

Hands Off!



Two unsolved robberies in Aachen lead to an international anarchist witch-hunt involving cops, laboratories, judges and screws.

As a result, three anarchists, incorrigible dreamers of freedom and bitter enemies of all power, are arrested in Spain and the Netherlands and extradited to the dungeons of the German State.

Let's seize the challenge of this very contemporary repressive design and transform it into an attack on the existent, each in their own way, with their own means.



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These pages shine a light on three anarchists presently sequestered in the dungeons of the neo dark ages as a result of the collusion between money lenders, science laboratories, judges and their henchmen.

It all began a few years ago. Two branches of dedicated speculators in genocide, worldwide slavery and domestic misery - Aachener Bank and Pax Bank, bank of the Vatican, - were relieved of a fraction of their spoils when employees obeyed the requests of some clients arms in hand. No shots fired, a couple of news items, examples of one of the few ways for the excluded to deal with banks: put one's life on the line and take back some of what has been stolen from us all, in anticipation of destroying the bank itself and the exploitation that goes with it. If this elementary activity has changed little over the centuries, the retaliatory instruments available to such institutions through their eager defenders have extended to the laboratories of high technology (which they finance), opening up a new repressive era for those who do not accept the logic of misery and waiting.

If once the bosses' hounds would sniff around for 'clues', they now claim to extract them from inside our very bodies, to which end they have invented a whole series of tricks, some of which are denounced in the pages that follow, after turning to their cyber colleagues and the now ubiquitous practice of DNA matching. As a result, three anarchists from various European countries have been targeted, accused, imprisoned and dispatched to the cages of the European superpower, boss of bosses, usurer of usurers.

This reality affects us all. The DNA banks are widening their perspectives, their final aim being the profiling of the entire human race. It widens the field of action for all those who want to have done with this world and have decided to act, fired by yet another repressive spectacle to the detriment of those who have never bowed their heads to power and its covenants.

A few anarchists in solidarity



The story so far:

8 July 2013. A subsidiary of the Aachener Bank in Aachen receives an unexpected early visit. Robbers get the safe opened and leave with a considerable amount of money.

19 November 2014. The Pax Bank, bank of the Vatican, receives another unexpected visit. The robbers get the safe opened; they lay their hands on a few hundred thousand euros.

Following these robberies, an extensive investigation is opened by the German police in collaboration with police in many other European countries. Today, the German justice system is boasting that it has arrested those responsible: a few anarchists, incorrigible dreamers of freedom and bitter enemies of all power.

Whether 'guilty' or 'innocent', our solidarity goes to the three comrades who find themselves in the clutches of the State. In the face of the international repressive operations against them, the challenge of solidarity is also considerable. It is not just a question of defending these comrades and making them feel our complicit closeness to them, the challenge is also to seize this repressive moment to transform it, yet again, into an attack against domination.

The attack on property, expropriation, the refusal and destruction of work, are part of the whole rainbow of direct action against governments, their men and structures. Each in their own particular way, but always in an offensive perspective.

With midnight always in one's heart

November 2015

*With midnight always in one's heart,
And twilight in one's cell,
We turn the crank, or tear the rope,
Each in his separate Hell,
And the silence is more awful far
Than the sound of a brazen bell.*

After having been arrested and taken to prison in a small border town somewhere in South-Eastern Europe, and having had the “pleasure” of spending three weeks in its state-hotels, I now find myself in the claws of the German state. At the moment of writing I still do not know when I will be free again; no “official” accusation has been sent, no court date has been set. In theory, “U-haft” can take up to six months- depending on the wishes and whims of prosecutors and judges however this period can be extended. So far I have not been wrecking my head over it too much. The insecurity of not knowing what will happen next, or when, is one of the more difficult things in this situation, but I refuse to torture myself with questions that for now remain unanswerable. Whatever is to come, I will face it with my head held high.

The circumstances under which I am held here I suppose could be pronounced “harsh” (no phone calls, all communication with the outside world subjected to voyeuristic interference- the prosecutor reading all letters to and fro, visits always in the presence of a screw and overzealous criminal police) but then again, I would not expect any different from those I consider my enemies. For that they are, and among them the friendlier faces of oppression: the priests, the therapists, the social workers, ... (someone once rightly remarked how only two kinds of people enter prison: those who can leave again voluntarily, and those who cannot.) And when the incessant imposed control, discipline, and “re-socialisation” fail to succeed, self-flagellation is never far. No need for pacification or control when all possible critique is transformed into a mea culpa, when the prevailing idea among those locked up is that one is in prison because one did something “wrong”, is “guilty” of something and now has to pay the price for it.

I do not want to enter a discourse that speaks in terms of innocence and guilt, for the juxtaposition at stake is not between these two “categories” formulated in the language of domination, the language of law; a language absolutely

antagonistic to my own. It is, simplistic put, between those who desire freedom and those who steal it from them. And this has little to do with the double row of bars blocking my window, with the triple layer of walls and gates surrounding this place. As one of the philosophical cadavers of the university has written in a not too distant history, “prison continues, on those who are entrusted to it, a work begun elsewhere, which the whole of society pursues on each individual through innumerable mechanisms of discipline”. This work however simultaneously continues inside and outside of prison; prison is not “external” to society, it is simply another one of the many expressions of domination.

And in this pan-optical world every act of rebellion, whether it is robbing a bank or stealing a loaf of bread, is a negation of the omnipresent control imposed upon us, a deafening or barely audible No in the face of domination. Expropriation is merely one of the means in the vast array of those available to take back what is stolen from us on a daily basis – our self-determination, the freedom and possibility to construct our lives according to our own wishes and desires. With every act of rebellion we reappropriate our lives and dignity, with every act of rebellion we simultaneously negate the existing relations of power and oppression and affirm the ability to decide over our own existence. And although my existence is temporarily on hold – for this is not life – my heart beats far beyond these walls.

Love and solidarity to those in struggle everywhere, be it a deafening or a barely audible one.

Provisional liberty

January 5, 2016

Many months have passed since that hot summer day in early June [2015] where our friend and comrade was arrested during a passport check at the Greek-Bulgarian border. The European arrest warrant had been issued by the prosecutor of Aachen, Germany. After spending three weeks in Bulgarian cells, she was delivered to the German cops at the airport of Sofia.

In Germany, she was locked in custody for her alleged involvement in a bank robbery that occurred two years before (in 2013).

Prisoners are put in this regime pending their trial, officially for a period of up to 6 months in fact very often extended to more than a year. In her case, the restrictions applied meant that at each visit (2 hours per month) two cops, a screw and an interpreter were present, she could not make any phone calls and all her mail was first sent to the office of the Attorney where it was read before being delivered with a delay of one month. Her incarceration was based on one single clue: a DNA trace on two compressed air guns found by a bank employee in the bank toilet 11 days later.

Just a few weeks ago, 2 December [2015], after months of instruction she has been formally accused of bank robbery, hostage taking and possession of weapons. These charges were submitted to three judges before deciding whether it should lead to prosecution in court or not. On December 16, the court called the jail to ask that our comrade be released, the charges having been dropped, the "evidence" provided by five months instruction was insufficient to bring the case to court.

Now our comrade is with us again. The happiness that gives us does not however replace or make us forget the rage against the restrictions of isolation, against the ridiculous circus of uniforms and against any authoritarian system thus playing with the lives of people. The greatest strength came from the uncompromising attitude outside any cooperation that our comrade adopted: she always held her head high and kept alive her non conformist spirit.

As most rebels and anarchists know, repression can strike us anytime, because the State can go very far to maintain its laws and its order, as well as preventing the spread of our ideas. In those moments, it is easy to feel attracted to and locked into this game of strategy and fear that is precisely the substance of our enemies.

In those moments, we need to remember that we have other

instruments and practices to combat this suffocation. It is only by fighting their strategy with our own rebellious intelligence and profound ethics and by combating fear by confidence in our complicity, our affinities and our struggles that we can make something more of those moments, rather than limit ourselves to the technical and legal aspect of the State which locks one of us up. It is precisely in these moments of stress, resentment and sadness that it is important not to let ourselves be intimidated or tempted by doubt as to our ideas, our relationships and our struggles. Even if keeping one's feet on the ground, the spirit awake and hearts burning can be difficult in these moments, it depends on us - and not on the freedom of a comrade - to not let ourselves be deprived of it; we are the only ones able to fight their logic, which also instills itself inside us.

Our ideas and our struggles are forged on the hatred of prisons and the world that needs them. The struggle against these structures and those who make them possible includes the fact of expressing and extending our desire to pull all their doors down and destroy these pillars of this capitalist and authoritarian society.

When we are faced with some repressive attack it is crucial not to forget these ideas or put them aside; we cannot but develop a perspective on active solidarity, by the continuation of our projects of struggle against all the manifestations of this prison society.

We agree with the words of our comrade and refuse to use concepts of "innocence" and "guilt". These terms are part of the language of the prosecutors and judges that serve politicians and bosses. Words that support their system of exploitation and control. It is a language that as anarchists we refuse to speak - we spit on it. The reason we have not made her name public, and why we will not do so here, is to not bring water to the mill of the often eluding and distorting role of heroine or victim into which anarchist prisoners are often relegated. She was an imprisoned anarchist comrade among many others that are not forgotten or cheered, but present in pursuing our struggles and projects and in our subversive actions against the established order.

Solidarity with all those who struggle against prisons, inside and out.

Solidarity with those who, in the face of the blows of repression continue to feel the need and the courage to continue to live and fight for their ideas and projects.



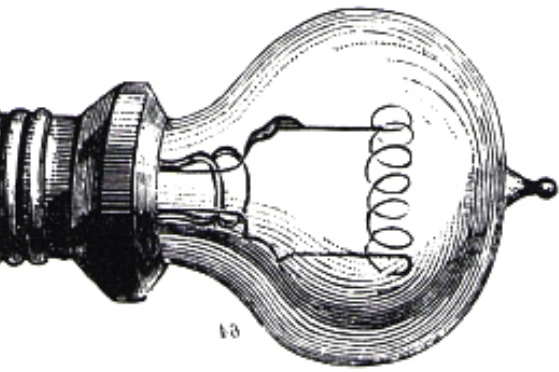
ni domesticades ni emmordassades

**-solidaritat rebel i internacionalista-
-amb la anarquista detinguda el 13A-**

*La companya es troba empresonada relacionada
amb una investigació sobre l'expropiació d'entitats
bancàries en territori alemany i està pendent
d'una ordre d'extradició a aquest país.
Si la nostra companya es extraditada,
l'endemà de conèixer la notícia...*

manifestació - 20h - plaça revolució - m. joaníc

not domesticated, not gagged. international rebel solidarity with the arrested anarchist comrade 13A. Our comrade has been arrested in relation to an investigation involving the expropriation of banks in Germany and is awaiting extradition. If she is extradited, the day after there will be a demo at 20h in the plaza revolucio.



Repressive Operation in Barcelona

April 15, 2016

On Wednesday April 13 at 5am an operation of the Mossos d'Esquadra began in which two private homes and a squat in the neighbourhood of La Salut, the "Blokos Fantasma" were raided and the twenty or so people living in the building were detained for twelve hours.

In addition to the looting and destruction that accompanies any police search, the operation resulted in the arrest of a comrade who had already been imprisoned within the framework of the Pandora Operation, and for whom since 11 April there was a European arrest warrant on charges of participation in bank expropriations in Germany.

After her transfer to the Spanish National Court, judge Eloy Velasco ordered preventive detention for our comrade, who has been transferred to the prison of Soto del Real. As she is also charged in the Pandora trial (currently under instruction) and that she herself has expressed her desire not be extradited, our defence has called for a "conditioning" of the European extradition order, claiming that she be held in custody in the Spanish State until the trial pending here is held. Within a maximum period of 2 months (extendable for another month), the High Court would have to decide whether the handing over of our comrade to the German authorities can be temporarily suspended or not. From the German press we learned that she has been linked to an expropriation that occurred two years ago in the town of Aachen, during which, again according to the press, the assailant group took a significant amount of money from the bank without causing any injuries or personal damage.

Whatever the evolution of the judicial process, we want to publicly show our support to the comrade, vindicating as our own her revolutionary objectives, her struggle and militant activity. We who know her well, know that she has totally earned the solidarity of all. We are talking about a fighter and anarchist, a person active for years in various anti-racist, feminist and libertarian projects of Barcelona, always in solidarity with the persecuted, always willing to

help wherever she could, always willing, always generous, cheerful and smiling with whom she is close, always intransigent and firm against everything that she perceives as unjust.

The media attempt to turn her into a 'public danger' could not be more perverse. Especially when this operation of media manipulation involves presenting the banks as victims, in a total inversion of reality, that glorifying those who have stolen, squeezed like lemons, swindled, deported and made drastic cuts with impunity for years, while criminalizing those who revolt against their order and dare to attack them.

We are not interested in knowing whether the comrade is actually responsible for these robberies or not. Expropriation is an ethically just and politically legitimate practice, a method of struggle that is part of the history of all revolutionary movements.

Indeed, despite the constant attempts by Power to reduce this method to within the scope of a "common crime", moved by interest and individual greed, the fact is that the expropriation of places of accumulation of capital is a constant in our history: from the anarchist-syndicalist groups in the early twentieth century who robbed banks to support strikes or help the families of imprisoned comrades, to the various autonomous groups of the 70s-80s such as the MIL, the OLLA or ERAT (formed by workers of the SEAT) which diverted the money accumulated by the rich to various projects of the exploited in struggle, through groups of maquis such as those of Sabate or Facerias, which in the post war period carried out robberies to finance the resistance against the Franco regime. Expropriation, both in its tactical expression of a general political struggle, as in the form of social banditry in which is recovered what the banks rob from us to break free from the chains of labour exploitation and unemployment recovers, we do not think

is something reprehensible under any principle, but rather the opposite. The fact that there are people who are tired of being systematically trampled and squeezed by the legalized mafia confirms that “we are not merchandise in hands of politicians and bankers” and that fortunately the human condition resists against meekly accepting the dictatorship of capital over our lives.

The police and media hunt deployed following these robberies in Germany must not make us lose perspective or confuse who is the enemy. The real public danger is the power represented by criminals like Wolfgang Schäuble and Angela Merkel, power that has not just emptied a couple of safes, but the social wealth of whole peoples and territories. It is the power of the transnational elites that have doomed millions of people to misery to impose austerity measures functional to their neoliberal and imperialist project.

The arrest of our comrade is just one more reason to fight these elites and the system they represent, a system fanatically driven by the accumulation of money in a few hands at the expense of suffering, dispossession and exploitation of the rest. Neither the police nor the massive propaganda of the regime can obscure what is already obvious to everyone, and that is, as the poet said, what is the crime of robbing a bank compared with the crime of founding one?

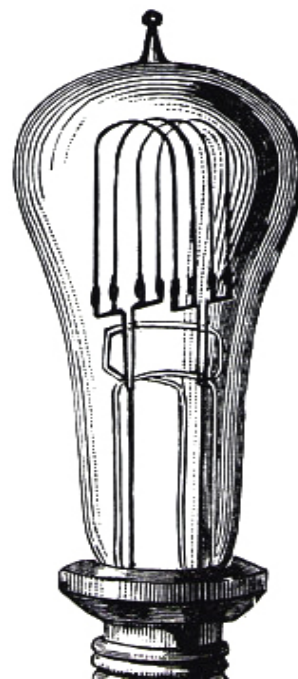
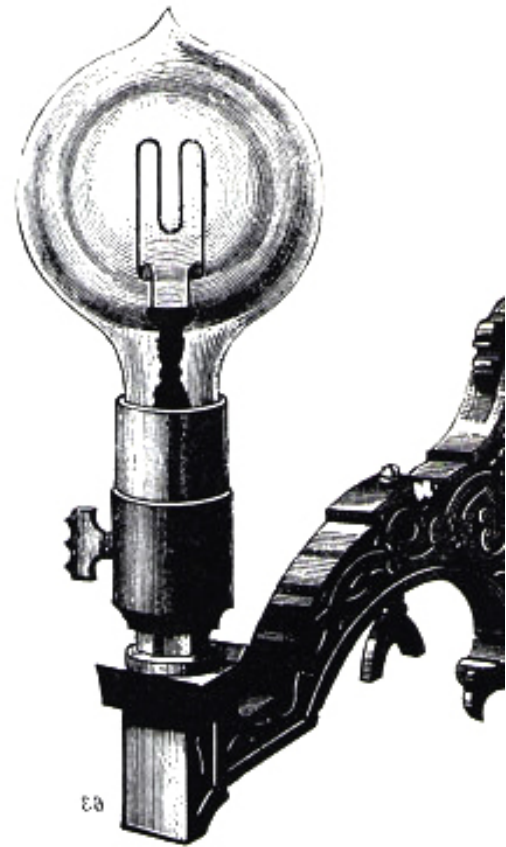
Immediate freedom for the comrade imprisoned in Madrid!

Let's block the extradition process!

Solidarity with the Blokes Fantasma and all persecuted fighters!

While there is misery, there will be rebellion!

Comrades of the person imprisoned.



Revenge against the comrade imprisoned in Madrid accused of bank robbery

July 6, 2016

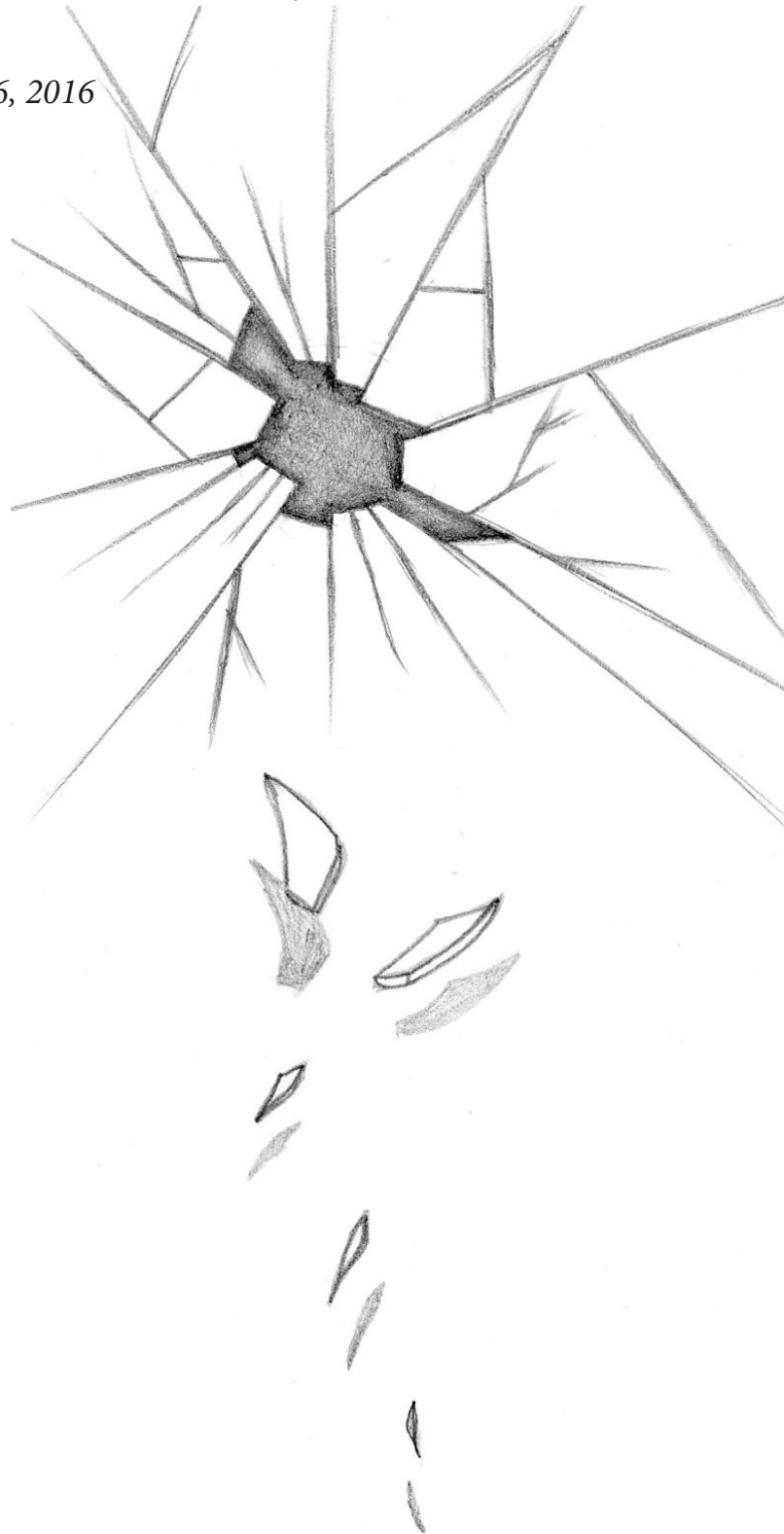
The comrade imprisoned in Soto del Real since 13th April has been subjected to abuse from the prison governor for a number of days. On the pretext of 'reasons of security' not only was she refused the possibility of seeing her partner alone in private on the day of their wedding but all telephone calls with them or anyone else have also been prohibited. Moreover the vice-governor has inflicted several disciplinary sanctions on her because – according to him – she allegedly instigated the other prisoners to revolt, and also as a punishment for talking with other prisoners during the night.

These punishments should be seen as revenge for the comrade's combative attitude and the solidarity she has expressed. In spite of the distance and isolation she has continued to participate in the struggles outside with determination, as she sent out a message in support of the Banc Expropiat in Gracia and a piece of writing where she reaffirmed her political ideas and practices of struggle against the State and the capitalist system.

For those who are outside, all these attempts at silencing her and isolating her can only translate into a multiplication of demonstrations of solidarity and efforts to spread her words for which they want to further punish her. We must also remember that the deadline set for her detention in Soto del Real is due to expire shortly, and her extradition to Germany is expected on 30th June.

*We won't let them silence the voice of the combatant prisoner!
Let's smash the wall with which they want to isolate our comrade!*

*Spread the word – Take to the streets – Respond to the calls
– Act!*



Every heart is a time bomb

April 13, 2016

On 13th April 2016 the Mossos d'Esquadra in collaboration with the German police raided three places, two of which were private homes and one was the squat Blokes Fantasma. The repressive operation concluded with the arrest of our comrade, for whom there was a European arrest warrant after Germany accused her of participating in a bank expropriation in the country in 2014.

The comrade has been held in solitary confinement in the prison of Soto del Real (Madrid) since 14th April and has expressed her opposition to being extradited; but judge Angela Murillo of the fourth section of the Audiencia Nacional gave in (as usual) to the request of the German state and on 26th May she ordered our comrade to be extradited within 10 days, after which she'll be put in a maximum security prison. The prosecutor in Aachen (Germany) is the same one that issued a European arrest warrant on 24th June 2015 against a Dutch anarchist comrade, who was arrested on the Greek-Bulgarian border and imprisoned for two months. She was then extradited to Cologne, where she spent 4 months in jail, also charged with expropriating a German bank in 2013. She was released on bail on 16th December 2015 and is awaiting trial.

What the powerful call crisis is nothing more than capitalist restructuring, which on the one hand leads us to precariousness, pauperization and uncertainty in our lives, and on the other has to repress and imprison all the people who decide to struggle and rebel against a life of misery they want to condemn us to. Obvious examples are the 'ley mordaza' (the gag bill), the new penal code, new antiterrorism legislation... In order to enforce all the political and economic measures to maintain the status quo, they need to constantly sharpen their apparatus of repression and control.

In the name of security and democracy collaboration between states in matters of repression is something that they are refining more and more: European warrants, meetings

between colleagues in uniform from various countries, 'undesirable persons' databases and DNA archives are all part of their arsenal of control.

The hypocrisy of the Europe of profit opens the borders to the circulation of capital and goods and at the same time closes them to those who don't resign themselves to living on crumbs and flee from misery, devastated areas and the wars made by those who are on the other side of the same borders. Unperturbed and in horrible normality, this Europe observes the barbarities it has provoked. Past and recent history shows that it is possible to break normality: by challenging the law of dominion, power, consensus and capital, by taking back our lives.

The experience of the defence of Banc Expropiat in the neighbourhood of Gracia in Barcelona opened up a crack in the social peace that they try to impose on us daily, but it has also shown possibility and hope towards building an autonomous and dignified way of living.

We know that the rebel fire burning in Gracia in recent days warmed our comrade's heart during her solitary confinement in Madrid; and in spite of the distance she was close to us in the actions and passions of these nights, as she has done many other times.

It matters little whether the comrade is guilty of what she is accused of or not, a job we leave to the bastards who defend the system.

All the ways of expropriating the enemy who's been robbing us for centuries, are not only legitimate but also desirable.

All our support to anyone who risks their freedom to expropriate Capital.

Rebel and internationalist solidarity with all the fighters
Freedom for the comrade arrested on 13th April in Barcelona
and for all anarchist prisoners

FOR THE SPREADING OF REVOLT

Anarchists in solidarity

Update on Aachen repression

April 19, 2016

In July 2015 our friend and comrade got arrested at a passport control at the Greek-Bulgarian border. The Europe-wide arrest warrant against her had been issued by the prosecution office of Aachen, Germany, on the 24th of June 2015. In Germany she got locked up under the ‘U-haft‘ (Untersuchungshaft) regime in Cologne because of a presumed involvement in an armed bank robbery that had taken place two years earlier (2013). On the 2nd December 2015, after months of investigation the prosecution formally charged her with bank robbery, hostage taking and weapon possession. On the 16th of December, the court called the prison instructing them to release our comrade because all charges were to be dropped, since the “evidence” that months of investigation produced was not sufficient for this case to be brought to court.

When we were writing the above statement concerning the imprisonment and release of our friend, we hoped it would be the last. Unfortunately the German cops did not agree, and decided to appeal against the decision of her release. This resulted in, after first being rejected by the normal court, the higher court’s decision to reopen the case. Concretely this means that, after having spent nearly six months in preventive prison, our friend and comrade is now outside awaiting trial. It is still unclear when the court case will take place. Despite several desperate attempts from the prosecutor’s office to also get a new warrant for her arrest – at the moment we are awaiting the high court’s decision of yet another appeal – she is still outside with us.

However, on Wednesday the 13th of April the same prosecutor’s office ordered a series of house raids in Barcelona that resulted in the arrest of another comrade; she is said to have participated in a bank robbery that was carried out in Aachen in 2014. It is clear that the German and Spanish

authorities have decided to join forces in the ongoing project of repression against anarchists in the European territory, supported by the ever obedient dogs of the media.

As expected the media are rubbing their hands together, intertwining “common crimes” with anarchists. This does not come as a surprise, especially in a time that more and more is defined by repressive blows against anything subversive. However, we think it is important to leave the distinction between “common” or “political” crimes to the cops, the prosecutors, the journalists. We do not need to provide the authorities with categories they are only too willing to accept. As has been stated in the communiqué published by comrades of the person arrested in Barcelona, expropriation of banks is “an ethically just and politically legitimate practice, a method of struggle that forms part of the history of every revolutionary movement.” Whether the accused individuals have participated in the robberies or not is not important to us. What is important is that we express our solidarity with those persecuted by the authorities.

While the servants of the State are spawning their assumptions and accusations into the world with a lot of spectacle, we should remember our own perspectives and ideas. These are not times for speculation, neither on the “motives” of the robberies, nor on the presumed innocence or guilt of the arrested. Rather than being a moment for questions, this should be a moment of answers – clear answers directed at those who oppress us. As has been said before, “you touch one of us, you touch all of us”. More than anything this is a time for solidarity, in every possible form it can take.

Freedom for the imprisoned comrade now

Until all prisons and the banks that need them are destroyed
Amsterdam, 19th April 2016

Solidarity...

21 April, Barcelona

In the night of April 21, Deutsche Bank attacked in solidarity with the comrade imprisoned on 13 April. Cash dispenser and showcase smashed, tag left: "rebel solidarity freedom comrade April 13 "

23 April, Munich

The Spanish consulate in Munich was hit with several bottles filled with paint against the ongoing repression of the Spanish state - International solidarity and attack! Solidarity with Mónica, Francisco and the comrade recently arrested in Barcelona!

21 May, Barcelona

On May 21st 2016, we attacked a branch of Deutsche Bank located at Gran de Sant Andreu Street. All windows and the ATM screen were smashed, and slogans were spray-painted demanding the release of the compañera who was arrested on April 13th, accused of robbing a Vatican bank in the German city of Aachen.

We encourage everyone to continue actions and displays of solidarity with those subjected to imprisonment and reprisals for fighting.

The struggle is the only way.

Barcelona, summer of 2016

End of May, Barcelona

The response to the expulsion of the Banc Expropiat occupation in the Gracia neighbourhood is virulent: several days of clashes and looting follow. By telephone, the comrade incarcerated sent words of solidarity that will be broadcast at events.

Spain – Words from the anarchist comrade threatened with extradition



Some days ago, as we had already taken the extradition to Germany of the comrade arrested on 13th April for granted, we got news that it would be postponed for a month, a postponement decided by the Audiencia Nacional in response to our lawyer's request as preparation of her marriage documents had begun before her arrest. As soon as the tribunal's decision was made known, the comrade was transferred to the women's prison of Brieva (Avila), from where we thought they were making arrangements for the flight to Germany.

From the prison we received her words, which we are going to publish immediately. At the moment the comrade is being held once again in the prison of Soto del Real (Madrid), in solitary confinement and with the possibility to go to the exercise yard with the other prisoners, at least until 30th June, the day when the delay for the wedding ceremony expires.

In the meantime we are making a callout for solidarity with the comrade in the streets, for support to all imprisoned fighters and for showing deep contempt at the system that keeps them kidnapped in order to defend its miserable order.

Words from the comrade arrested on 13th April

June 1, 2016



'Comrades, I'm writing from the prison of Brieva, Avila, where I've been just taken after a month and a half of imprisonment in Soto del Real, Madrid, always in FIES and solitary confinement. I wanted to write earlier but communications and information are very slow and restricted, so I haven't done so till now.

I truly appreciate all the gestures and demonstrations of solidarity and support.

I felt them so strongly that they passed through the walls, bars and systems of security and control. No matter how much they try they will never manage to break or stop our will and determination to rebel against the world of total misery in which they force us to live.

It is precisely the most difficult circumstances that give us more strength and determination to improve and sharpen the many possibilities of conflict we have, both inside and out. The struggles for liberation from all forms of oppression are numerous, as are the methodologies and the just and legitimate practices of struggle.

From the mere refusal to recognize whatever authority to the attack and expropriation of a bank.

The most important thing with actions is that they can be understood by themselves: their objectives, ends and values.

When different struggles intertwine in a wider context, they complete and strengthen one another, putting an end to the distinction between political and personal; for all the personal decisions we make in our lives end up being political

while political choices directly affect our private lives.

Clearly we must be alert at every step we take in order not to fall in the clutches of the state and its servants.

But we know well that the struggle has a price.

The state and the media respond every time with more repression and increasingly insistent media persecution against all those who set themselves against.

For now I'm here but it's likely that I'll be soon extradited to Germany. I feel strong in the face of the situation and anything that will come. Above all proud of our ideas, values and anarchist practices, of the life that we have chosen and continue to choose day by day.

Strength and solidarity with all the persecuted and imprisoned fighters!

The struggle continues, they will never stop us!

1st June, 2016

Prison of Brieva (Avila, Espana)

Another comrade of Barcelona in prison for the case of bank expropriations in Germany

June 21, 2016

Tuesday, June 21 at dawn, the Mossos d'Esquadra Corps kicked down the door of the house of an anarchist comrade of Barcelona, where he lived with his companion and other housemates. All were awakened by guns pointed on them and were handcuffed for hours while police raided and devastated the home, located in the neighbourhood del Eixample. Eventually, the comrade was arrested and transferred to Madrid, where the National Court ordered his detention on the basis of a European arrest warrant issued by the prosecutor of Aachen, accusing him of having participated in the expropriation of a branch of Pax Bank that took place in November 2014.

It is for this same action that the comrade arrested on April 13 in Carmel is also in prison. In this case, however, the police decided not to use the staging and media spectacle it had used during the April operation, not issuing any press release and not notifying the media of the operation.

According to what we have been able to find out, the arrest warrant is based on the supposed coincidence between a trace of genetic material found in the Pax Bank in Aachen and a DNA sample that Mossos had taken from the comrade, simulating a BAC control for alcohol. During this false control, the police got him to blow into a breathalyzer and kept the plastic tip to extract the genetic profile of the comrade from the remaining saliva.

After a relatively brief imprisonment in the Madrid Soto de Real prison, the comrade was transferred to the prison of Aachen – in the Land of North Rhine – Westphalia (in West Germany) – where he is in conditions similar to those of the comrade arrested in April: one hour's air a day, held in the remand building, only a few hours visit a month, unable to call those close to him and control of all communications. The visiting format is particularly degrading; visits take place in the presence of two police officers from the unit conducting the investigation and an interpreter who translates the conversation simultaneously.

However, this is not the first time that the comrade has faced the challenges of punishment and the prison institution. His current detention adds itself to a previous sentence of over 10 years served in Portugal – where he is from – during which he was noted for his denunciation of abuse and violation of prisoners' rights, for participating in hunger strikes, organizing with other prisoners to improve

their living conditions, urging them to abandon the drugs with which the institution makes the enclosed population submit and personally creating a large libertarian library to promote awareness and the political formation of the prisoners, a continuation of the work as bookseller that he had developed before entering prison. His combative attitude and his solidarity put him in the firing line of the prison administration and finally he was judged as one of the 25 accused in the well known mutiny of Caixas*. Once outside, the comrade moved to Barcelona, where he has often been seen participating in meetings, street demonstrations and activities of the libertarian movement.

Today, along with the comrade arrested in April, he faces the upcoming trial where he will be judged for his alleged involvement in the November 2014 bank expropriation.

We point out that with him three people are already implicated in what the German police describe as a "series of robberies" that took place in Aachen between 2012 and 2014, counting the Dutch comrade who is on provisional release pending trial in September. There it will be decided whether she should be re-extradited to Germany, where she has already served several months of preventive prison, accused of having carried out an expropriation in 2013.

We send all our strength and our solidarity, our respect and our support to who is being prosecuted in the name of the capitalist order and its foundations: exploitation between equals and the submission of the whole of life, social relations and territories to the blind logic of profit, the conversion of money into more money, and the enrichment of some on the impoverishment of all the others.

Freedom for the persons accused of expropriating banks in Germany! Freedom for all persons in struggle incarcerated and accused!

(*) In this mutiny, which occurred in March 1996, the growing wave of struggles by prisoners in the Portuguese prisons throughout the 90s reached a climax, giving rise to a generalised movement of protest in the Caixas penitentiary, one of the most overcrowded in Portugal where the non-respect of rights that continued after the overthrow of the dictatorship was the most obvious. The protest movement that demanded as a minimum the application of these constitutional rights, was stifled by savage beatings against the 180 hunger strikers who participated in the mobilization.

Break with routine

June 22, 2016



In the morning of June 22, we decided to break with the routine of Barcelona and show our solidarity with the comrade arrested April 13 and soon to be extradited to Germany by breaking the windows of the offices of FEDA (German business school). FEDA (Formación Empresarial Dual Alemana), in rue Provenca in the neighbourhood of Clot trains managers, those who aspire to become our future leaders and exploiters, the capitalist slave driver. The school is directly related to the German state but we do not forget that it is the Spanish State and the Mossos d'Esquadra that made the arrest.

By attacking these offices we send a strong embrace to the comrade and take the opportunity to encourage this multi-faceted solidarity that uses direct action. Let's not forget that the nights are with us and that attacks against the structures of power must multiply!

Some anarchists

Spain: Extradition of the comrade to Germany

July 2016

[Text of a poster put up in Barcelona and beyond, July 2016]

Yesterday, Wednesday, June 29, around 5pm, prison guards of the Soto de Real penitentiary present themselves in the cell of the comrade arrested on April 13 to inform her of her immediate transfer and get her to pack all her things. This means that the extradition process - normally conducted in silence vis-a-vis the outside, without giving the possibility to notify the transferee - has already taken place or will take place today at the latest. The European arrest warrant issued by Germany in early April against our comrade accused of involvement in the expropriation of a branch of the Pax Bank in the city of Aachen in 2014 thus becomes effective.

We know that comrade will take with her not only the determination and the conviction of her revolutionary political principles, but also all manifestations of solidarity and support that you have expressed to her all this time, reminding her that she is not and will never be alone in the face of a State that prosecutes and attacks all those who rebel against its order of misery.

We are making this call to demonstrate in the streets our support for her and all the repressed people in struggle and we recall that in response to the extradition rally has been called at Manresa, tomorrow Friday, July 1st at 20h in Plaça Sant Domènec .

We want her free, we want her with us!

Solidarity with the persons accused of expropriating the banks in Aachen!

Freedom for all persons in struggle who are imprisoned or persecuted!

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There are those who dream little and desire even less.

Who are satisfied with trivialities, which are entertained instead of living, growing their own MOI to disappear into oblivion.

There are those who are full of wonderful ideas, beautiful and destructive, but who hesitate at the time of putting them into practice, hiding behind discourses of lukewarm purity, they eventually end up unsatisfied in the sad topology of indecision.

But there are also the few with confused dreams but full of conviction.

Who want everything, but are also able to give even more.

Who can be contagious with their momentum, their enthusiasm and audacity.

Persistent, indomitable, stubborn.

Who never accommodate to seeming, as they seek the

intensity of what is real, because reaching the boundaries is not enough for them, because they simply do not fit into this world so flat. Because they recognized that to achieve new worlds you have to tear alive pieces and moments of the existent.

That to advance, we must launch forward, sometimes even into a vacuum, aware of danger, but believing in victory.

That coherence, companionship and humility be the raw material of all the change that is violently necessary.

Above all, they realized that this dismal truth, there is only reality, our conscience and our decisions ...

Freedom for the comrade arrested in Barcelona on April 13

For anarchy!

Fire to the prisons!



Solidarity (cont...)

25 June, Madrid

Prison of Soto del Real (Madrid). Solidarity gathering outside the prison where the comrade is locked up.

1 July, Manresa and Barcelona

Solidarity gathering in response to the extradition to Germany at Manresa and wild demo in Barcelona.

2 July, Amsterdam

Saturday, July 2nd, we gave a small sign of solidarity for our comrades who are accused of bank robbery by the public prosecutor of Aachen. Saturday 2 July, two banners were suspended on both sides of the bridge at 'Vondelpark', at 'Eerste Constantijn Huygenstraat'. After hanging the banners, leaflets were thrown into the air with messages like: "Destruction of all prisons and the world needs it, until all are free! etc ... "[...] Our comrades will not be left alone against repression! For the propagation of active solidarity!

July 3rd 2016, Altsasu, Navarre

Banner drop in solidarity with the compañera incarcerated in Germany

On Sunday July 3rd 2016, we dropped a banner in solidarity with the anarchic comrade imprisoned by the Spanish state in collaboration with the German state in order to protect the private property of banks; a facade, as everyone knows, of arms trade and international funding of present and future wars. The banner is hung on national road n.1 on the way to Altsasu (Navarre).

Solidarity is a weapon, and we'll continue to use it. The Spanish and German states-oppressors will find out what that means.

Cops murderers and torturers.

FREEDOM FOR THE COMPANERA!

7 July, Amsterdam

Solidarity demo in the centre of Amsterdam the day after the re-arrestation of the comrade in Amsterdam.

July 9, Netherlands

ATM machines demolished in solidarity with comrades accused of expropriation.

Last night we demolished 8 ATM machines in The Hague, the Netherlands in solidarity with the anar-

chist comrades accused of expropriation in Aachen, Germany.

Last week, on 6 July, a comrade got arrested in Amsterdam and is now in jail awaiting extradition to Germany. The week before a comrade from Spain got already extradited to Germany. We call out to anybody to make action in solidarity with the imprisoned comrades! We are fucking angry!

We are not interested in knowing whether the comrades are actually responsible for the bank robberies or not. Expropriation is an ethically just and politically legitimate practice, a method of struggle that is part of the history of all revolutionary movements. Indeed, despite the constant attempts by Power to reduce this method to within the scope of a 'common crime', motivated by individual greed, the fact is that the expropriation of places of accumulation of capital is a constant in our history: from the anarchist-syndicalist groups in the early twentieth century who robbed banks to support strikes or help the families of imprisoned comrades, to the various autonomous groups of the the 70s and 80s.

Immediate freedom for our comrades! Burn all prisons! Destroy all banks!

10 July, Berlin

Attack with fire and stones against the Spittelmarkt
We are mad as hell because of the evacuation of the Kadterschmiede. We are very pleased about the call for a Black July. We now have space for these feelings and so we made a contribution to the call on the night of Sunday, 10.07.2016 at Spittelmarkt in the center of Berlin-Mitte.

We carried out incendiary attacks against two luxury cars behind the Federal Foreign Office and another in the Kurstrasse. At the same time, as an expression of our rejection of the capitalist city, we robbed the pompous windows of the ground floor of the 'Spittelmarkt House' of their luster with color and stones. The eviction threats of the authorities continue and so we will also continue our escalation until the evacuation of the M99 in Kreuzberg is ended and the cops and security have pissed off from Rigaer.

We send fiery greetings to the prisons: to the two people in custody since the demonstration on Saturday and to the anarchists who were arrested in connection with an expropriation action in Aachen and are now awaiting trial. Much strength and stamina! Freedom for all!

Sincerely,

FreundInnen der gepflegten Grillrunde

Demonstration and noise demo in solidarity with anarchist arrested on the 6 July

Our friend is now transferred to PI Utrecht (Nieuwersluis), she is there awaiting the extradition procedures.

The next hearing which will decide whether or not she can wait for the extradition out of prison, will be held on Friday 15 July.

She feels very touched and strengthened by all the solidarity and support. (she could hear the noise demo)

If you want to write to her, we have set up an email address, where you can send your letters or the scans of letters, we will print them and make sure they're posted.

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keep strong and keep struggling!

On the 15th of July our comrade was released!

This, however, does not mean the legal proceedings against her are dropped, but a judge has decided that she can await her extradition court case outside. She has to comply to some conditions, such as surrendering her passport and signing into the police station once a week.

The court case to decide about her extradition will take place on the 1st of September, 2016, when it will be decided if the Netherlands will comply with handing her over to the German State, where she faces the accusation of bank expropriation.

We feel strengthened and warmed by all the solidarity and support we have received over the past weeks. However, even with this small pause, the need for discussions, struggle and acts continue to be present. Let's not let repression dictate our needs and desires against this world based on exploitation and authority.

There are still other accused in this case, who face these charges with dignity and strength. Solidarity to all accused in the cases of expropriation in Aachen!

from:solidariteit.noblogs.org/

July 24, 2016



Solidarity... (continued)

20 July, Thessaloniki

Solidarity gathering, banners, leaflets, posters in the town centre.

24 July 2016, Hamburg

Banks demolished in solidarity with the anarchist comrades accused of bank robberies in Aachen

In the night of the 24th of July 2016, windows and ATM of two Banks in Hamburg/Germany were destroyed. Slogans in solidarity with the anarchist comrades, who are facing investigations concerning bank robberies in the German city of Aachen, were found at the places.

We will not leave them alone!

Until all are free!

“We don't care if the comrade is “guilty” or “not guilty”, we leave these categories to the disgusting defenders of this system.

Every act of expropriation against the enemy, that has been robbing us for hundreds of years, is not just legitimate, it's desirable.

Our boundless and borderless complicity to those who risk their freedom to expropriate the capital!”

(from *Jedes Herz ist eine Zeitbombe – Zur Verhaftung vom 13. April in Barcelona*)

11 August, Helsinki/Finland

On 11th of August a small event in solidarity with the anarchists accused of bank robberies in Aachen was held in a bookshop in Helsinki. A short presentation about the case was followed by a discussion about anarchist solidarity, solidarity which is based in the way one sees one's own struggle in the struggle of others. Other topics related to the case, such as police use of DNA-evidence, repressive developments, avoiding the terms of guilty/innocent and ethics of anarchist action, were also discussed. Posters were distributed as well as printed letters from the accused comrades. The event was part of the weeklong *Musta Kallio* (Black Kallio, Kallio being a neighbourhood in Helsinki) anarchist festival.

Solidarity... (continued)

15 August, Kreuzberg

Our shards against their repression

This is the beginning of our week. And like this should start every day for the profiteer and responsible of the prison system...

This morning, August 15th, we visited Television Service Jürgen Krüger and the SPD office of Björn Eggert in Oranienstraße in Kreuzberg and smashed their windows.

Television Service Krüger since thirty years holds the monopoly on examination of electronic sets from prisoners in Berlin. No Radio passes him without been checked. This shall prevent forbidden goods or manipulated sets coming behind the walls. For prisoners this service costs a lot of money.

The company takes directly profit from the surveillance of prisoners. Besides this it happened more than one time, that Krüger damaged radios or TV from prisoners. Further Jürgen Krüger does the technical utilization from seized mobile phones and gives the hacked data to authorities. This company was hit several times, which could not prevent them to continue taking advantage from repression against prisoners... Directly beside Krüger you find the office of Björn Eggert (SPD), which hides in the branch of AWO. In Berlin AWO runs some refugee camps, for example the meanwhile closed camp in Spandau. The AWO ist big in deportation business. Their so called „helpicked to return home” is only an other word for deportation.

The SPD is actually in the election campaign. All party's all ways try to surpass each other with their antisocial politics and identity discourse. We need not to claim that we do not hope anything from any party. Of course we follow the struggle of our friends in Greece, we support their actions against Syriza after the attacks against squats in Thessaloniki. But in retrospective view at the No Border Camp the question should be allowed: would it not have been better to use this possibility for a riot in the city center?

Our action against the SPD politician Björn Eggert is part of this struggle.

Through this minimal action of us, whose carrying out forced us to delete a surveillance camera, we send a signal of solidarity to the prisoners Aaron und Balu in the Moabit jail, who stand in custody for the resistance against investors and the police attack against Rigaer 94, to the prisoners Marios Seisidis and Kostas Sakkas, who unfortunately fell into enemy's hands in Greece short time ago, to comrade Lisa who was deported recently from the torture state of Spain to the court in Aachen and to the eight people in Basel who stay there

in jail for their alleged participation in the wonderful smash mob on June 24.

By continuing the struggle in Rigaer Straße always more determined, we practice solidarity with our prisoners in jails of the system.

The confrontation around Rigaer 94 and the northern area of Friedrichshain has shown that the consistant refusal of all negotiation offers and the militant fight against the capitalist city gives us the biggest success.

We should keep this in mind when we prepare for the announced evacuation of M99 and the (refugee) school in Ohlauer Street in Kreuzberg.

We must destroy this state. What is necessary must be done.

Thats why we propose, after the response on international calls like Black December or Black July has proven the affinity references of anarchist tendency in Europe, to make the G 20 summit in July 2017 in Hamburg a disaster and start that for a militant campaign. Anarchists

Aaron and Balu were arrested in Berlin Friedrichshain during a demonstration on July 9th against gentrification and police attacks on Rigaer 94. They stay in custody in JVA Moabit, accused of throwing stones against olice. Police says 127 of their officers were injured during riots on this day.

16-17 August, Gaillac (Tarn), France

Solidarity sabotage

4 bank cash points were sabotaged during the night of 16-17 August.

This attack is a gesture of solidarity with the people accused of robbery in Aix-la-Chapelle[Aachen].

31 August, Erfurt

Pax Bank demolished

In the night of august 31st we visited the branch of Pax Bank in Erfurt. A few windows broke and the inside of the office was furnished with rank smelling bitumen.

The context of this action is the repression against comrades that are accused to have robbed banks in Aachen in the years 2013 and 2014, amongst them one Pax Bank. In their investigations the cops work close together with several European states, (secretly) collect DNA traces and share the information of their DNA records.

We are delighted with every bank robbery and feel connected in complicity with those who risk their freedom in order to attack the state and capital.

Freedom for the incarcerated

For a black september

31 August, Bristol – UK

Solidarity banner with the accused of bank robbery in Aachen Germany

1 September Amsterdam

Extradition case of anarchist accused of a bank robbery in Aachen

This morning, 1st September 2016, the extradition court case of our friend and comrade accused of a bank robbery in Aachen in 2013 took place in Amsterdam. The court spectacle happened behind closed doors, i.e. no media were present in the room (some disappointed journalists were waiting outside though, expressing their discontent by attempting to insult the comrades present in the court building). The verdict will be issued in two weeks; if the court decides she will be extradited to Germany she will immediately be arrested and locked up to await her extradition. The same afternoon a thousand flyers were spread and banners hung throughout Amsterdam in solidarity with our comrade. We remain in solidarity with her and the two other people prosecuted by the prosecution office of Aachen, who are accused of having robbed a bank in Aachen in 2014.

1 September, Nijmegen

Banner

1 September, Hamburg

Cash machines sabotaged in solidarity with the anarchists accused in Aachen cases. During the night of September 1st 2016, we sabotaged several ATMs in Hamburg to show solidarity with our comrades.

The extradition hearing of a comrade, who's prosecuted by the German State for a bank robbery in Aachen, took place

9 September, Amsterdam

flyer distributed 1/9 on the streets of Amsterdam

On the September 1st a court hearing will take place to decide about the extradition towards Germany of an anarchist, who is charged with bank robbery by the prosecution on Aachen. She has already been arrested for this case in July 2015, and served 5 months under a preventive investigative regime, but was released, free of all charges in December 2015. The cassatie court has however decided to confirm the charges and take her to court.

International collaboration between judicial and police departments is nothing new, and in this case, as in many other cases, is used by the States as a political tool to reinforce repression and reaffirm the respect for each other's national sovereignty, control and power. Whatever the outcome of this case, the logics of the State and the courts are nothing that belong to anyone who in this world seeks freedom and autonomy. The concept of justice that this world imposes on the poor, on the rebels, on the undesirable, on the unproductive, on those who pursue freedom on their own terms, is just a tool to maintain the armed order and peace of the markets. This is a justice that aims to punish anyone who through ideas or deeds challenges the robbing, the pillaging, the massacring, the manipulation that State and Capital are ravaging this world with.

Whether the comrade accused is innocent or guilty, is of no importance to us.

Because we simply do not submit to the morals of authority and the world it wants to keep in place.

An attack on anyone who refuses the State's coercion and control, is an attack on everyone who on their own path and by their own means is struggling for freedom.

We send strength and courage to the comrade facing repression in Aachen.

backside:

[spoken word, Chocking Victim, Money]

In every single bank robbery,

That in every single case practically,

the cost of the police was more then the actual money

that the robbers took from the bank.

Does that mean, oh you see?

Of course it's an economic,

of course they're defending the banks.

Of course, because if they didn't stop that bank robbery, regardless of the cost,

This could jeopardize the entire banking system.

You see, there are people who believe that the function of the police is to fight crime.

And that's not true, the function of the police is social control, and protection of property.

Posted in English, posters/flyers.

Comments Off on [flyer] flyer distributed 1/9 on the streets of Amsterdam

By solidariteit -2016/09/01

9 September, Berlin

Banners

This morning a banner was hung next to the Möckernbrücke in Berlin which said "lets destroy all banks and prisons" later that day another banner was hung stating "not innocent or guilty, for the social revolt" in Kottbusser Tor.

Solidarity with the rebellious and rebelious actions

Solidarity means attack

Love and strenght to the accused comrades

15 September, Amsterdam

demonstration Niewersluis: noise demo

On the morning of the 15th of September, the courts decided to arrest and hold our comrade until her extradition.

On the evening of the 15th of September around 30 people gathered and walked in a demonstration in the city centre of Amsterdam to disrupt and shake the normality of the apathy of these shopping streets, the veins of Capital. The taking of our friend will not happen silently and complacently.

On the evening of the 16th a short but loud demonstration was held outside the prison our comrade is held in, to break the isolation that those cement walls and barbed wire try to impose. The fireworks and voices reached the other side of the wall, with more prisoners sending back echoes.

We are still angry...

Extradition

September 21, 2016

The lawyers have informed us that the extradition to Germany, of the comrade arrested on the 15/9, by request of the prosecution of Aachen, will take place today. Tomorrow she will appear in front of a judge who will confirm her preventive investigative detention (Uhaft).
Solidarity through struggle!



28 September, Bremen, Germany

Small greeting of solidarity with the anarchists in Aachen charged with bankrobbery .

As a gesture of solidarity some words were spray painted in a visible place in Bremen. "Freedom and strength for the accused! (solidarity with the anarchists in Aachen charged with bankrobbery)

28 September, Haren, Belgium

Solidarity arson attack of a cellphone tower

A Movistar/Proximus/Base cell phone tower was set ablaze. Solidarity with the anarchists imprisoned for the Aachen case.

Freedom for all.

Some light on the investigation leading to the imprisonment of the comrade arrested on April 14

What led to the arrest of the comrade in Barcelona The wig, the gloves and the can

On April 13 with a brief press release issued by the Cos of the Mossos d'Esquadra, the police operation in which the comrade arrested in Barcelona currently captive in Cologne (Germany) accused of expropriating a bank in Aachen was described.

According to this press release, the operation responded to compliance with a Commissione Rogatoria Internazionale - International Letter of Request - at the request of the magistrates of Aachen had issued an arrest warrant two days before the operation for the anarchist militant in Barcelona. What the note did not explain, and what was not publicly known previously is how the arrest and the searches by the CME in the Gracia and Carmelo districts of Barcelona were not the simple execution of an international request, but the culmination of a long and narrow collaboration between the German and Spanish police and judicial systems, with the active participation of the Catalan autonomous police. The involvement of the Mossos d'Esquadra in the case begins long before last April and, as has been shown, went far beyond a purely passive and executory role.

An ordinary morning in Aachen

On the morning of November 14, 2014 a group of armed persons entered the Pax Bank branch in the city of Aachen, in Westphalia, in the west of the country. After emptying the safe and tied up the bank employees, they leave the office without causing harm or personal injury. In the following days, the police brigade in charge of investigations, the Landeskriminalamt Nordrhein-Westfalen (NRW LKA), will link this expropriation with two other assaults that occurred in recent years in the city [1] and will launch a true - and unsuccessful - media campaign of denunciation, public spreading the details of the robbery detail and offering rewards of thousands of Euros to anyone who can provide information on suspicious persons. The LKA insisted so much in this strategy, to decide to use for his campaign as a despicable popular television program, broadcast on one of the country's leading channels: XY Aktenzeichen XY... ungelöst ("File XY ... unsolved"). It is a reality show of openly para-police character where are morbidly exposed cases that the police has not been able to solve, showing images from security cameras, clothing found at the place of the "crime", identikit and reconstructions of the facts to impress and encourage the mass of spectators to assist the state organs and to denounce other people.

Four months after the action, in March 2015, the investigation takes a new direction with the arrival on the scene of the Catalan police. They send a note in response to the request made by LKA, internationally, in January, by circulating the extracted genetic profiles from DNA samples [2] that would have been found at the crime scene, looking for possible matches on databases from other states. According to the Mossos, the profile of a sample taken from a wig found near the Pax Bank in Aachen in November would coincide with a voice from its genetic database, a trace extracted from a glove found in the street after a direct action of a political nature, that occurred in the district of Sants in Barcelona on June 2009. From here begins a joint investigation in which the police forces of both states share information and undertake intensive research into what the German press has defined as "the movement of occupied houses of the extreme left of Barcelona" and, according to the arguments presented to the media by prosecutors and police in Aachen, has been the main stage of the investigation. During the investigation still according to the police version, at the end of June the agents of the information division of the Mossos surreptitiously collect an empty beer can abandoned on the road by the accused comrade. From this can DNA samples would have been extracted, in order to make a direct comparison with the remains of genetic material found near the Bank Pax after the expropriation. Four months later, in late October, a report of the biological laboratories of the Mossos confirmed the coincidence between the two samples. However, it would take nearly six months until April 12 this year, for a European Arrest Warrant against her to arrive from Aachen, and she was arrested the next day at her home in the Carmel district.

Repression and social control: the DNA and states

The police process leading to this arrest therefore confirms what many already suspected, namely that the Catalan police has spent years collecting biological specimens in a massive and systematic way during actions, demonstrations, searches and protests to make a database of genetic data to increase control over the antagonist movement. What was initially introduced as an exceptional measure, arguing the need to protect against repeat offenders and similar cases, it has been implemented as a repressive and standardized technology at the service of the persecution of political activists.

In the Spanish state police this modus operandi has long been practiced by the regional Basque police (Ertzaintza) in the repression of the Basque left and struggles in Euskal

Herria. As reported by the magazine Gara in 2007, the Ertzaintza began construction of a genetic information database, with the collection of cigarette butts and glasses during parties, toothbrushes during searches, or plastic nozzles used in false controls with breathalyzers. The problems of reliability and probative value attributed by experts to DNA collection techniques have not prevented the Basque regional police from initiating legal proceedings based on the genetic profile as the only evidence, with the invaluable help of special courts of the Spanish Audiencia Nacional have often resulted in long prison sentences for the accused.

At European level, the use of gene technology in police and judicial matters has continued to gain ground from the late 80s when Interpol imported from the United States of America, the strategy of the creation of databases for identification of persons through DNA profile. Despite the differences depending on the socio-political and legal context of each place, in general, the common trend internationally is the exponential growth of the personal data stored in these databases and the gradual elimination of legal restrictions that limit the introduction and development of new samples.

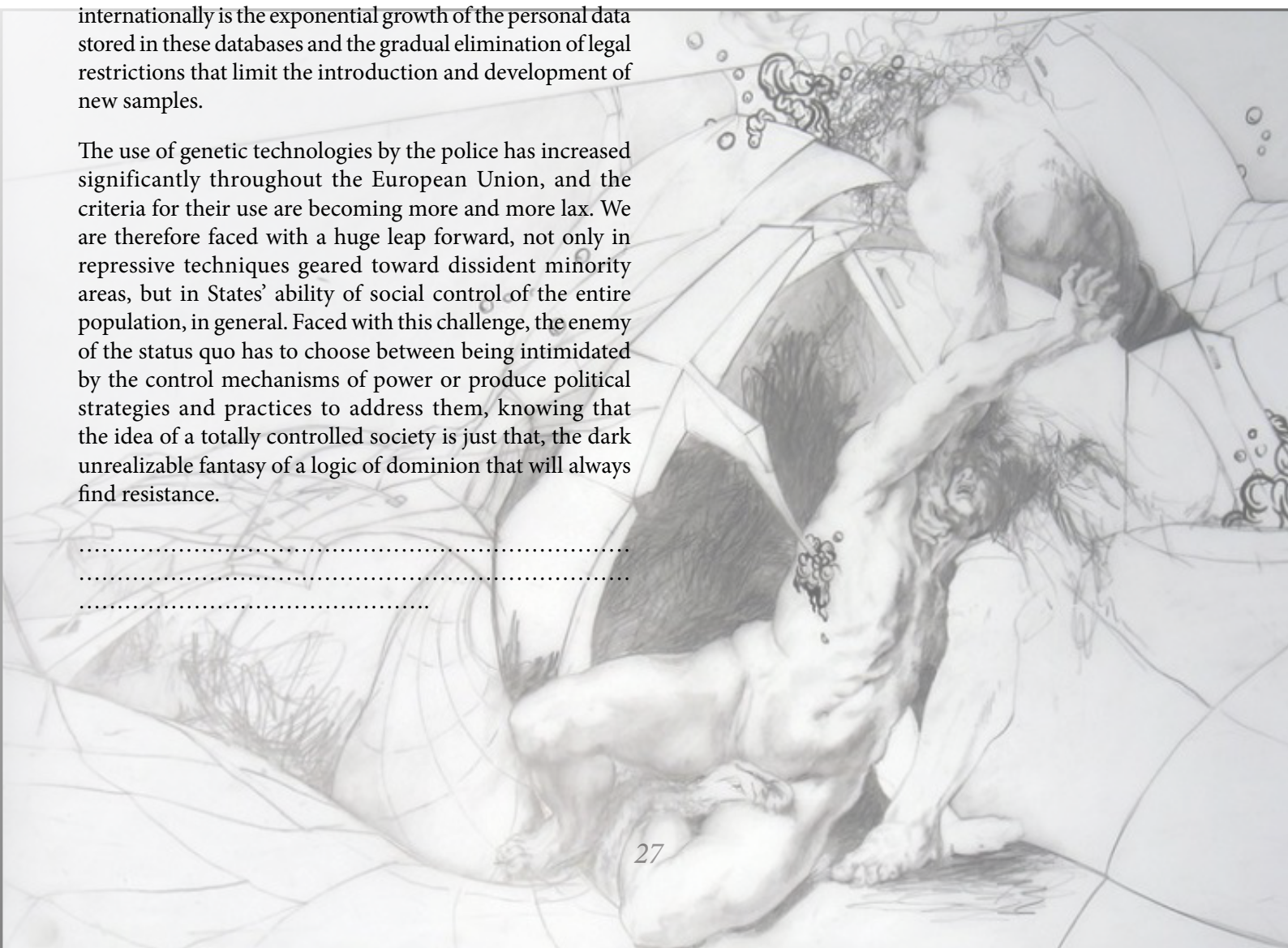
The use of genetic technologies by the police has increased significantly throughout the European Union, and the criteria for their use are becoming more and more lax. We are therefore faced with a huge leap forward, not only in repressive techniques geared toward dissident minority areas, but in States' ability of social control of the entire population, in general. Faced with this challenge, the enemy of the status quo has to choose between being intimidated by the control mechanisms of power or produce political strategies and practices to address them, knowing that the idea of a totally controlled society is just that, the dark unrealizable fantasy of a logic of dominion that will always find resistance.

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note:

[1] Recall that recently a comrade accused of having participated in one of these expropriations, which took place in July 2013, was re-arrested in Amsterdam and extradited to Germany.

[2] Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) is a chemical component of the cell nucleus that contains the genetic information that is transmitted through heredity in living organisms. This acid is found in all the cells of human and non-human animals, plants and other organisms, except red blood cells. DNA is used in various techniques (biogenetics, nanotechnology, bioinformatics, etc.), but what interests us in this text is the "forensic" use in police, judicial and penal contexts. In these cases, the DNA extracted from hair, saliva or blood is used, and as a result what is called genetic fingerprinting or "DNA profile" is obtained. It is the sequence variations of this fingerprint or profile that differentiate people, as if it were a "human bar code."



Netherlands - A few notes on media and repression

August 27, 2016

In the course of awaiting the trials of several anarchists that are accused of having robbed banks in Aachen in 2013 and 2014, the prosecution office of Aachen, Germany, and their obedient voice, the media, use every chance available to advance their investigation. Whether it is on a juridical or a more subtle mediatic level, all these expressions are different tentacles of the same mechanism of repression. As usual the mainstream media are eager to get a “good” story by all means necessary, pervertedly scrutinizing people’s lives regardless of any ethics. They therefore do not hesitate in aiding the prosecution in spreading their fantastical tales. We have read these without much surprise this is what journalists do after all, have watched the hysterical spectacle that is being created around the implicated. Not being surprised however does not mean that we do not feel the need to clarify a few things that may have become blurred in the midst of this incessant stream of written and televised vomit.

After having ejaculated several articles in which the accused were portrayed according to the image the prosecution is trying to spread, the media has now decided it is time to create their own story. A rumour came to us through the grapevine that a certain Dutch journalist has posted a request on Indymedia asking for information concerning one of the accused. Apparently not satisfied with the image dictated by the prosecution, he searches for “people in the squatting movement of Amsterdam who could tell me something about X”, after which he states that whoever decides to snitch need not worry, as he “will not tell anyone these conversations have taken place.” Needless to say, we are disgusted by this. What should be said is that until this day no statement has been made by the accused towards neither the media nor the cops, and therefore excuse us for pointing out the obvious no statement should be made by anyone else either.

Let it be clear that the media and the police are two sides of the same coin, and work closely together in a most refined manner: the media hunts for a story, the prosecution throws out a few assumptions and character sketches, the media publishes these and thus transforms it into “truth”, et voilà, the prosecution is able to reproduce this “truth” and use the mediatic hunt against the implicated. For if the media say so, it must be true. For if the media states these are dangerous criminals on the run, they must be etcetera ad nauseam. All these intimidation efforts only aim to reinforce

the State’s accusations and bring the accused in the dock already convicted by a machine of lies, slander and State propaganda. These tactics are not limited to this case; they have endlessly reproduced themselves throughout history. The media are not only in service of repression, they too are at the very core of repression.

The collaboration between State and media has always been a recipe for misleading information, witch hunts and repression. The media play an important role in manipulating the public opinion, it assures the hegemony of support for the State, even when it is forced to drop the mask of “justice” and openly show its repressive mechanisms. The media excuses repression against everything or anyone that deviates from the norm, against those who do not function in a manner that is productive for or supportive of State and capital. Even, or perhaps especially in a democratic regime such as the one we live under, the media are intertwined with State propaganda; both offer us the illusion we have the choice to form an opinion, decide by whom we want to be oppressed. Yet these “choices” are always confined within the same rigid parameters of a totalitarian regime that does not allow any challenge to itself, to its logics, to its Power.

Democracy has refined the art of brainwashing, to the point of making media propaganda pass as coexistence of multiple opinions, as the transmission of unbiased information and “free” thinking. Its only aim however consists of maintaining the authority of the States and of capital. Of course democracy allows some slightly contradicting but in fact complimentary divergences of positions to exist, to create a self-reinforcing debate, but never a challenge to the existence of institutional authority itself. It creates a wilful participation based on the only claim that democracy is less worse than other totalitarian regimes, that we should count ourselves lucky to be living under a democratic regime.

However, every regime needs enemies in order to offer a solution for the problems they have created, to legitimize its repressive apparatus and ultimately legitimize itself. The search for and classification of enemies too is reinforced and exercised by the media. We have noted the silence and excuses of the media in the economic “crisis” and the troubles of the banks; we have also heard their sickening stories about “external enemies” rattling at the gates of Fortress Europe, accused of wanting to enjoy the fruits of western welfare fruits that were won by centuries of pillaging by the same western countries. The media reinforce the

depiction of people as mere numbers, reinforce the climate of fear in which western countries saturate themselves, and simultaneously show an ever increasing eagerness to praise new “security measures” supposed to keep out or lock up the unwanted, those who might cause the system to stagger.

Whether these unwanted denominate the thousands of people seeking a better life somewhere in the world or those who refuse to or cannot bow down to Power (or a combination of the two) is irrelevant. Murdering borders are being pulled up around its Fortress to keep out “refugees”, while inside the walls repression aims to silence and punish anyone who cannot be kept out or removed from the grounds. The media speak of external enemies, the State also seeks out its internal enemies. Obviously repression is not limited to anarchists, it does however often focus on those who decide to fight repression. For example, in The Hague several people were given an area ban because they dared to show solidarity and agitate in a neighbourhood in a time of control, of cameras, preventive arrests and searches. The ban concerns the Schilderswijk neighbourhood, where in the summer of 2015 riots took place several days in a row after cops had murdered someone. Anarchists were later accused of having incited the revolt. These days even questioning the system and calling out for struggle on a poster referring to the revolt is enough to be prosecuted for incitation.

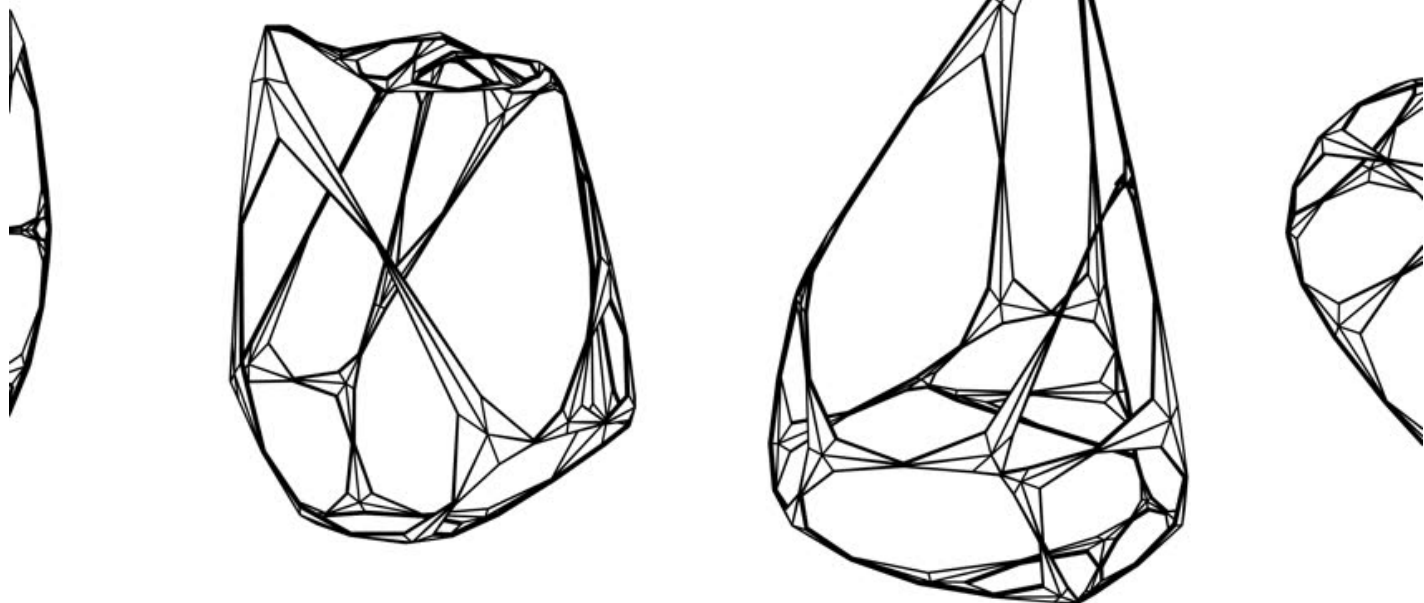
Repressive blows however cannot be seen as single isolated events, do not exist in a vacuum. They form part of an aggressive multi-front campaign, which aims to achieve a further, distinct step in the devouring of freedom, in violently expressing the domination of the State. Whether it concerns justifying the militarization of streets, emergency measures, legitimizing building walls at borders, massacring people or pursuing its campaigns against rebels and revolutionaries, it certainly needs a voice that creates a reality and an atmosphere in which repression is possible, acceptable and hopefully unquestioned. These are the mechanisms of State

propaganda, this is the purpose of the media. Media is an integral and essential part in authority guarding its control and dictating the dependence and approval it needs to rule. The millions of words and images that fill the screens and (toilet)papers are not an echo or reflection of reality, they form an integral part of the creation of that reality, of the imposition of the morals, rules and logics that permit the existence of the State.

When someone challenges this reality the frame of authority itself, when someone fights against it or simply refuses it, there is no mercy shown to the isolation or neutralization that by all means it unleashes against these individuals or groups. Not only through the sentences of the justice system, but also through the stigmatization of these individuals towards the rest of society, making sure they will carry their scarlet letter for the rest of their lives. The media aids the State in relying on public opinion to continue its work: judging, speculating and rendering as uncontagious as possible the ideas and practices that those incompatible with the system defend or are accused of. When the media portrays itself as a court room, it seeks out judges and prosecutors in the public. And this is where we need to be careful, where we need to consider our (perhaps subconscious) role in the continuation of these mechanisms, and ask ourselves how much we contribute to the speculation and creation of roles and a reality that only suits the narrative of domination.

Let’s not forget that repression can be fought in many areas. A court room and newspaper articles however are not among those, this is not the terrain of our struggles, methods and ideas. Let’s leave the speculation and distortion of reality to the experts the State, cops, media, and their defenders, let’s understand and intervene in reality on our own terms.

A few enemies of the society of the spectacle



All in the trap

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Aachen is a German city located close to the border with the Netherlands and Belgium, so considered the westernmost of Germany. As well as for its thermal springs and for having been the seat of the court of Charlemagne whose ashes are kept here in the cathedral which he himself built in 786 and where for many centuries the coronations of French and German kings were celebrated, this city also seems to be appreciated by those in need of easy escape routes for their hit-and-run operations. With two borders, the Dutch and Belgian, only a few kilometres away, no wonder Aachen has become a crossroads for certain activities that show little respect for the law. The local police know this, so whenever they investigate some crime carried out in the city they lose no time in asking for the support of their international colleagues. So much for this brief introduction, now for the facts.

July 8, 2013 the safe of a branch of Aachen Bank is emptied by some robbers who get away undisturbed without firing a shot. One of them is a woman. A news item among the many, if not for an incredible triple twist. Eleven days after the robbery, two blank pistols are found inside the bank, abandoned by the authors of the coup according to the investigators. Bizarre. These robbers seem to be somewhat careless. Yes, but the German police don't joke either when it comes to carelessness, as they had already searched the bank from top to bottom without finding anything. Really bizarre. Yes, but the robbers are even more distracted than them, because they would have left DNA traces on these blank guns. More and more bizarre. This DNA would be compatible with someone in the genetic archive of Great Britain that corresponds to an anarchist in Amsterdam, who stumbled upon a mishap in the "Perfidious Albion", and had been put under control from an unspecified date.

November 19, 2014, again in Aachen, a new robbery targets the Pax Bank (a bank linked to the Vatican). Once again there is a woman among the robbers, once again the police boast of being in possession of her DNA - the owner of which is unknown - taken from a wig found a few hundred metres from the robbed bank.

Two months later, in January 2015, the German police send this genetic profile to their European colleagues asking for feedback. In March the Catalan police communicate to the German investigators that the DNA is compatible with - listen, listen! - with that on a glove found in the street immediately after an action that took place in Barcelona in June 2009 in the course of a protest, a glove whose hand had never been identified. The German and Spanish police are in no doubt: they are on the right track, it will be scientifically proved. And they start to investigate the environment of the movement in Barcelona. The Catalan police secretly collect the DNA of many female comrades, following them one by one and picking up the cigarette butts and empty bottles

that they leave behind.

Three months later, in late June 2015, a beer can thrown down by a comrade - well known to the police because already imprisoned for a period of time during Operation Pandora, in December 2014 - is sent to the laboratory for the usual analysis, the result of which will arrive in October: bingo, her DNA is compatible!

This anarchist is also put under control.

Meanwhile, in July 2015, the Dutch comrade considered responsible for the first robbery is arrested at the Greek-Bulgarian border while on vacation, on an international warrant issued June 24. After three weeks' detention in Bulgaria, she is deported to Germany to be placed in Untersuchungshaft - "investigative detention" - a condition that allows the prosecution to keep suspects in custody for long periods without any obligation to formulate specific accusations.

On December 2, 2015 this Dutch comrade is formally accused of robbery, kidnapping and possession of weapons, but two weeks later the court orders her release. The evidence against her is too vague. The German prosecutors appeal, it is rejected in the first instance but upheld later by a higher court. Although released and back home, she is awaiting trial, while in the meantime a furious attorney is trying to get a new arrest warrant.

April 13, 2016, the Catalan police carry out raids in two houses and a social centre in Barcelona, arresting the anarchist whose DNA would be compatible with that found on the wig used for the second robbery, that of November 2014. June 21, 2016, also in Barcelona, another anarchist is arrested - also well known to the police, having served a sentence of 10 years in prison in Portugal - and accused of having taken part in the second robbery. To nail him, what a coincidence, would be a DNA trace on some articles of clothing that would have been used by the robbers. To get his genetic profile the Catalan police staged a fake vehicle control, getting him to submit to a blood alcohol test. Immediately extradited to Germany, he is now locked up in the prison of Aachen, while his alleged accomplice - extradited on June 29 - is imprisoned in the prison of Cologne.

On July 6, in Amsterdam, the police once again hold the Dutch comrade pending a new request for extradition to Germany. She is released on July 15, the court having ruled that she can await the decision concerning her extradition in freedom, subject to seizure of her passport and the obligation of a weekly signature. The hearing for her extradition is scheduled for September 1, and the outcome is not yet known. [To be announced in 15 days from the hearing.]

Now, in the face of this affair the least we can do is to strongly support the comrades who are in the clutches of the German State. Without in any way posing the question of their actual responsibility in the contested facts. Whether they have never set foot in Aachen, or whether they really, first one and then the others, robbed a bank in the city of Charlemagne,

well, this is no cause for embarrassment from either point of view. It cannot generate victimisation, or create a scandal. On the one hand, because all anarchists are guilty in the eyes of the State, guilty of passionately loving freedom. On the other because if in Germany even an old Stalinist such as Bertolt Brecht loved to publicly maintain that the real criminals are the bankers and not the robbers, imagine if putting one's hands on the profits of today's sharks in suits could be considered objectionable by us.

Never mind if this solidarity in action were to be interpreted as complicity by those who cannot wait to kick off wider raids, embroidering conjecture over individual episodes.

No, our problem is another. It is the nightmare scenario that this story, as it unravels, is profiling on the horizon. Here, in spite of appearances, it is not just the umpteenth State war operation against its bitter enemies, the anarchists. It is not only the freedom of some hotheads at stake, it is that of everyone. To explain what we mean, we are permitting ourselves to take a step backward, to another story of robbery and anarchists.

To us the little story of the blank pistols forgotten in the bank and found eleven days later with DNA on them reminded us of the "paper wrapper" that both played such a role in the Marini investigation in the late '90s, when the Dirty Operations Department of the Carabinieri tried to prosecute dozens and dozens of anarchists by inventing an organization based on the statements of a false pentita ['repentant terrorist'] (the former girlfriend of an anarchist arrested shortly before, for robbery).

What happened during the search of the house that this poor girl shared with the anarchist arrested for robbery in another town – a raid which ended with the discovery of a piece of paper containing a handful of bullets? A Carabinieri revealed all with astonishing candour in one of the hearings during the trial.

Questioned by the President of the Court on the modalities of that discovery, the officer recalled that the house had been raided three times in succession, and only the last search had finally given a positive outcome. Why? Simple. Everything thanks to the officer in charge, who at the end of the second search had ordered his men to get out of the house, needing to absent himself momentarily, and advised them to wait for him.

After a while he returned, re-entered the house and started the third search. And finally the "piece of paper" with the bullets was found. At that point, a defence lawyer stated incredulously: "they must have been really well hidden these bullets to escape two searches, where were they?" The Carabinieri, without blinking an eyelid, replied: "They were right there, on the sideboard." Shortly after, as the judges lowered their eyes in embarrassment, a pale and sweating president of the Court curtly ordered him to make way for

another witness.

That's the point. The human being is imperfect, makes mistakes, gets things wrong, changes their mind. A scientific fact does not. The false repentant set the judge off on a rampage when she gave patently ridiculous and unreliable answers during questioning in court. But the DNA response is unique and does not fail in its duty.

It does not need to be confirmed, it is enough in itself. The police all over the world have the means to collect, file and store the DNA of all the undesirables (and who is not one today, can always become one tomorrow). As shown by what happened in Spain, they do not even have to carry out a formal procedure. They are already doing so, unbeknown to all. Then, in order to liquidate these undesirables, all they have to do is to "find" compatible DNA at the crime scene. At their discretion and will, anywhere on the continent. Nothing can refute it. Moreover, with the passage of time and, for what it's worth, any alibi also becomes difficult to present. Where were you on July 8, 2013 or November 19 of 2014? Do you remember? If you have not clocked in at work, or had not been hospitalized, then it could also have been you in those Aachen banks. No matter if you live 1,350 kilometres away, as separates the Catalan city from the capital of Charlemagne's reign, it is enough for DNA compatible with yours to be found there to nail you as being responsible for a crime and have you end up in jail. To determine this may just be any cop in search of fame. And here is the other point. Once a European arrest warrant has been issued, anyone can all of a sudden, at any time, be taken from the place where they live and deported to another country, thrown into an unknown reality, deprived of the possibility of even knowing what is happening. It is surely no coincidence that the Dutch comrade, who had been controlled for a long time, was arrested when she was away from home, in a foreign country, far away from everything and everyone, and immediately placed in a totally nebulous condition of detention. In this way, how could she defend herself and get support?

All this is a very powerful weapon of pressure and repression in the hands of the State, or rather, of States, given the brisk cooperation between their police forces. Prison has not made these three anarchists bow their heads, they have maintained their dignity, their love of freedom, their contempt for all authority. All the pressure on them was in vain. But it is up to all of us to succeed in subtracting them from the repression, to help blunt this weapon that they are holding at not only their necks, not only those of anarchists or subversives in general, but of everyone, without distinction. It is not a question of going into a court and engaging in a technical-legal argument, we have no intention of explaining to judges that DNA compatibility is at best a clue; it is a question of coming out and urging everyone to lash out in defence of the most precious thing there is: freedom.

Court case dates for anarchist comrade from Amsterdam

The comrade facing charges in connection to a bank robbery which took place in 2013 will appear in court for the beginning of the trial on the 4th of November.

The trial will take place in an estimated 9 sessions over a 5 week period.

The dates include: 4/11, 7/11, 21/11, 22/11, 1/12, 5/12, 8/12, and 13/12

We will be in the court to support our comrade and on the streets to spread solidarity.

