieri to their Greek counterparts,

the pigs of the Greek police. What better opportunity for us to express close to the Italian cops found on site for the last day of the seminar, that their “deeds” are not left unanswered.

As well as communicating to the administrators of the service that providing space for such events to the carabinieri has a cost, since they fully align themselves with repressive operations in Italy that have no relationship with culture and civilization which they advertise they are working with...

The cooperation of the two States in the field of security is long-lasting, whether it concerns the police or the judiciary and that is what we want to demonstrate, among other things, with this action. The Carabinieri group is the necessary repressive tool to fulfil this “job” with special zeal and hatred against the anarchists in Italy.

Here from the city of Athens we remind them how similar zeal, but for struggle, we also have and hatred of the police regardless of their country of origin too. They should not forget it, we never leave our comrades alone.

We are sending our solidarity to the arrested and the persecuted from ASILO OCCUPATO and the Renata operation, as well as all those that are locked up in the dungeons of the Italian state.

We declare, through action, that we are equally guilty with them in every way.

Texts, posters, protests and attacks are our own means of struggle. Besides, solidarity [like the struggle generally] will be total or it will not be anything, simply clustered and harmless ...

Group for the Reconstruction of the Mediterranean Anarchist Triangle

Hamburg, Germany The Italian consulate repainted in solidarity

On the night of 28-29 May 2019 in Hamburg, the Honorary Consulate of Italy was tagged with “solidarity with prisoners in Italy – (AT) “. In addition, the wall-mounted consulate plaque was broken and removed.

A communique from Anarchist comrade Juan from the prison of Terni

‘Those who have ears to hear, let them hear!!!’

Arise, ye workers from your slumber,
Arise, ye prisoners of want.
For reason in revolt now thunders,
and at last ends the age of cant!
Away with all your superstitions,
Servile masses, arise, arise!
We’ll change henceforth the old tradition,
And spurn the dust to win the prize!.
The Internationale – song born of poet and anarchist Eugène
Pottier in 1871

Hi to all friends and comrades!! I’m Juan arrested on 22nd May after three years on the run. I’m writing from the AS2 unit of the prison of Terni, where I’m locked up. I’m calm, my morale is good and I’m determined to move on.

Each day that I was in hiding I was well aware that I could end up in jail; after all I’ve always been there, since the day I decided to struggle on the side of the oppressed.

My capture was due to a lack of a series of precautions that I normally took. I lowered my guard at the wrong time in the wrong place.

I have no regrets, I accept my responsibility, I’m getting over it and might it be a lesson. I’ll write about how my capture took place some other time.

But first I’m going to explain my judicial situation so as to give the general picture. I’m in prison because of two lines of investigation. The first concerns a consecutive sentence of nine years (three of which I have already served) linked to my struggle/life of the last twenty years spent in Italy.

circumstance (art. 425) that the act was committed on “public buildings [...] intended for residential use [...], on accumulations of combustible or explosive material”.

In addition, our companion Boba is accused of the crime of dangerous firing (Art. 703) because, according to the public prosecutor’s office, he used a “nautical missile”, which, however, provides for a fine or imprisonment of not more than one year.

During their break-in, the police searched the house and confiscated all computers in the house.

We are waiting for updates.

Meanwhile Boba’s address, you can write to him:

Marco Bolognino
C/o C.c. Lo Russo e Cutugno
via M.A.Aglietta 35
10151 Turin Italy



An agitated afternoon in Cremona

6th April 2019

Yesterday afternoon a comrade from Cremona was stopped by three police cars and two Digos officers outside a fascist’s home. In recent days the latter had made a show of some provocations.

The cops tried to take the comrade away and meantime he was thrown to the ground when he refused to get into one of the police cars. A melee ensued, during which the window of one of the shifts in uniform’s cars was smashed. The cops also used pepper spray against someone already in handcuffs. As the comrade was being taken away, a solidarity gathering formed outside the police station in Cremona so as not to leave the arrested comrade alone.

In the evening the lawyer told us that the comrade had been remanded in custody for resistance, damage, bodily harm, transport of dangerous objects and threats. In the evening, warm-hearted greetings to the prisoners in Cremona prison broke the monotony of that place of torture, in the hope that the arrested comrade would hear from inside.

Today, Saturday, our comrade was taken for a summary trial. Outside the court a solidarity gathering repeated that it’s right to oppose fascists and police. The judge ordered another hearing to be held on Wednesday 10th April. This will be another occasion to show some solidarity to Tommy, who is to remain in jail at least until the next hearing.

For us it makes no sense to just look on indignantly at the slaughters carried out by the Bull of the Interior Salvini, continuing from the failed cop Minniti [the interior minister before Salvini], the dead in the Mediterranean sea, the functioning of State concentration camps called CPRs, the inept nazi congresses held in Verona and the racial hatred showed by some in Torre Maura. For this all our solidarity and complicity go to Tommy. Our hearts are with you.

We know these are hard times for those who want to overturn the world, but our passion for freedom is stronger than any form of authority. More police car windows smashed!

Free Tommy! Free all!

Anarchists

Wednesday 10th July 2019 , Tommy’s request for release from prison

was accepted! Now, after 96 days of infamous jail, he is being held under house arrest with all restrictions... we want to see him running around the streets of this crap world soon!

FREE TOMMY!!!

EVERYBODY FREE!!!

Operation Scripta Manent Five comrades sentenced 24 April 2019

A first instance sentence was issued in the trial that began in June 2017 regarding the “Scripta manent” operation, which on September 6, 2016 led to the arrest of five anarchist comrades and the notification of pre-trial detention to two other imprisoned anarchist comrades (Alfredo and Nicola). The requests for sentences proposed by the public prosecutor R. Sparagna for 22 accused anarchist comrades exceeded 200 years.

On April 24th the sentences were issued, as reported in Croce Nera Anarchica website:

Anarchist comrades sentenced:

Alfredo Cospito 20 years

Anna Beniamino 17 years

Nicola Gai 9 years

Alessandro Mercogliano 5 years

Marco Bisesti 5 years

The other accused were acquitted.

HEALTH IS IN YOU!

Update on operation “Scintilla”, Turin

May 27, 2019 by actforfreedom

Update from Turin

Operation Scintilla

Beppe and Antonio free, Boba arrested.

Antonio and Beppe were released on the 6th of May 2019. They must report to the police every day.

Silvia remains in prison because she is charged with an additional crime.

More about Silvia: Article on barrikade.info (in German)

<https://barrikade.info/article/2202>

Silvia’s address:

Silvia Ruggeri
CASA CIRCONDARIALE
Via Amiternina 3
67100 L’Aquila (AQ)
Italy

New arrest: Boba

On the night of Wednesday, May 22, 2019, after 11 p.m., the police knocked on the door of Boba, Mitzi and Victor with the pretext of delivering a verbal warning for the comrade. Once in the house, they also pulled a warrant for Boba’s arrest out of their pockets.

The investigation is linked to the first initiatives taken against the Operazione Scintilla, in particular an episode in the Vallette neighbourhood at the end of the anti-fascist demonstration against the annual fascist commemoration of the “Foibe”. That evening, the confectionery of the Vallette prison caught fire. Boba’s charge is arson (art. 423), with a penalty of three to seven years, with the aggravating

Paris, France 6 Post Office Vans Torched for Subversive May

When we attack one of the aspects of this world it is above all for ourselves. To take back a little of this life that is stolen from us every day. But that's not all. On our side we also want to convey a message of solidarity to anarchists who face repression because of similar actions (or not, by the way). To let them know that we carry them in our hearts, that we do not forget them, that their fight is not in vain. The same goes for those who have died, who are not heroes to celebrate but comrades. And that's enough.

For Mikhail, for Alexis and for Mauricio then.

For all the comrades hit by the repression in Italy: those convicted in the Scripta Manent trial, and those facing operations Panico, Prometeo, Renata and Scintila, Juan and Manu, Boba, Leo and many others.

As a small contribution to the call for a Subversive May, for the permanent war against this society, on the night of May 28 we burned six Post Office van on rue Bourseul (15th arrondissement) in Paris.

Pisa, Italy Repeaters in flames

May 28, 2019

We receive and spread:

Pisa – Repeaters in flames

Against the repression. Against the special regimes. Against prison.

Solidarity with the comrades in prison.

Words from anarchist Luca Dolce (Stecco) from the prison of Tolmezzo

Anarchist comrade Stecco was arrested on 19th February 2019 in the repressive operation 'Renata', where seven anarchists were arrested (one of them was immediately put under house arrest) and accused according to articles 270bis (four of them) and 280 (all) of the penal code, plus related offences referring to direct actions that took place in the Trentino region over the past two years. In March judges of the court of review decided that the charges that had been pressed initially were non-existent, dropping the aggravating circumstance of 'terrorism'. The imprisoned comrades are being held in AS2 units in the prisons of Ferrara, Tolmezzo and L'Aquila.[Update: all the anarchist comrades involved in operation 'Renata' are now under house arrest with all the restrictions. Only Stecco remains in prison due to previous sentences]

Dear comrades,

The time has come for me to say something about what happened in February.

Less than two months have passed since our arrest with operation 'Renata', and I can say that I'm calm and strong, as sure as ever that the struggle continues in spite of the blows inflicted by the State.

My arrest in Turin, in the vicinity of Corso Giulio, took place at around 5pm quite peacefully. As I was leaving the comrade I had been with, I noticed a typical plain clothes policeman in front of me at a tram stop; a few seconds later I found myself surrounded. I can say that all this happened in great tranquillity, and with annoying 'courtesy' I'd say, unlike the way my comrades in Trentino were treated.

Before being moved to Trento I thought that my arrest was due to pending proceedings whose conclusion I'd been expecting for a while. I did perceive something strange: too many people wearing badges in

that corridor of the Turin police station. Only at the first visit of the lawyer did I find out that measures alternative to prison had been confirmed on the very day of my arrest. A mere coincidence? Anyway, at around 8pm they gave me a warrant to search me and the house where I live. Obviously I noted 'our' fatal 270bis, 280bis and a string of other offences. At that moment the dates and places in the list were incomprehensible, but my reaction wasn't. While I was reading, I was not surprised at what was happening; no agitation or palpitations, but the simple certitude of my ideas and convictions, the certitude of having always struggled for ideals of justice, freedom, equality among all men and women.

So, in this strange tranquillity I faced the journey at 70 km an hour to Trento along with four ROS officers. As soon as we got to the carabinieri barracks in Trento, at around 2am, I became aware of the vastness of the operation. The barracks was a hive of men and women both in uniform and not, huge folders, papers upon crap papers.

It is the third time in 8 years that the State has accused me of 'terrorism' along with many of my comrades, and I know the procedure a little, even if this time I'm one of those who end up in jail. As they got us out of the barracks, everything had been well arranged: sirens and flashes set up for photos for miserable journalists stationed along the road. I understood that the anarchist-hunt had been studied in the most disgusting details so as to make an impression on those above, whose speeches against freedom – today sadly backed by many of the exploited – are being strengthened and promoted in the spotlight.

Another conviction that kept me and keeps me tranquil is that whatever happened and will happen to me, not only are my comrades there for me, they have the strength to react to this latest attack. Breathing the atmosphere in Turin gave me strength, even if only for a short time. The same strength that has spread in many other places from the comrades and people in solidarity. The feeling of a tenacious, determined atmosphere can only be good for all, in spite of the difficulties of recent times. The cascade of telegrams and letters we received confirmed my sensations.

For many years I've thought about what my comrade Roberto said: 'I've always known it, to struggle for freedom also means to risk losing it'. Simple, clear and above all true words. Now that I'm in prison, I

Another interesting fact: due to their inability to enforce censorship, at least for those who didn't yet have it, management gave orders to confiscate the apparently much-feared book "Cooking in Maximum Security". Which begs the question what will the legal authority that holds "jurisdiction" do.

The brutal stupidity of the total institution of prison is not surprising, particularly when its obtuseness manifests itself so clearly and blatantly. The thing we have however been able to see for ourselves is how it is always useful to shout things out loud to their faces.

From the AS2 in Aquila

Anna Beniamini, Silvia Ruggeri, Agnese Trentin

Update about "Renata" operation: five comrades transferred to house arrest

On May 9, five anarchist prisoners from February 19, 2019 following "Renata" repressive operation were transferred to house arrest. They are Agnese Trentin (who had recently been transferred to the AS2 prison section of L'Aquila), Giulio Berdusco, Roberto Bottamedi (who were detained in Tolmezzo), Andrea Parolari and Nicola Briganti (who were detained in Ferrara). Comrade Luca Dolce (known as "Stecco") remains in prison because of other final sentences. While another comrade, Sasha, who was also arrested on 19 February and immediately placed under house arrest, had this last "precautionary measure" transformed into an obligation to stay and return home from 9.00 pm to 7.00 am, with the obligation to stay in the municipality of residence.

The comrades were initially accused of "subversive association with the purpose of terrorism and subversion of the democratic order" (art. 270bis c. p., in four persons) and of "terrorist attack" (art. 280 c. p., all), plus other related crimes ("interruption of public service", "damage", "sabotage of telematic devices", "fire" and "transport of explosive material"), because they are considered responsible for some direct actions taken in Trentino in the last two years. Subsequently the aggravating circumstance of terrorism fell, therefore the main accusation became of "subversive association" (art. 270 c. p.).

books with something a little more appropriate...the GOM display a poor sense of humour); the limited items of clothing allowed in the cells, as well as the few other basic necessities and goods permitted, are kept in a small external cabinet which is accessed under the visual control of the guards who count everything with their special chart; the inability to bring pen and paper outdoors; order, control, the GOM's count – they meticulously count everything and update their appropriate lists for all the things kept in the cells and in the storage room which are then verified during the two weekly searches.

Outdoor time is in a small space (8x10 meters) and so-called “social time” is a bad joke which, all at the same time and in the same barren room (an old visiting room), includes social activities (only one table with 4 chairs), a gym (only one exercise bike) and a place to pray. The breakdown of the imposed daily routine (7am cell doors open, 7.15am post collection, 7.30am breakfast trolley, 8.00am cell bars checked, 9-11am outdoor time, 11.30am food, 12/1pm eating together, 1-3pm social time, 3pm cell bars checked, 3.30-5.30pm outdoor time, 5.30pm food) along with almost constant direct visual control because the cell door slot must be kept open until 8pm - other than for an hour and a half after lunch during which it can be kept slightly closed - are typical of a barracks- type prison.

Basically, if the AS2 section doesn't appear to have actual regulations, it has in practice adopted the norms of a 41bis section with the accompanying pressures, obviously without being called as such (the only internal regulations in this cage date back to 2002, a time when AS2 sections hadn't even been established yet), with only some changes such as, for example, being able to keep a camping cooker in the cells even after 8pm or sharing food at lunch.

As for life together inside, after a few days “blasphemy” or rather anarchist atheism and religion emerged as being quite incompatible for the muslim prisoner who asked to be transferred due to “incompatibility”. For the moment, the management have dealt with this by applying a particularly obnoxious and ridiculous ban on meeting with other prisoners which we are trying to counter, given the small size of the section and the resulting isolation. The DAP's attempts at prison experimentation seem to be wavering considering the inability to manage the situation, as admitted by the local guards themselves.

see and hear things that had escaped my attention (my first two short experiences in prison were only a foretaste of what I'm experiencing now). Now I can see much of what I had been thinking during these years of struggle actually happening. To be here in Tolmezzo means to see how the State and its repressive apparatus are constantly working and updating the ways of isolating those who persist in struggling against it. And the conditions inflicted on our comrades in L'Aquila, in that hybrid between AS2 and 41bis are even harsher.

They want to relieve this prison [L'Aquila] from the notoriety of being a place of torturers and thugs gained at the time of ex-governor Silvia Dalla Barca, even if those brutes are still there. Only the prisoners are now for the most part in AS and are from southern Italy, no longer isolated foreigners who had anything inflicted on them without anybody knowing. The tactic is now a different one. The prison is all split up into various categories: mafia here, mafia there, 41bis, social prisoners, Islamists, anarchists, etc. A tactic that seems to work, if you think that among the few ‘social prisoners’ there are some who came to blows for racist insults and various prejudices, to the great advantage of the Direction. I think that understanding the evolution of the prisons, their history, the changes in the law, the way investigations are being carried out, not only against us anarchists, is very useful to understand what to say and do today inside and outside.

Today is 25th April [the official day of Italy's liberation from nazi-fascism was 25th April 1945]. Some prisoners asked me if I was celebrating and it was interesting that in a few minutes everybody agreed that there has been no liberation. The history of the partisan movement is very complex. I can show respect for that struggle, but I take sides too. If I think of that struggle, I think of comrades such as Pedrini, Tommasini, Mariga, Mariani and many others, who had struggled against fascism and the State well before September 8 [8th September 1943: Italy signed an unconditional armistice with the Allies following the downfall of Benito Mussolini in July] and well after April 25. Most importantly, they didn't struggle for political and power reasons, they didn't betray the goals that many youths, men and women had set with their sacrifice. It's also thanks to those comrades, to their experiences, to their stories, that I now have the knowledge to face prison with strength and dignity. For me there exists a subterranean thread that

unites me to those comrades, not because I have the same courage – I have never felt on my skin many of the things they experienced – but because I’m humbly trying to carry out the same struggle and ideas. I find it hypocritical that every year in newspapers such as *Corriere della Sera*, a great photographer like Robert Doisneau is remembered, as he falsified documents for the French Resistance movement during the war, and at the same time those who escape from the concentration camps financed by the West today are condemned and criminalized, locked up in these camps because they don’t have documents and only by escaping and false documents can they try to get away from the authorities and remain free. This day [April 25] mirrors the hypocrisy of the society we live in, where everything can be the opposite of everything else.

These are sad times. News of indiscriminate massacres follows one another in agonizing sequence. Events in Libya, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Venezuela and all those kept hidden are the same side of the coin of other massacres perpetrated by various armies all over the world. All of these events speak of indiscriminate, summary, barbarous deaths, inflicted not for aims of emancipation, but to brutalize life for subjugation and power.

In this context of wars and social changes of various kinds, the anarchist movement is being accused of ‘terrorism’ yet again. This accusation is a grave offence, aimed at denigrating our ideas and methods. The State, which uses the dirtiest and most atrocious methods, out of fear or necessity sets out to strike the more conscious of the exploited who struggle. Anarchists have defended themselves from these attacks in many ways by reaffirming the rightness of their ideas and practices over time.

Now I also want to have a say. Isolation and this cell can’t keep me silent. I’ll never lose the will to seek clarity where the worst confusion reigns. To do so, I’ll mention the deeds and words of a few anarchists.

For many years in Russia anarchists, and not only, have been killed, tortured, their propaganda silenced, family members arrested. In 2001 young anarcho-syndicalist Nikita Kalin was killed by a gunshot in the head because of his activity in the factory where he worked. Many others have been struck by ferocious repression carried out by the State and its fascist servants, who have not ceased to increase in numbers

move was an emphatic attempt to apply article 18 of the Italian penitentiary regulation in order to censor mail and news, as explained to us by an inspired GOM inspector and justified by the AS2 section regulations which automatically include censorship (an issue that doesn’t fall under the jurisdiction of the prison but of the local judicial authority assigned to each of us), going as far as to consider applying the 41bis regime to some of us. The justifications provided reflect (pathological) delusions of omnipotence and of power that involve the entire chain of command, from the prison director to the last officer.

After the effective block on incoming and outgoing post in the first week and in the context of discussions with uniforms of every kind and rank, it emerged that L’Aquila prison had gone above and beyond the call of duty and had asked the previously mentioned judicial authorities to censor newspapers “in order to avoid contact with criminal areas of [geographic] origin” and to censor post given the alert of the “upper echelons of the DAP to increase the control and monitoring of correspondence for the prisoner in question, particularly at this historic moment in which Europe is embroiled in a series of terrorist attacks”: basically, censorship can be applied both to post that is sent from respective areas of geographic origin as well as from anywhere else. Following requests for further clarification, their masterpiece of logic was revealed: it was a simple pre-printed request. Too bad that the criteria for applying the censorship are those used in the 41bis regime, which, among other things, include the actual cutting-out of newspaper articles, which must be cleansed of any dangerous news.

In the days that followed, other practices that are typical of 41bis regime continued to emerge and the constant objection to them prompted a series of disciplinary reports, a popular local practice: we were given 9 in the first week and 6 in the second, for futile reasons and arbitrary, if not imaginary interpretations. These include: the obsessive use of metal-detectors every time we enter and exit our cells, from our outdoor time to our social time, not to mention the times we go for showers – we’ve counted around 12 to 16 times; the ban on CDs and CD players to listen to music (they are only allowed for the mysterious and unclear purposes of “study”): the number of books allowed in the cells which is set at 4, with the addition of the Quran or another religious text and the Italian Penal Code (when asked about substituting religious or legal

CHRONICLES OF A JOURNEY AND LANDING IN THE KINGDOM OF L'AQUILA

Early wake-up call Saturday 6th April: 3 of us are transferred to L'Aquila from the AS2 section (high security) in Rebibbia prison in Rome. In practice the AS2 section in Rebibbia was shut down in the days following our transfer and may have been converted into an AS3 section given the overcrowded conditions for prisoners accused and/or convicted of criminal conspiracy - Art. 416 of the Italian penal code (a similar thing happened in March 2017 when the entire female AS2 section of Latina prison – communists and anarchists – was moved to Rebibbia and later converted into an AS3 section).

Currently, we are in the AS2 section of the Abruzzo region which now holds the sad record of being the only female high security section in Italy classed as AS2. It's a very small section comprising four single cells and is known as the "sezione gialla" ["yellow section"]. The space was set up and used in the past as a female 41bis section [41bis is the hard prison regime set up in Italy in the early 90s] and is one that now – other than us "new arrivals" (forgive the excesses of inmate terminology but there you go) – also holds a muslim prisoner classed as AS2 who, following the transfer of two other prisoners held in the same section in February, spent more than 20 days in isolation. We can therefore assume that our arrival helped the DAP [Italian department of prison administration] avoid any embarrassment regarding the conditions of her detention.

From the very beginning the GOM's [special unit used in 41bis sections] militaristic and ridiculous management of the section was evident (they are the ones managing it here) as were their attempts to apply the rigour and control typical of the 41bis regime. In any case, this prison has male and female 41bis sections (where the only female communist prisoner classed as 41bis has been buried alive here for years) a REMS section ["Residences for the implementation of safety measures" which replaced the psychiatric prison hospitals established in the 70s], AS3 sections, our AS2 section and a "regular security" section with around 20 prisoners who work as labourers seeing as the rest of the prison is heavily guarded. The prison management's first

in recent years. On 31st October 2018, at 8:52 in Arkhangelsk, a young anarchist, Mikhail Zhlobitsky, died ripped apart by his bomb in the premises of the regional Direction of FSB (Russian secret services). Three officers were injured and the building was damaged. This dramatic event makes us understand that on the one hand we lost a courageous comrade and on the other the blame for what happened is the State's. If ideas and freedom are put aside, they will react with the most courageous and determined men and women. It is social conditions that cause such events to occur. And this fact is not 'terrorism'. Now we can mourn the lost comrade, but even more understand that the struggle must continue till deeds such as these are no longer necessary.

On 20th September 1953 an article by Mario Barbari appeared in the anarchist paper *Umanità nova*, where the comrade discussed a book by Giuseppe Mariani concerning the Diana episode in 1921 [on 23rd March 1921 a group of Milanese anarchists placed a bomb outside the city's Diana Theatre, with the intention of striking police chief Gasti, who was believed to be in an apartment above the theatre. The explosion caused 21 dead and many more injured but the intended target was unharmed]: 'And isn't the tyrant a ravenous lion – always craving conquest – when in his despotic brutality he doesn't spare any means against those who try to free themselves from tyranny in the fear that others become aware of the reality that is crushing them? The tyrant is therefore the genuine expression of violence, and those who fight him, are fighting against violence'.

We anarchists have to set a measure that always distinguishes us from those who use violence for their evil purposes. Malatesta called it 'moral gymnastics', thanks to which the meaning of revolutionary violence is different from that of the violence used by the State through its instruments and servants. One of our tasks is to bring clarity to this society based on violence, to struggle so that brutality is at last replaced by fraternity and solidarity for all humankind. Perhaps today staying human is the most difficult battle; getting away from the hatred that surrounds us is even more difficult. If we succeed our goals will be able to emerge with strength and lucidity.

With their accusations they want to throw us in a basket whose contents are more than rotten; instead we must remain uncorrupted in the face of barbarity.

Barbani continued: ‘Therefore it’s no longer a question of violence or non-violence; of loving or hating; of understanding or pitying; but a question of struggling strenuously with all our energy of conscious beings in order to extirpate tyranny and eliminate the yoke of material and spiritual slavery; and for this we incite each one to understand themselves in order to understand others at the same time. If tomorrow a new dawn finds us present in the reality of a revolt of the oppressed and human outcasts, we won’t disdain to be present in the uproar of barricades and even then we will be sure we are not committing violence, but are fighting violence!’

The book *Memorie di un anarchico* [memories of an anarchist] by Giuseppe Mariani has made me think deeply many times, helping me to gain clarity about practices and methods. I end this discourse with the words of Gigi Damiani, from the introduction to Mariani’s book: ‘... But history teaches us that there are times when violence becomes a social necessity. Only it is necessary, as far as possible, that it does not strike blindly or make the humble pay for the guilt of the great’.

I think that at the present moment, sadly also thanks to the State’s blows against our movement, we have the chance to talk about our ideas, practices and dreams again with even more strength. Spaces, however small, are opening up and we have to criticize reformist movements and those in bad faith. In recent months many people have been questioning various issues concerning the direction that society is taking, especially with demonstrations of opinion that unfortunately have a defensive, reformist character that we cannot share. It’s up to us, to those who agree, to create cracks and stimulate reality so that this tenuous revival of awareness goes to the roots of social problems and it doesn’t let itself be deceived by words such as democracy-rights-progress-civilization. Let clarity and our practices become fundamental in succeeding in creating a balance of strength necessary to make the State and the bosses step back from their intents. Here too healthy gymnastics is necessary.

And if prosecutors beneath suspicion such as Raimondi and the police chiefs in Turin and Trento are surprised at the solidarity expressed to us anarchists, inviting so-called civil society to stay away from us, it means that the path is right, and they can only make me happy. Our

of attack, set fire to the nights of the “best of worlds” with constancy and determination, make visible the ongoing social war that power seeks to render invisible at all costs and that otherwise would live only in the heads of subversives and on their internet sites.

We join the call for an International Subversive May in solidarity with the comrades affected by the repression in Italy.

Let so many fires light up chasing one another until the whole prairie is ablaze!

Solidarity with the comrades who have been dealt harsh first-degree sentences for the “Scripta Manent” trial ... Vengeance !!!

Solidarity with the imprisoned / investigated / for the operations “Panico, Renata, Scintilla”, to the comrades arrested in Madrid, to Stefano and Marco arrested in Paris.

Lastly a thought to comrade Mauricio Morales ten years after his death.

For Anarchy

Italy, “Renata” operation: Stecco transferred to the prison of Ferrara

We are making known that anarchist comrade Luca Dolce, known as Stecco, has been transferred from the prison of Tolmezzo (in the province of Udine) to the prison of Ferrara, precisely to the AS2 section (“High Surveillance 2”) where the anarchist comrades recently sentenced in the first instance trial for the “Scripta manent” operation are imprisoned. Stecco has been in prison since February 19, 2019, arrested along with seven other anarchists in the context of the repressive operation named “Renata”.

Rome: For a Subversive May (7 May 2019)

Despite the fact that our action is usually driven by the need to overcome the frustration and sense of powerlessness that this system of oppression would force us into, this time some thoughts have been buzzing around in our heads and we would like to communicate them. We realized that going around lighting up the night with targeted fires is a practice that is spreading.

Specific objectives such as vehicles of companies involved in projects of dominion (such as wars, the construction of detention centres, forced repatriations, etc.), technological network infrastructures (such as laboratories, antenna repeaters, fibre optic exchanges and companies that manage them or collaborate with them) are being attacked more frequently and with simple and easily available means.

This, along with their spreading throughout the country and in the metropolises favours the reproducibility of actions against them. In particular, we have seen more and more attacks on the Enjoy car-sharing vehicles owned by ENI, an Italian multinational which, with the support of the Italian State, has been ravaging territories and looting resources for decades. So, to strengthen this front in the ongoing social war, on the night of May 7th we left combustible material and related primers on 6 cars, ignited them and went away. Anarchist attacks and sabotage are actually little more than sparks in the dark, but when they converge on the same target or concentrate within a specific time or place, the show can be exciting, as well as cause a few more headaches for the defenders and foragers of this system.

For example in the case of the recent campaign against Poste Italiane, which collaborated in the repatriation of undesirables by the well-off Europeans, through its subsidiary company Mistral Air. The incessant attacks in various forms forced Poste Italiane to put an end to its collaboration with the State and issue an official statement in which it stated in black and white that it would no longer carry out repatriations. Another example that direct action if well aimed and contextualized can be effective.

This is our invitation to remind ourselves more often and not limit ourselves to sporadic though spectacular flashes in the dark; let's listen to the way the wind is blowing and to the proposals of specific campaigns

struggle, propaganda, practices frighten those who should be frightened somehow, even if in small part.

I thank with all my heart all the comrades who in recent months have been taking on many burdens in order to carry on the struggle and solidarity with all of us in prison. I thank all those who carry on the debate and the growth of our ideas in meetings, magazines, analyses.

My sincere closeness goes to the comrades under investigation and imprisoned following the 'Scripta Manent', 'Panico', 'Scintilla' trials and all the comrades imprisoned in jails everywhere.

My deepest worry goes to anarchist comrade Anahi Salcedo, locked up in Argentina in precarious physical conditions and without adequate medical care.

Fraternal greetings to the comrades on the run who are walking through the streets of the world.

Once again:

For the Social Revolution, for Anarchy

Prison of Tolmezzo, 25th April 2019

Luca Dolce known as Stecco

For a Subversive May 2019 in Solidarity with the Imprisoned Comrades in Italy

Against All Authority and Repression!

In Turin and Trento, 14 people are accused of forming a subversive association, inciting crime, and possessing, manufacturing and transporting explosives to a public place. Furthermore, the operation “Scripta Manent”, where the public prosecutor’s office demands a total of 204 years in prison for the attacks of the Informal Anarchist Federation and the operation “Panico”, where 3 comrades are accused of having attacked a fascist library with an explosive device, is still running.

Those who have decided to oppose any domination in the social conflict must live with the constant uncertainty of sooner or later being held accountable for their own actions by the opponents of freedom and self-determination. The idea and the longing for a society liberated from exploitation and oppression can then be nipped in the bud.

This is especially the case for the anarchist movement in Italy. This is being tackled by the state. The affected prisoners are to be buried alive in their cells with draconian sentences. Their accomplices and the solidarity environment unequivocally profess their permanent enmity against the regime with regard to their kidnapping.

The understanding of an anarchism that has set itself the goal of fundamentally criticizing, denouncing and attacking society and its morals of alienation and incapacitation also has an international component. Therefore, the responsibility and solidarity for comrades who fall into captivity lies with all those who recognize themselves in the will to subvert and the ideas of freedom. Yes, the lived subversion puts us in danger, but it also gives us the liberating possibility and moments of self-empowerment and self-determination.

“I claim being anti-authoritarian, individualist, for insurrection and the destruction of this lurid and fetid existent and of the State-Capital! Forever your enemy! For Anarchy!”

Gioacchino Somma, defendant in Operation Scripta Manent

Aggressive Solidarity, For The Revolt!

For a Hostile May and a Whole Life Full of Subversion!

murderous system going. Through our “wide variety” of incendiary devices and communiques, we will continue our fight against the enemies of freedom.

We are participating in Subversive May in solidarity with the imprisoned comrades in Italy.

For a world without prisons and oppression!

Against any form of “modern slavery”!

We send friendly greetings of solidarity and strength to our Turkish and Kurdish comrades, who are currently on hunger strikes, to our comrades from the Anarchist Library Fermento in Zurich and to our accomplice Loic.

Freedom for ALL prisoners!

Paris - Diplomatic Vehicle Torched in Solidarity with Anarchist Prisoners

Without waiting for the masses, without waiting for ritual rendezvous, without waiting for any movement or specific struggle. What drives us is our individual asocial tension.

We are aware that we are only small thorns in the foot of power. But we have on our side the dignity of those who do not surrender, despite everything.

On the night of May 6th, a diplomatic car was torched on rue du Bois de Boulogne, in the 16th arrondissement of Paname.

In solidarity with the anarchists sentenced in Italy for the Scripta Manent trial and all the others, all over the world, from Russia to Latin America.

A nod to the fire-lighting night owls.

Long Live Anarchy!

Bamberg, Germany: Subversive May- Incendiary Attack Against Prison Profiteers Massak Logistics

According to its own propaganda, the company Massak Logistics GmbH is a leading company when it comes to making profits from the needs of people.

Werner Massak, who gives interviews as an expert on these exact needs, founded the company in 1993. A company that does not hide the fact that it is a specialist in extracting money from prisoners.

Standard everyday goods (food, tobacco etc) are delivered by Massak Logistics at over-inflated prices to those behind the walls. Since there is no competition for such suppliers in prison, the company Massak can exert their tyranny in this system. Their customers, the prisoners, are deprived of the opportunity to decide for themselves which goods to buy at what price.

The systematic warehousing of people, here in the form of prisons, is one of the clearest forms of everyday rule and oppression. The State coordinates through u.a Armut, deciding who among the angry and marginalized belongs in prison. Those who are locked away can be exploited even more in prison than outside the walls. From this the sector the “prison industry” has developed as a modern form of slavery. Nowhere as perfidious as in the USA.

It sometimes makes us freeze and feel powerless as we become aware of the current conditions and developments. But time and again we reflect on our ideals of freedom, communalism and solidarity and we can feel again that our hearts are still beating. Resignation turns into anger.

We set off on the 12th of May, to express our anger against this inhuman system in a practical way. Using several incendiary devices, we let four Massak Logistics trucks and a transporter go up in flames.

Hopefully we can shake up the three cornerstones of the company “quality, reliability and a wide variety”.

“Qualitatively” causing damage that desperately brings the company to ruin. “Reliably” we will continue to visit all companies that keep this

Terragnolo, Trentino: Fire to a relay antenna in solidarity with the imprisoned anarchists

We see from the local papers that a telephone and television relay was burned in Terragnolo, in the Potrich area of Trentino, on April 16 at around 22.00. Tags « In solidarity with the anarchists in prison, against videoconferencing (which replaces transfers to court) and blocking of post » and « the spirit continues » were found at the spot.

Of the four incendiary bottles used, only the one against the cables would have caught, the other three placed inside the electrical transformers having fizzled out “due to lack of oxygen” according to the carabinieri carrying out the investigation. It was a neighbour who noticed the flames from the road that called the fire fighters, who arrived too late to prevent many of the cables from being burned. This site is also among those selected to experiment with 5G in the area.

Technicians managed to restore the television during the night, but the mobile telephony remained extremely disturbed.

Freedom for all,

Fire to the prisons!

Italy : from the prisons and courts

May 7, 2019

Silvia, Agnese and Anna were transferred from the AS2 (High Security) unit of Rebibbia to that of L’Aquila over a week ago. In the prison of L’Aquila, the capital of the Abruzzo region, nearly all the prisoners are subjected to the 41bis regime. This regime of harsh imprisonment involves 23-hour confinement a day, reduction of time in the exercise yard, impossibility to cook in the cell, where light is dimmed by the presence of opaque transparent plastic panels, only an hour visit with family members, which also takes place with glass partitions with no possibility of contact.

Moreover there’s no way you can have more than four books in the cell, letters are always subjected to censorship, it’s impossible to attend trials other than via video-conferencing. In prisons where there is 41bis,

the shadow of this regime extends well beyond the units concerned and ends up changing prison conditions for the rest of the prisoners.

Silvia, Agnese and Anna are in single cells, with locked armoured doors, in an area that was once the women's 41bis unit. Their day is marked by wake-up at 7am with the opening of the spy-hole; at 8am the guards bang on the window bars to test their resistance; the comrades have two hours in the exercise yard in the morning and two in the afternoon. Every move outside and inside the cell is marked by metal detector control; they are checked 12 times a day on average and a general personal search is inflicted on them every day. They have only an hour of sociality in a small narrow room. Their cells have a television set and a toilet, but they have nowhere to keep clothes, food, books and belongings. They have a small cupboard outside the cell where they can keep a maximum of 7 items of clothing; anything they remove or place inside is checked and what remains is counted. They can have only three books in the cell. The radios have been sealed and the time has been blacked out from the TV screen in the cell. It's practically impossible to have any idea of the time. The guards watching them belong to the Gom body, hardened women in this special body of prison thugs. The comrades have had nine disciplinary reports in just over a week. One of them had put her foot on the wall of the sociality room; another had gone to the exercise yard with a pen in her hand.

Right away the prison established a block on the incoming and outgoing letters for all three comrades. Now it remains valid only for Silvia; since the day of their transfer, Saturday 6th April, she has the thread of communication with the outside composed of letters, telegrams and books – already under censorship – cut off. A link which is fundamental to break the isolation that prison forces on you, even more so in an AS2 unit where there are four prisoners.

A few days ago, in video-conferencing from L'Aquila prison during a hearing of the trial for a demo in Brenner, Agnese described the conditions the comrades are under, defining the AS2 unit a tomb.

Video-conferencing is also being extended to different kinds of prisoners. Initially reserved for prisoners under 41bis, where it's automatic, it was later applied to prisoners accused of terrorism so to all those considered dangerous, regardless of the charges contested in the trials. Videoconferencing is a particularly heavy instrument, as not

only does it make legal defence more difficult and limits the possibility to make declarations in court, it also denies the prisoner the possibility to meet, albeit in a court, some friendly faces and break the prison routine.

Coming to more strictly legal matters, we consider it important to highlight the reasons why the comrades arrested following operation Scintilla are still being held in prison. After the charge of subversive association was dropped, Beppe and Antonio remain in jail for the publication of the pamphlet 'The sky is burning'. This being a list of individuals at various levels responsible for the existence of detention centres for migrants, a list addressed to an anarchist area might be expected to make bad use of it, the mere act of publishing it justifies this charge by the court of review. On top of that, house arrest was refused because the two comrades' records make the risk of recidivism very likely. On the contrary, Silvia remains in jail because her anthropometric profile, in terms of gait, height and body shape, would be compatible with that of the person filmed by cameras while he/she was placing a can of inflammable liquid outside the premises of a Poste Italiane office. The anthropometric discipline is destined to become an increasingly important instrument for investigators in the near future, and we need to come back to this with reflection and deeper analysis.

We end this update pointing out that censorship on letters has been confirmed for the three comrades; according to the judge this is due to the wide and lasting solidarity developed since the comrades' arrest and the eviction of Asilo.

Meantime it's urgent to break the isolation, which Silvia is particularly subjected to, a way to dent the brutality of prison.