

A red fox is captured in mid-leap, its body arched and its legs tucked, as it moves through the air. The background is a vast, open, snow-covered landscape under a pale sky. The fox's fur is a mix of reddish-brown and white, and its tail is long and bushy. The overall scene is serene and evocative of a winter wilderness.

JUNE 11

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY
WITH LONG-TERM ANARCHIST PRISONERS**

texts, reportbacks, actions

2016

The following is a collection of all prisoner writings, event reportbacks, and communiqués springing from 2016's June 11th International Day of Solidarity with Long-Term Anarchist Prisoners.

We send our love to all those, anonymous or not, who contributed in some way toward continuing to build solidarity with our imprisoned comrades, a solidarity that is necessarily combative and uncompromising. The informal network of individual support, translation, counter-information, and action is a web of solidarity that cannot be broken by the state or its uniformed thugs.

Until next year,
Fire to the prisons!

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STATEMENT FROM MICHAEL KIMBLE

First, I'd like to give warm revolutionary greetings to all those who have shown solidarity and supported me. Without that solidarity and support, I don't know how I would have survived for so long.

As one who has spent 30 years in U.S. prisons, I've become intimately acquainted with control units, whether we call them Security Management Units, Special Housing Units, or Administrative Segregation – all euphemisms of penological sophistication in an attempt to disguise the true purpose and intent of such sinister tools of control and torture. Let's be clear: they are torture chambers.

Former director of the Bureau of Prisons and now shareholder in the private prison firm GEO, Norman A. Carlson, stated that Marion's control unit's purpose is to “control revolutionary attitudes in prison and society” as well. Marion Federal Penitentiary is considered to be the first control unit in the U.S.

Now, across the globe, from Alabama to Colorado to Greece and beyond, control units are being established for those who refuse to conform to the regimen in prison and the normalcy of every life outside of prison, and most definitely for those who carry out revolutionary activities. Like the C-type prisons in Greece, designed explicitly for anarchist guerrillas. The design and intent is to minimize human contact through isolation and to exact an immense cost in human suffering.

In most control units, prisoners live in almost total isolation, far away from family and friends. It means restrictions on communications; censorship of incoming and outgoing mail and visits; constant harassment; and sadistic brutality from prison guards.

A few years ago it was reported that almost 36,000 human beings were housed in solitary confinement prisons in the U.S.

A study by the National Immigrant Justice Center and Physicians for Human Rights stated in their report that conditions of immigrant detainees placed in isolation not only endangered their health and safety, but also pressured them “to abandon their options for legal relief, their families, their communities, and often the only country they have ever known.” The study cites multiple examples of immigrant detainees who were placed in isolation solely because they belonged to “vulnerable populations,” such as being gay, bisexual, transgender, or mentally ill. Here in Alabama's Holman prison segregation unit, three prisoners have committed suicide in the last eight months, and there have been numerous other attempts to commit suicide that were unsuccessful.

Most control units consist of cells without windows, to cause sensory deprivation and reduce visual stimulation, and those with windows are not able to be opened, causing stifling heat in the cells during the summer months.

On February 19, 2016, Albert “Shaka” Woodfox was released from prison after 44 years in solitary confinement. Woodfox was a prisoner who joined and co-established a chapter of the Black Panther Party at the notorious Angola prison in Louisiana in the 1970s and was charged with the murder of a prison guard. Woodfox is now 69 years old.

Hugo “Yogi Bear” Pinell was confined in California’s inhumane solitary confinement units for 43 years. He was recently murdered by white supremacists in collusion with prison guards after being released to general population on August 12, 2015. He had been a leader and prison rebel and a prime organizer of the Prison Movement in the 1960s and 1970s.

Whatever name they are called, control units’ primary purpose is control, to break the will and sanity of those who rebel and refuse to conform to an oppressive social order in or out of prison.

What we have to do is get angry and bring ourselves into direct confrontation with this most sinister aspect of the Prison Industrial Slave Komplex that is destroying human beings and suppressing revolutionary movements. We have to continue to do the million things we already do to attack the state, but we also have to be creative and create new ways of attacking the state and its institutions. Again, these institutions of the state are torture chambers designed to break and destroy the human will to rebel against that which oppresses them.

Shoutouts to all prison rebels and anarchists of action. Keep up the good fight!

Special shout to the Plateau Crew!

Fire to the prisons!
Michael Kimble
Dragon Cell
(Watch My Smoke)

STATEMENT FROM JENNIFER GANN

Thank you for the opportunity to issue a statement on the June 11, 2016 Day of Solidarity with Long-term Anarchist Prisoners. First and foremost: as a California prison rebel and trans woman who has been incarcerated for 26 years, I truly appreciate the solidarity and support I’ve received from sisters and comrades in the struggle internationally.

I was first exposed to anarchist ideas as a young punk rock kid in the 1980s. However, I was not always an anarchist. I had a Christian upbringing in predominantly white, racist neighborhoods in Southern California suburbs

accused in the Velventos case, Nikos Maziotis of Revolutionary Struggle, and all anarchist and dignified prisoners wherever they are.

Strength to the fugitives, Pola Roupa of Revolutionary Struggle, Gabriel Pombo da Silva, and all those who’ve gone into “clandestinity”.

Strength to the anarchist urban guerrillas wherever they are.

LET’S TURN THE WORLD INTO A BATTLEFIELD

Anarchonihilist Commando Gianfranco Bertoli
Informal Anarchist Federation
International Revolutionary Front

OREGON, USA: LOGS SPIKED

In the early hours of June 11th we entered the Swanson Brothers mill and placed dozens of metal spikes in the trunks of old-growth logs. The logs were also filled with smaller nails to prevent the use of metal detectors in removing spikes. This mill in Noti, Oregon was targeted because it specializes in processing the oldest and largest trees. This action was taken to stop production and is not intended to harm any worker at the mill.

Less than 4% of native forests remain in the West Coast yet private logging companies facilitated by government agencies continue to destroy these ancient ecosystems for a profit. Their greed and appetite know no limits and the legal system has so far failed to stop the plunder. We refuse to see the Earth reduced to clear-cuts and tree farms. This action is an attack against a suicidal industry that never has and never will respect life. We hope that this will inspire others in our bioregion to return to the frontlines of the struggle because if we don’t soon there will be nothing left to fight for.

This action is dedicated to Marius Mason and all long-term anarchist prisoners. This action is further dedicated to all things that call the forest home.

For the wild,
S.A.P

**ATHENS, GREECE:
INCENDIARY GESTURE IN COMPLICITY WITH
REBELS IN FRANCE AND IN SOLIDARITY WITH
INTERNATIONAL ANARCHIST PRISONERS**

During and after the “social movement”, we’ll never stop following our destructive passions, pursuing our dreams of freedom, sowing the chaos of revolt in the order of authority.

-“Tout peut basculer”
anarchist newspaper published in Paris

In the early hours of June 9th 2016, we paid a brief visit to the offices of the French insurance company AXA in the centre of Athens and torched one of their vans. We ruled out the possibility of attacking the building with the means that are currently at our disposal, for the simple reason that we wouldn’t have caused considerable damage beyond broken windows and perhaps a small fire. Nevertheless, their vehicle that was parked every night next to their offices gave us a good opportunity to attack them quickly and discreetly.

We attacked a target that’s located in an area where, in addition to patrols, cops are constantly present; we were also aware that the surrounding cafeterias and sex shops are frequented by cops with or without uniform. But it only takes a good preparation to strike every potential target.

We chose to attack AXA as a minimum display of complicity with rebels in France, who are fighting in the streets for more than three months. We make it clear, however, that this is not an act of solidarity with “social movements” or the leftists who ask for law reforms, more democracy and a “fairer” Power; nor with the unions that try to manipulate the revolt to satisfy their own interest; nor with “the poor people” or “the working class” who complain now that the legislation affects their pockets and want the State to guarantee them a return to normalcy and a welfare regime. A normalcy and welfare built on the obedience and servitude of the consumerist mass.

On the contrary, we seek complicity with the rebellious minorities who have exceeded the limits of peaceful protest, legality and morality dictated by domination, and find themselves in permanent confrontation with Power, spreading the virus of insurrection through deeds of rebellion in spite of the good citizens-lovers of the order, the “indignant” ones who act as firefighters, and the dogs that guard the unions.

Lastly, we dedicate this action to long-term prisoners on the occasion of the June 11th callout.

Strength to the CCF imprisoned members, Angeliki and the rest of the dignified accused in the escape attempt case.

Strength to Mónica Caballero and Francisco Solar, Michael Kimble, the

outside of the L.A. area. I associated with skinheads and white prison gangs.

I didn’t come to prison for revolutionary acts. I was involved in an armed robbery with a couple of homeboys in 1990. We were just young street thugs. I was sentenced to 7 years in state prison.

I became politicized after participating in the 1991 Folsom Prison hunger strike, and in 1992 began a long-term struggle against prison authorities and torture. This resulted in multiple prison terms of 16 years and 25 years to life for assaulting a guard, an associate warden, and Sacramento County prosecutor. I spent 11 years in Pelican Bay SHU solitary confinement (1994-2004).

Several years ago, when I was released from Pelican Bay SHU, I completely renounced my racist past associations and was targeted by the Aryan Brotherhood. As my political development continued in the Prisoner Resistance, in 2007 I “came out” as a trans woman. I fully transitioned my gender identity, started hormone therapy, and joined a Maoist faction engaged in prisoner solidarity work. As a long-time anarchist sympathizer, I simply could not swallow Maoist aspirations for state power, and a “Joint Dictatorship of the Proletariat” that they envision would simply lead to more oppression.

In 2010, I joined Black & Pink as a “leadership” member for 5 years. This led to me becoming an insurrectional anarchist and trans feminist Amazon.

In 2011, I joined the California Prison Hunger Strike to end solitary confinement by doing a 23 hour solidarity strike. At the time, I was just finishing a 3 year long SHU term in Tehachapi for “battery on a peace officer.”

Since late 2011, I have been confined here behind enemy lines at Kern Valley State Prison, where I’ve continued to battle the administration, organize trans women prisoners, and literally fight off homophobic gang violence. My sisters and I have organized a trans-feminine Amazon faction called Loyal Queen Revolutionaries, and we continue to work with outside groups such as TGI Justice Project and the Transgender Law Center in San Francisco in an effort to change the hostile and unsafe prison conditions we face as trans women in male prisons. We will struggle and fight to abolish these oppressive institutions once and for all, by any means necessary! We will resist those who attack us, and avenge the mass rape and murder of our trans sisters.

Viva las Amazónas!

Viva Anarchy!

Solidarity with Mónica and Francisco!

Solidarity with FAI-IRF & the Conspiracy of Cells of Fire!

This is my action, and my statement for June 11th, against prisons and in solidarity with long-term anarchist prisoners. FTP!

Love and Rage!

Jennifer

FIGHTING BACK: EVERY DAY! STATEMENT FROM THOMAS MEYER-FALK

When I look back on the day of my arrest 20 years ago, I wasn't imagining what I would have to experience during the next decades of my life.

The first decade they kept me in solitary confinement; since 2007 I'm in population. But I don't know if or when I'll get free, because there's an old law from 1933. Passed by the Nazis on 24 November 1933 – the P.D. law (preventative detention), which allows the state to keep someone in prison for life, without giving him a life sentence. In their theory the P.D. isn't a sentence – but the P.D. units are still inside regular prisons, inmates living in cells, bars are still at their windows, they're going into the prison yard and being supervised by prison staff.

What is P.D. for? What are prisons for? Prisons are necrophilic places. There are living people who often have necrophilic attitudes, and there are working people who have necrophilic attitude as well. P.D. and prisons are made for a necrophilic society, for people who often have necrophilic attitudes, and these places are still made by people who have necrophilic attitudes.

A biophilic attitude is the one we're still fighting for and which is fulfilling our hearts.

Biophilia is the passionate love of and for life and all which is alive. It is the deepest desire to encourage the growth of humans, plants, an idea, or a social group. A biophilic person prefers to build something new instead of keeping the same old things. A biophilic person will be, instead of have, more.

The necrophilic character is attracted by everything which is dead (things, money...all these are 'dead'), ill, moldering, and they try to transform everything which is alive into something which is dead. So they love laws, orders, discipline, more than liveliness, because they fear it.

So, every day, millions of inmates in the world's dark, cold dungeons are getting tortured, separated from their loved ones and from the life outside the thick and high walls, based on modern or on old so-called "laws" of necrophile-capitalist societies.

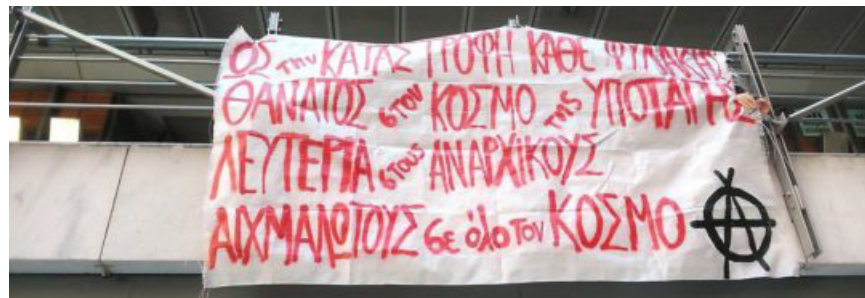
It is necessary and indispensable to fight against this brutal system. It's not a question that a lot of inmates have done really terrible acts – but they're also 'products' of a necrophilic society. No one can learn to love life and freedom in necrophilic places, which prisons are!

Prisons have to be abolished! It will be a long road we have to walk together before we'll live in a society without prisons. But we have to fight for it. Day by day, month by month, year by year.

Let me add something about my own current situation, because comrades asked me what they can do to help me. It is important that no inmate

Solidarity with anarchist prisoners everywhere in the world...

Strength to anarchists held captive by the U.S. State: Marius Mason, Jeremy Hammond, Justin Solondz, Michael Kimble, Rebecca Rubin, Sean Swain, Bill Dunne, Eric King...



ATHENS, GREECE: GRAFFITI & BANNERS

June 11th graffiti and banners by the anarchist group Wild Nature; against every type of incarceration; for the support of imprisoned anarchists throughout the planet.



"Against prisons & everything that reproduces them – Strength to all incarcerated anarchists across the planet – June 11th Callout"

THESSALONIKI, GREECE: ACTION AT CHILEAN CONSULATE

Today, June 13th 2016, we threw paints and flyers and spray-painted Chile's consulate on Karolou Diehl Street in Thessaloniki on the occasion of the June 11th callout, day of international solidarity with long-term anarchist prisoners. As a small gesture, we also dedicate our action to the memory of comrade Mauricio Morales.

“Before I go to sleep I embrace chaos as an idea that liberates my body and mind because, after all's said and done, it makes me feel alive. I don't want to go in search of the grail that gives off freedom in future societies. My fingers seek the bloody flight towards the destruction of chains, towards the rhythmic fire, towards the near arson of Power and its masters. And my actions upon falling asleep are headed towards breaking with the routine upon waking up tomorrow, towards individual action with my chest like a stone, swollen by the destruction of this and every other society.

Do me a favor: make sure anarchy lives forever.”

[Punky Mauri, *Antes de dormir abrazo el caos...*]

THESSALONIKI, GREECE: ACTIONS AT ITALIAN AND SWISS CONSULATES

In the early hours of Saturday, we carried out interventions with paints and flyers at the entrances of the consulates of Italy and Switzerland on the occasion of June 11th, day of international solidarity with long-term anarchist prisoners.

Freedom for anarchist prisoners of war. Arson and fire to every cell.

THESSALONIKI, GREECE: ACTION AT AMERICAN CONSULATE

On Saturday June 11th, day of international solidarity with anarchist prisoners, we carried out an intervention at the American Consulate General in Thessaloniki.

During the action, we hung a banner reading: “Until the destruction of every prison, death to the world of submission – Freedom for anarchist prisoners across the world”. We also threw leaflets with the slogans: “June 11th, international day of solidarity with long-term anarchist prisoners” and “Until the demolition of the last prison, no one is free – Freedom for anarchist prisoners of war”.

gets forgotten! Support them, write them postcards and letters, collect money. But the work shouldn't end in supporting individuals. Because of the millions of inmates, no one can help all of them – the strategic struggle against prisons and the prison-society needs more than individual support.

Thank all of you for your attention, for your good will and your support!

No state! No prison! No borders!

Thomas Meyer-Falk

Long-term inmate (since 1996)

STATEMENT FROM CHRISTOS TSAKALOS

June 11th is an international solidarity day. A day against oblivion. A day for all those who are missing from the streets.

For everyone of us that learned to count our steps within the prison yard and divide our day between locking after locking and our night in tallies.

At the same time, June 11th is a day of war. It's a day of rebellion because law and order may rule but they do not reign.

The existence of anarchist prisoners reminds us of the existence of the anarchist war. A war that sometimes burns slowly and sometimes blinds the sky with its fires.

Every war has its losses. There are comrades that were lost to cop's bullets or from a bomb that “was in a hurry” to explode...

Comrades that will not be beside us in the next conspiratorial rendezvous.

And then there are those who got caught in the enemy's snare. An enemy that is baptized in democracy and takes revenge with prisons and courts.

A democracy that likes to carry its captives as trophies from prison to prison, in special conditions, charged with dozens of years of punishment...

Inside the cell, a question that slaps you often visits you...

– “Was it worth it?”

They say that if your enemy doesn't chase you, you must be doing something wrong...

Transports, special courts, special conditions of solitary confinement, hunger strikes, prohibition of visits, arrests and imprisonment of relatives, new trials, attempted prison escapes..proof that we didn't give up...

The prison may take away our freedom, but we carry the war against authority within us, in every prison transport, in every cell search, in every locking of the door.

And sometimes, when the prison walls seem to grow taller and every locking from the guard echoes inside your head, you know that you are not alone.

You know that it didn't simply happen to you, it isn't just bad luck that

you were caught.

You know that you are the continuation of a thread, a story that began with the rebellion of Spartacus and even more before that...

You know that there are others like you within the cells of Chile, in custody in Mexico, in prisons in the USA, in FIES status in Spain, in vague detention in Germany, in supervision of thought in Switzerland, within special cell-blocks of isolation in Italy, in underground solitary confinement in Greece, in conditions of barbarism in Russia, in captivity in Poland...

And this gives you strength...you feel like an accomplice.

And all of us are connected with bonds of memory and perspective.

Memory for those who were imprisoned, tortured and executed before us in far more difficult times, and perspective for those who continue the thread of history walking against the hands of authority's clock...

So... the answer to the question is...

– “YES, it was worth it and if I turned back time, I would do the exact same thing again, a thousand times.”

And if someone asks again..

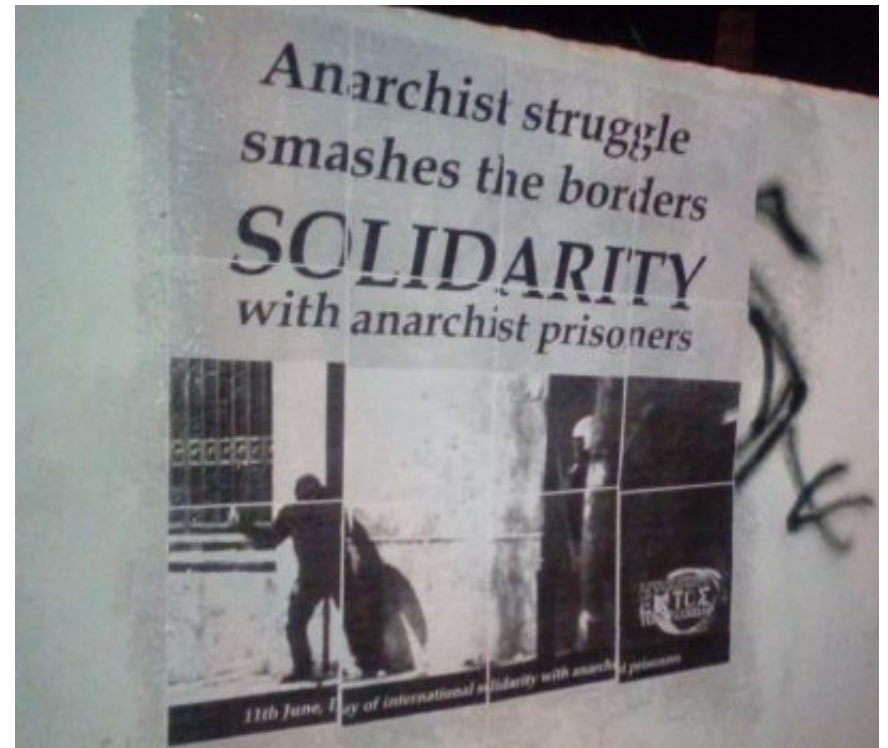
– “But the prison, isn't it a defeat?”

The answer is simple...

– “Victory is defined by the life you live...That's why we are winners.”

Christos Tsakalos

Conspiracy of Cells of Fire / FAI-IRF
Underground Cell Block of Korydallos Prison



VOLOS, GREECE: FLYPOSTING

In the context of June 11th, international day of solidarity with anarchist prisoners, the Assembly of Anarchists for the Solidarity Inside and Outside the Walls pasted large posters across the city of Volos (central Greece).

FROM KORIDALLOS PRISONS IN GREECE, TO THE FIES UNITS IN SPAIN; AND FROM FREIBURG PRISON IN GERMANY, TO FMC CARSWELL IN THE U.S.; FREEDOM FOR CAPTIVE ANARCHISTS; FIRE TO EVERY PRISON; JUNE 11TH, INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH ANARCHIST PRISONERS.



STATEMENT FROM GRIGORIS TSIRONIS

Greeting for the international day of solidarity and action for the anarchist prisoners throughout the world

An international day when all prisoners from all corners of the earth, all those who are experiencing the obligatory status of incarceration in the penal prison camps of democracy, those who are being deprived of the most valuable good of freedom, are uniting their voices, their thoughts and feelings, in order to send a signal among them that no one is alone.

Despite the hundreds of kilometers that are separating us, despite that we don't know each other, despite of all our differences, there is something that surpasses borders and achieves the elimination of all distances, something that can't be imprisoned, that escapes out of the walls that loom up around us, something that is priceless within the hearts of those who feel it, express it, or receive it.

It is this strong feeling of solidarity that fills us with strength, it gives us courage, in order for us to not give up even in these very difficult circumstances that we are experiencing, but instead to keep on fighting with the same passion.

It is the powerful bond between those who perceive themselves as fellow travelers, among those who transmute theory to action, those who are developing a polymorphous action with the purpose of destroying the existent, those who struggle against every form of enforcement and limitation, who fight back against injustice and exploitation, those who with rage and consciousness follow a decent life choice.

It is solidarity that in our days, more than ever, has been targeted by authority, by repressing and criminalizing it. But it is our weapon as well, no matter how much they'll try they'll never succeed in disarming us. Because solidarity's "bullets" are all these small or big gestures of support from all those who see in us a part of themselves, and those who can't feel free when at the same time there are imprisoned comrades, hostages in the hands of the state.

*SOLIDARITY TO ALL CAPTIVES
OF THE SOCIAL-CLASS STRUGGLE
TILL THE DESTRUCTION OF THE LAST PRISON*

Grigoris Tsironis
Korydallos Prison
11-6-2016

STATEMENT FROM MARIUS MASON for the Fight Toxic Prisons Convergence

Greetings to all the good folks who are coming together on this day to fight together against an important Environmental Justice issue. It inspires me to see that friends in the environmental movement and friends in the prison abolition movement are seeing some essential common ground, to join forces and visions in their work.

Many, many years ago in Detroit, I and a small group of neighbors got together to oppose a trash incinerator that was being built in the city, in our neighborhood. At one of the many public hearings, I accosted an EPA official who had signed off on a report that said that the fatalities due to the operation of this monstrosity would be about 40 people. His answer to me, was that was only if people were exposed to the toxins coming from the stack every day, all day. His assertion was that most people would go away from the area, either by moving or for vacation or for work....but this was a false assumption. The poor people of my neighborhood were stuck there, many were house-bound elders or small children, and most of us who were able to work did so minutes away from the faculty. We were in essence a sacrifice community, deemed expendable because of our poverty or our race. We eventually lost our fight, for the most part. But were able to get them to put the state of the art capture technology on the Incinerator that would NOT have been put in place had it not been for our intense struggle. Direct action really does get the goods, but you have to be in it for the long haul.

No one is more locked into one spot for the long haul than are the prisoners incarcerated in the United States; so many for decades on end. Many are prohibited from transfer and would certainly be exposed relentlessly to any toxic source that was on the premises. And as recent litigation has proved..hardly anyone is less likely to be served as to their medical needs. So the curse of a toxic facility on a prison population is doubled by the lack of access to any monitoring or treatment. Given that the prison population is overwhelmingly people of color, trans and queer folks and poor people – the result is a great human rights tragedy as well as the thoughtless destruction of an environment that is literally coming apart, unable to withstand the damage that our society is inflicting on it.

As an environmental and animal rights activist, as a trans prisoner of conscience, as someone whose choice and whose voice are so often taken away by the system – I am infinitely grateful to all of you who are here today to insist that we want a world that cares and respects all beings and this Earth. Thank you for speaking for so many who cannot. I wish you strength and success in your campaign.

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, USA: PROBATION OFFICE ATTACKED

On the night of June 11th, as a small gesture, we smashed out the windows of the probation office.

The police, courts, and prisons constitute a web of control that seeks to crush human beings, forcing conformity to a social order of hierarchy and exploitation.

While this manifests itself as police murders and the brutalization of prisoners, more and more it takes the role of diffuse repression via systems of home detention, work release, parole, and probation. In each of these systems of self-policing, the ability of collective resistance shrinks to none, isolating those rebels who will not submit to these forms of soft imprisonment.

We can no longer accept the role of judicial power in our lives. We do not care if this takes the form of police cars on our streets, prison walls separating us from our friends, ankle monitors, or daily check ins. It all must go. We attack the system that floods into our lives as a reminder that its sprawl should not be normalized. As forms of repression grow beyond the prison walls it should be met with consistent attacks.

Each act of revolt opens up space for joy in our lives, space to breathe freely.

Against the asphyxiation of prison society, we choose rebellion.

Total complicity with all those in revolt against prison and the state in all their forms.

SANTIAGO, CHILE: INK ATTACK ON CHURCHES

Anti-clerical violence has been unleashed with force as one more expression of the anarchic conflict against power and all bastard authority. The impact has been varied, politicians scream for the imposition of new laws and tougher penalties for those who attack order and the symbols of capital. The press plays its role of defamation and talks of social peace, ultimately pro-government. The citizenship, the sheep criticize everything without questioning their rotten enslaved lives and the religious ones cry as always appearing like the good ones in the movie.

We extend and claim the anti-clerical violence because we see the church as one more piece of domination, which is demonstrated by their influence on the policies of social control. Encouraging the power to impose new laws of punishment and fascist morality which are reaffirmed by vain speeches cloaked with a non-existent god that people believe without question for a life sentence that ends in a heavenly paradise. Who can believe in such a story? What a load of shit.

As an expression of a minimum anti-authoritarian gesture in response to the international call for long-term prisoners, on the night of June 14, camouflaged by the dismal fog that fell on the disgusting city of Santiago, we stained with ink two temples of pedophilia, money and crime and scratched the words “against all authority, anarchy”.

All our strength to Kevin Garrido and Joaquín García, and the subversives Marcelo Villarroel, Freddy Fuentesvilla and Juan Aliste. We do not forget the insurrectionists.

Mauricio Morales and Sebastián Oversluij are present in every act of vandalism.

*Constant attack against religious morality!
Solidarity and strength to the prisoners!
Not even God can stop the social war!*

Sebastián Oversluij Circle of Vandals

*We are all in it for the long haul,
love and solidarity,
Marius Mason*

STATEMENT FROM JEREMY HAMMOND

Revolutionary greetings on this June 11! Solidarity with all Earth warriors and anarchists behind bars!

We are up against a system of power and profit, a system which is destroying the planet and forcing the people into poverty and imprisonment. Many of us who have fought back found ourselves in the crosshairs of an extensive counter-intelligence apparatus who use trumped-up “terrorism” charges and entrapment by informants to put us in prison for years. There are many lessons from each case to consider before engaging in future work, but it is most important that we do not let the seemingly overwhelming forces of domination intimidate us into inaction and passivity.

Even those of us doing time, you know we stay bucking the system, and it brings us strength and inspiration to hear about your work in the streets, to hear about ongoing campaigns – such as the fight to stop the Bureau of Prisons from building a new maximum security federal prison in Letcher County, Kentucky, in the middle of a mountaintop removal coal processing area. This is a winnable opportunity highlighting the connections between the prison industrial complex and the exploitation of the Earth by profiteering capitalists.

But to succeed, we must consider the full range of tactics available. Everything from organizing conferences and sending books to prisoners, from lawsuits to protest marches, to hacking websites and sabotaging infrastructure. Every act of defiance counts, even if we do not immediately see the results of our efforts, because even small ripples can make big waves. Local actions have global consequences. We are spreading seeds of revolution, growing wild and free. Until we can overgrow and overthrow this system once and for all!

For the rev!
Jeremy
(A)

STATEMENT FROM NIKOS ROMANOS

Many things have been stated about the value of solidarity, and everything has its importance because it contributes to the attempt of giving meaning to a sense that constitutes a vital ingredient for our plans and actions. I will try to state in my own way an existential aspect of solidarity obviously through my own experiences. Solidarity means first of all emotions. Beautiful, wild, but most of all authentic emotions. Emotions that constitute the driving force for the growth of anarchist dynamics, which are liberating and beloved sounds and senses in the city, by yelling slogans, building barricades and by throwing blazing bottles that target the servants of authority. Solidarity doesn't mean identification, but complicity with everyone that chose to engrave liberating routes in the map of the anarchist insurrection. It's a relationship and within this relationship experiences are being developed and common desires are being produced for the destruction of this world, not in a vague future, but first of all within ourselves and then around us. Destruction to the degenerated relationships that this world is producing, in its depictions, in its symbols, in its officials and in its loyal servants.

It's been about 1.5 year since the time I was locked in a room-cell of a hospital with all the symbols of the state's enforcement around me (armored cops, orders of district attorney regarding force feeding) that I was seeing and learning about dozens of wonderful actions of revolt and defiance that were unfolding in the streets. No matter the contradictions involved in such a conclusion, these days with all their roughness and difficulties were the ones that I was feeling my heart beating through a primitive feeling of joy and my mind was traveling far away, to blazing horizons without bars and iron fences. From the burned police cars in police departments of Athens and the incendiary attacks, to the cars of the MEP (members of the European Parliament) in Brussels to the solidarity gatherings of friends and comrades outside the hospitals, from the combative demonstrations and the barricades that behind them their enraged eyes were meeting beneath their hoods, to the occupations of city halls and universities that were transforming to spaces of struggle, by creating points of diversion in their operations and spaces of dispersion of anarchist ideas. The feeling that anarchy is able to find spaces and ways of vital development and stay alive and dangerous was one of the most beautiful and powerful emotions that I believe are reflecting the power of solidarity.

“That is how I want to see these years in prison, consider them as part of a conscious choice, a choice that in spite of the known and obvious limitations, allows a different perspective, not only concerning the anti-prison struggle but the anarchist struggle in general. In this respect I think that we imprisoned anarchists are not just ‘prisoners’; to reduce us solely to this definition would be like reducing our contribution and preventing us from continuing

for an hour, and hearing some inspiring words from folks like Linda Shosie, a mother whose son is stuck inside a highly toxic prison, the march moved on to the Dept. of Justice and FBI headquarters which sit across the street from each other.

Once the march arrived, folks shut down a major intersection on Pennsylvania Ave between the two buildings and held the space while making some noise for all those locked behind bars. Spirits were high and the march was able to disperse without any arrests.

Participants hope this small, but disruptive public action will inspire others to get out in the streets for future June 11 solidarity actions as well as build momentum to stop the BOP's plans for two new prisons in Letcher County, KY and Thomson, IL; and build momentum for the national prisoners strike on September 9. Onwards!

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA: BANNER DROP



June 11th is the day of solidarity with long-term anarchist prisoners. This is not meant to exclude fighters for the earth and animals, because the ravagers of the earth, animals and humans are overlapping forces. While some may insist on creating a binary between these two currents of struggle, we do not. Marius and Eric are both of those things, so are many (most?) long-term anarchist prisoners, so are most people working on this project. Our antagonism includes, and is larger than, thwarting the despoilers of the earth and enslavers of animals. We are against all of society.

Wurundjeri Country Collingwood Melbourne June 11, 2016, 2pm. Members of Anarchist Black Cross Melbourne and the pink block held a banner drop on a pedestrian bridge, going over busy hoddle street to show solidarity to longterm anarchist prisoners

We also acknowledge Wurundjeri elders past and present that this action took place on stolen land

COMMUNIQUES

ELGIN, ILLINOIS, USA: BANNER DROP



Banner says: “Solidarity with eco-defender Marius Mason” and “Fire to the prisons.”

Human, Non-Human Animal, Earth liberation!

Solidarity with Marius Mason! The big cities have had their years of historic revolt and agitation. Anarchy is breaking out from the confinements of big city demonstrations, marches and street revolts. Let anarchy spread far and wild from the big cities to the suburbs! Fire to the prisons, and solidarity with Marius Mason and all who settle for nothing less than the total destruction of capitalism, the state and all civilized instruments of oppression!

WASHINGTON, D.C., USA: FIGHT TOXIC PRISONS



Over the weekend of June 11th an incredible array of folks gathered in Washington, DC for the Convergence to Fight Toxic Prisons and Support Eco-prisoners. After two days of networking, strategizing and listening to the wisdom of black liberation fighters like Ramona Africa and Jihad Abdulmumit as well as former eco-prisoners like Eric McDavid and Daniel McGowan – and so many more, folks hit the streets the morning of June 13th to raise some hell in the belly of the beast.

The Fight Toxic Prisons march got started bright and early to make sure that the prison pushers at the BOP did not get off to a good workday. Chanting “Burn prisons, not coal” and “Break the locks, no more cops!” about 50 people shut down the intersection in front of the BOP and blocked the entrance to their parking garage, preventing workers from getting in. After holding the space

to participate in the struggle for total liberation in all its breadth and complexity”. – Francisco Solar

So, just as moments of struggle like the international day of solidarity with anarchist prisoners don’t constitute anything more than one more triggering event to sharpen the subversive remembrance and remind ourselves that the struggle against domination means at the same time a struggle against prisons. Because the offensive and destructive actions against the penal complex constitute moments where freedom seeps through our bodies and breaks the captivity status that they’re forcing on us. Till the human gestures between prisoners and free comrades acquire again the warmth of a hug, the fires and explosions will reflect our desire to meet again with our own conditions. Till all are free.

Strength and solidarity to all anarchist prisoners

Nikos Romanos

STATEMENT FROM CASEY BREZIK

Hmm. I’ve been asked to write something regarding this year’s J11 theme. I have a strong opinion about this year’s theme and am also not a very elegant writer, so I hope not to offend anyone unnecessarily. Please forgive me if I do.

First, I guess, I should state that I’m adamantly against prison reforms for multiple reasons. I don’t want to find myself more comfortable within my confines lest I lose sight of the bigger picture and start feeling as through this place isn’t so bad. I don’t want to fall victim to that illusion for fear of not taking it so seriously. I’ve spent most of my adult life in prison, most of my “free” time has been spent on the streets in a state of abject poverty. Already I’ve done something stupid with the mentality that I was “tough enough” to handle even a life sentence and that’s a fucked up mentality to have. Fucked up and pervasive amongst convicts. After your first trip to prison you’re broken in and almost guaranteed to return having been disillusioned to what it’s really like. Recidivism rates are high for this very reason. We get out and find making an honest living as an ex-felon is extremely difficult, so people rationalize they can get money now and they’re able and if they return to prison so be it. Precisely because prison isn’t that bad!

So, for someone to suggest to make it easier in any regard I think is misled. Instead I’d suggest the best way to undermine the Prison Industrial Complex would be in making the transition for felons back into society easier. In doing so it would give cause for the recidivism rate to lower and ultimately reduce prison overcrowding, perhaps even leaving them empty and obsolete. Except then they’d just make new laws, right? Well, there’s no telling until we get to the

point.

So, to sum that up why I'm against reform because of the psychological effects being more comfortable has on its subjects.

Also, I'm against prison reform because of the psychological effect it has on those advocating for it. Something is not always better than nothing. By pushing for reforms you're lending your vote of support to the prisons. It's saying, "Yes, they're necessary, but maybe we can change them a little." Even if you don't mean it that way, ultimately that's what it is. I'm against prison reform because prisons are a despicable thing that should be destroyed, not designed to be more comfortable. Prisons are fucked up. Their very nature is a twist on reality. By adding the state's discourse to the concept, a further twist on reality, we end up with a huge mindfuck, both for people inside and out. There's no beating it nor improving it until we're able to fully accept that they are despicable and should not be there.

Lastly, I was to point out that inmates in segregation...hell, 99% of inmates period, are not anti-authoritarian. They are simply anti-"someone-telling-me-what-to-do." Not so much against telling or coercing others into doing things. Everyone wants to be top dog. The people you're supporting with this campaign against solitary and maximum security units are usually regarded as such. Of course, there are exceptions with long-term political prisoners, but there are always exceptions. The general rule of thumb is that if you're in one of those units it's because you pose a threat to other inmates, not so much the system in general. That is to say booty bandits for instance, or others that are excessively violent, rarely towards staff.

So for all of these reasons I'm against "the restructuring of the prison system and thus doubling down on opposition to Maximum Security, Isolation, and Communications Management Units." Well, actually CMUs don't fall in line with any of my issues. I am definitely against these. I'm also against every aspect of prison, though. But enough of what I'm against. How about what I'm for.

I'm for prisoner support systems. Support is comfort, but comfort from people that care about us rather than people who would rather beat us and look for reasons and excuses to take away what comforts we have. It's comparable to at least psychological child abuse within these walls. They wish us no good. Some may be indifferent, but there are no well-wishers despite their words. From the outside is where our true comfort comes from. Don't make us rely on them, nor to think they aren't so bad. Reforms might be the easiest route, but the easiest route is seldomly the best. The best is destruction. Short of that, find middle ground and at least do no harm. Help support prisoners either on the inside or in their transition back to "society." Don't let us suffer this cruelty thinking we're alone. Please show your support.

Solid,
Casey Brezik

– A microphone demonstration and picnic. We played recorded texts written by anarchist prisoners, which were amplified. For three hours, the center of town echoed with the words of our imprisoned comrades. Afterwards, hundreds of flyers about Marius Mason were scattered around downtown.

– On the night of June 11th, anonymous individuals smashed out the windows of the probation office.

– A walk in Yellowwood State Forest in honor of Marius Mason. Years ago, Marius had spiked trees in that exact forest, in defense of wild spaces in Indiana.

– At most of these events, we set up a large table of informational handbills, zines of prisoners' writings, posters, and prisoner addresses.

We are approaching the struggle against prison and the state with a basic proposal: that of polymorphous struggle.

We refuse any hierarchy of tactics, seeing each initiative as a tool which contributes to a diverse struggle. Fundraising, sending literature to prisoners, writing letters, spreading information about the struggles of our comrades, public demonstrations, attacking the state – all help create a space from which individuals can fight in whatever way is desirable to them or makes sense in their circumstances. We absolutely reject both the hand wringing weakness that says that to act combatively for our comrades is dangerous, and the posturing militancy that finds no value in anything but "hard" actions. For us, everything that contributes to strengthening our comrades in prison and our shared struggle against the state is essential.

Anyone can contribute to this tapestry of struggle. All it takes is to be decided.

We send greetings to all imprisoned and fugitive comrades around the world.

*Death to the state!
Long live anarchy!*

REPORTBACKS

Cincinnati, Ohio, USA: Cincinnati held an all day HxC punk fest on Saturday, raising \$330 and around a dozen letters to mail out.

Dunedin, Aotearoa: In Otepoti (Dunedin), we had a cosy mid-winter Matariki (Maori New Year) pot luck at Black Star Books. Vegi soup, homebaked bread, mulled wine and letter writing to anarchist prisoners.

Columbus, Ohio, USA: BLEAECK hosted an open mic, fireside conversation, snacks and an evening of prisoner solidarity/support discussion.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA: We raised \$450 for Marius by eating TONS of vegan pizza, donuts, sandwiches and cookies and drinking coffee. Marius and other eco/anarchist prisoners were discussed.

Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA: We had a Vegan Ice Cream Social in which we raised \$900! Holy Mackerel! A few dozen folks came by to eat ice cream, write letters and postcards, and to throw down some material support for our comrades stolen from us by the state.

Chicago, Illinois, USA: We organized a film screening, a discussion of how to keep Marius, Kara, and Jeremy present in our struggles, collective letter writing and food. \$150 was raised.

Bloomington, Indiana, USA: Here is a short run-down of events and actions that occurred in Bloomington related to the June 11th international day of solidarity with Marius Mason and all long-term anarchist prisoners:

- A benefit in late May raised over \$350 for anarchist prisoners.
- A benefit dance party in late May raised over \$600 for queer and trans prisoners, including anarchist comrade Michael Kimble.
- A ‘packathon’ event put together packages of books for prisoners.
- A letter writing night signed and mailed cards and letters to over 20 anarchist prisoners in the USA, Chile, Germany, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, and Russia. Individuals’ translation skills enabled these to be written in the languages understood by comrades outside of the US.
- An informational night presented on the cases and current situations of over two dozen anarchist prisoners around the world.
- A movie showing of G.A.R.I., about an action group who held a banker hostage, demanding freedom for anarchists held captive in Franco’s prisons.

STATEMENT FROM SPIROS CHRISTODOULOU

Solidarity towards all prisoners, political and penal, without any division, who with their stance and their ideals dream of a fair way of dealing with the general good. Besides, the course of each person, their acts as well their stance over the years carves their personality too.

We must give a huge hug to people-fellow prisoners of ours who really need it without waiting for anything in return. In my opinion we must rely on the feeling of unity between those of us who are connected by common interests and common targets.

All we prisoners are connected with one another with a different judgement of real incidents.

And even in the most tough times where we are persecuted by our enemies for our ideas and courage, we must stand tall and give our thoughts and help to all those who need it.

It is important to project the problems all prisoners deal with. People who have given their soul for the common cause. To give the slogan of an action which will bring tangible results. Because even the strength of a weak person doubles when it’s united with the strength of their comrades.

The struggle for our rights as prisoners is a polite and fair struggle.

If we all unite, if we really want to succeed in our common struggle, first of all our freedom as well as our qualitative life in their hell-holes, this depends exclusively on us.

But in order for others to support us we also must demonstrate the appropriate sensitivity for the problems of others and factually express our solidarity towards them. I do not want to refer to situations or examples because I believe they have absolutely no meaning at this stage.

I believe that the humble and the solidarians together with common aims and common visions always win. I have heard from time to time that “he is an anarchist and he is a penal prisoner”. I will disagree and say that our acts make the difference and not what we say.

Acts that benefit common massiveness as well as a tomorrow with smiles and not with bitterness and unacceptable comments which lead nowhere except to empty promises...!

Solidarity is a human value which we must maintain and through this we give a big part of ourselves to the others. With a free spirit and free heart, there is not a more beautiful thing than showing your support.

A winner is whoever lives and chooses the life that expresses them.

Solidarity is the most genuine form of humanism since it is the proof of material, mental and spiritual unity, cooperation and support between people beyond racial, religious or other differences.

Every act of solidarity must be spontaneous, must come from within us and bear the stamp of strength for the good of all of us.

But when someone asks for our help who really deserves it and we abandon them, that is anything but solidarity.

The solidarians must not seek to benefit in any way, they must always act with absolute confidentiality and respect towards whoever they show solidarity to, without ceasing to be decisive and effective in their actions.

Friendship replenishes weakness while fraternity eliminates it.

A knife to the bone.

Over time many things have been written about prisons and something is always spoiled in magical way.

We must all unite our forces so those who are across us can understand that they do not gain anything, they only lose. We must show our existence with acts and not with words which fall into the void.

I would like there to be a mass unity of those who generally deal with the prisons and it is important that there is a collective work whose ultimate goal should be the more dignified living conditions here inside their hellholes.

All those who participate in this attempt must be fair and should at any given moment react to the injustice and vengefulness of our enemies.

I would like to conclude by saying that if all of us are factually united we can win.

Freedom to all anarchists and political prisoners and may they always be strong.

Freedom and strength to all those penal prisoners who with their attitude for years now showed and show that they fight against the enemy, they fight authority in their own way.

Freedom to all!!

Until the destruction of every prison!!

Spiros Christodoulou

STATEMENT FROM THE CCF

Prison has the terrifying ability to leave its own indelible imprints on the bodies and minds of its residents.

Imprints of sorrow, frustration, violence, asphyxia, enforcement. Doors that keep locking and unlocking everyday at the same time with exactly the same awful sound in a monotonous rhythm of a murderous routine that drips its poison of immobility and vanity slowly and painfully.

A brief description about the distillation of sepsis that is being produced by incarceration is enough to become understandable of the hate we feel towards

prisons.

That's why every time a prison break succeeds, every time that a penal officer is being paid an uninvited visit, every time that a prison director or police sergeant pays the price of his despicable choices, our hearts fill with a unique feeling of enjoyment and pleasure. Because revenge for the captivity can't help but to find its incarnation over the constant assaults against the prison's representatives.

If something is missing in our days, it isn't the harmless babbling but the beautiful and courageous choices of comrades in order to create spots of organized offensive actions, to answer dynamically to the ashes that were left behind by oppression, to assert anarchy against its enemies. The passionate conversations are missing, for the necessary practices that we have to build, for the planning of deregulation, today, tomorrow and for as long as the world of authority surrounds us.

The desideratum now, for everyone that feels asphyxiated by the contemporary way of life remains common. To coordinate and strike the rambling tentacles of the state, capital, civilization, social apathy, to the everyday misery in the cities. Countless hostile depictions in a hostile pattern of life which in order to destroy we have to reverse their rhythm, movement and detestable pace.

The only way to set an attempt like this in motion begins from each and any of us individually, from the great choice to turn our personal hourglasses upside down in order for our lives to stop rolling in the rhythm that authority forces us, but instead to begin from the time we go on the offensive, from our desires to watch the world of order catching fire by our own hands and for solidarity to become the kindling for this fire.

Because solidarity is a momentum, it's power. It's the power that arises through the internal admission that we are all part of the anarchist clash against authority. The admission that we may end up in captivity tomorrow, in the place of someone in captivity today. An admission that constitutes essentially an indissoluble bond between all anarchists who are fighting authority, each one with the way he/she chooses. A bond that mustn't break in spite of all the personal differences, in spite of the individual disagreements, this feeling of complicity is always there. It doesn't fall back. It persists and takes different forms.

A banner, a poster, a fire during the night, a deafening sound of an explosion, a blast at some authoritative scum, an action of liberating prisoners. Because only this way, only then, solidarity is indeed our weapon.

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