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EUROPE

UK and IRELAND

John Bowden, Prison No. 6729, HMP Shotts, Canthill Road, Shotts, Lanarkshire, Scotland, ML7 4LE. John Bowden, convicted in 1982 for a brutal murder, has spent his entire adult life in prison. Politicised by his incarceration he's regularly paid the price for his resistance through long periods of isolation, beatings and treatment amounting to torture. He has never been broken and is one of the UK's most articulate and vociferous prison writers and a powerful advocate of prisoner's rights.

John's collected prison writings can be downloaded from ABC Hurricane here:

PDF: [Screen Version](#)

PDF: [Print Version A4](#)

Liam Harriman, A0131DG, HMP Pentonville, Caledonian Rd., London N7 8TT, UK.

Liam Harriman has been sent to prison for 8 weeks (16 week sentence of which he'll probably serve 8). He was arrested at the G8 protest last summer in London. Please support him. [10/08/14] **NB:** He should be released some time this month [November]

BELARUS

Brest Anti-Fascists Arrests

Late on the evening of May 8, 2014, in Brest, Belarus a fight between anti-fascists and neo-Nazis took place. The reason for the fight was a nazi provocation. One of the nazi began raising his hand in Roman salute and shouting "Zieg Heil" and "White Power". Except that the anti-fascists were better skilled in fighting, so one of the nazis ended up hospitalised.

Beginning on the evening of May 9, cops started to arrest the anti-fascists that they knew. First the flats of two anti-fascists were searched, their computers and laptops where taken and the guys were detained for 10 day terms. At the morning of May 10, the searches continued. Four more flats were searched and again computers and some personal items where taken by police. One of the anti-fascists was not at home, so he remain free and three others were detained.

One of the detained anti-fascists, **Vladimir Dudorga**, had been threatened by KGB officers before because of his active anti-fascist position. Dudorga was later released Dzmitry Z. and Dzmitry S. currently remain behind bars. [Updated: 01/08/14]

Dzmitry Zvan'ko, 225295 Brestskaya oblast, Ivatsevichi, p/b 20, IK-22, Volchi Nory, Belarus.

Dzmitry Stsyashenka, 225875, Brestskaya oblast, Kobrinski r-n, d. Luschiki IUOT № 6, Belarus. [addresses correct as of 01/06/14]

[Dzmitry Z.](#) and [Dzmitry S.](#), two of those detained, were recently transferred to penal institutions. Dzmitry Zvan'ko's appeal was not granted; the sentence remained the same — 5 years of prison. He will also have to pay about 4,000 euro to the injured neo-Nazi, plus some 500 more legal expenses to the State. [Updated: 01/06/14]

Nikolai Aleksandrovich Dedok (Mikalai Aliaksandravich Dziadok), ul. Krupskoy 99A, tyurma 4 212011, Belarus. [correct as of 30/05/14]

Igor Vladimirovich Olinevich (Ihar Uladzimiravich Alinevich), 211300, Vitebskaya obl., Vitebsky r-n, p. Vitba, IK-3 BELARUS. [correct as of 01/08/14]

3 anarchists/activists (also known as [Mikalaj Dziadok](#), [Aleksander Frantskevich](#) & [Ihar Alinevich](#)) originally remanded after a wave of repression by the Belarus state in the run up to presidential elections on 19 December.

More info at: <http://www.avtonom.org/en/node/14931>

On the May 27, 2011, judge Zhanna Khvoynitskaya sentenced the Belarusian anarchists Ihar Alinevich, Mikalaj Dziadok, Aliaksandar Frantskievich, Maxim Vetkin and Yeveni Slivonchik. The young men were accused of a number of political actions, including an attack against the Russian embassy in Minsk in August of 2010.

Ihar Alinevich received a sentence of 8 years 'hard regime' (restricted allowances for visits, mails, and packages and other "privileges"); Mikalaj Dziadok received 4.5 years 'hard regime' and Aliaksandr Frantskievich was sentenced to 3 years 'hard regime' [has since been released]. Maxim Vetkin was given a 4 year sentence in a low-security prison and Yevgeni Silivonchik was sentenced to 1.5 years in open regime prison after cooperating with the investigation and giving testimony against his co-defendants.

NB: The names are given in both Russian and (Belarusian), as the prison register is conducted in Russian, but we recommend that you address mail using the first (Russian) names.

Also, during the initial weeks (or months) of imprisonment prisoners are put in a quarantine unit (not yet registered with a prison unit whilst being examined by the medics and put through registration - may last for several weeks or months), therefore please note KARANTIN on the envelope where appropriate.

For more information: <http://avtonom.org/en/node/15830>

Jauhen was arrested, alongside 2 others, for an attack on the KGB headquarters in Bobruisk launched on 14 October 2010 in solidarity with Mikalai, Aliaksandr and Ihar. On 18 May he was found guilty of intentional destruction of property and sentenced to 7 years imprisonment with reinforced (hard) regime. Although not an anarchist, Belarus ABC is supporting him.

For more information: <http://www.autistici.org/abc-belarus/?p=91&lang=en>

Artsiom Prakapenka, IK-15, Slavgorodskoye shosse 183, g. Mogilev 212013, Belarus. [correct as of 18/07/14]

Detained on January 17, 2011 on suspicion of the attack on the KGB headquarters in Bobruisk launched on October 14, 2010 in solidarity with the anarchists arrested in September 2010.

Artsiom comes from Grodno and studied in Bobruisk. On May 18, 2011 was found guilty of intentional destruction of property and sentenced to 7 years of colony with reinforced regime.

UPDATE: [18/07/14] Artsiom is nearing the half way mark in his sentence when it will be reviewed and it could be increased or he may even be freed. [see: [here](#)]

NB: It is possible to send on-line letters to Belarusian prisoners via the [ABC Belarus website](#).

See also: wiki.avtonom.org for up-to-date listings of prisoners in the ex-Soviet Union.

BULGARIA

Jock Palfreeman, Sofia Central Prison, 21 General Stoletov Boulevard, Sofia 1309, Bulgaria. Jock Palfreeman is a 23 year old Australian who had the courage to stand up against 16 Nazis on a night out in Sofia, Bulgaria. He witnessed the fascists chasing and attacking two young Roma boys. Jock ran to the boys' aid, he did his best to keep the Nazis at bay by waving a knife at them but they attacked him. Jock was left with nowhere to run and had no choice but to defend himself. Andrey Monov, one of the Nazis, was stabbed and killed and another, Antoan Zahariev was injured. The Roma boys ran away. Jock has since been tried and sentenced for murder and attempted murder. He has been sentenced to 20 years imprisonment and has been fined 375,000 Australian dollars. www.freejock.com

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FRANCE

Damien Camelio, CP Mont de Marsan, Chemin de Pemegnan, BP 90629, 40006 Mont de Marsan Cedex, France. [Correct as of: 11/08/14]

Damien is a 31-year-old anarchist anti-fascist member of GADI (Groupe Action Directe International)

who has been sentenced to 2 years in prison for his alleged part in the firebomb attacks in Tarbes (on December 25, 2013 at Tarbes prison and 2 days later on a French Army building) and in Pau (on a Christian Science church on February 8, 2014).

[[Source](#)]

GERMANY

Thomas Meyer Falk, c/o JVA (SV-Abtlg.), Hermann-Herder-Str. 8, D-79104 Freiburg, Germany.

[Updated: 06/09/13]

In 1996, Thomas was sent down for eleven and a half years for bank robbery. Because of his strong beliefs, he's been subject to very harsh repression - kept in solitary, daily cell raids, suppression and censorship of mail, no access to education. In 2007, he was finally been moved out of solitary and was able to participate in education and other activities. He has applied for parole on a number of occasions since then but has always been turned down. At the end of June 2013, the District Court of Karlsruhe decided that Thomas was still a "danger" to the community and he is now being held in preventive detention.

For more info email: thomas_m_f@so36.net

or see <http://www.freedom-for-thomas.de/>

Aachen 4

On the 28th June 2004, near Aachen in the area of the German/Dutch border, police stopped a car with four people, including Spanish anarchist fugitives Jose Delgado and Gabriel Pombo da Silva, Begonia Pombo da Silva (Gabriel's sister) and Bart de Geeter. The car attempted to escape, and shots were exchanged between the police and the fleeing car.

Jose Fernandez Delgado: 14 years in prison

Gabriel Pombo da Silva: 13 years in prison [since transferred back to Spain]

Jose Fernandez Delgado, Aachenerstr. 47, 53359 Rheinbach, Germany.

GREECE

Conspiracy of the Cells of Fire Prisoners

Most of the CCF prisoners are currently involved in a series of new trials dealing with the 250 bombings and arsons between 2008 and 2011 alleged against the organisation (including attacks on the Golden Dawn's offices, the Athens Administrative Court, and Koridallios prisons), as well as the sending of a series of 14 parcel bombs. All are also under investigation concerning the 'Phoenix' project and the 'Operation Ardire' case.

Haris Hatzimichelakis

Panayiotis Argyrou

Dikastiki Filaki A Pteryga, Koridallios, TK 18110, Athens, Greece. [Updated 05/02/13]

Both are serving 25 years in prison out of a total sentence of 37 years for their part in the so-called "Halandri Case". They are currently awaiting future Cells of Fire trials. [for more information, see [Inter Arma](#)]

Damiano Bolano

Giorgos Nikolopoulos

Michalis Nikolopoulos

Christos Tsakalos

Dikastiki Filaki A Pteryga, Koridallios, TK 18110, Athens, Greece.

Damiano Bolano is also serving a 68 years sentence for being member of CCF and charges stemming from the 'Halandri case' trial and will be deported after serving the maximum 25 years.

Giorgos and Michaelis Nikolopoulos are also serving 68 years sentences for being member of CCF and charges stemming from the 'Halandri case' trial & 16 months for illegal possession of arms.

Christos Tsakalos is serving 7 years for being member of CCF and charges stemming from the 'Halandri

case' trial.

Olga Economidou, Central women's prison, TK 18110, Koridallos, Athens, Greece.

Giorgos Polydoros

Gerasimos Tsakalos

Dikastiki Filaki A Pteryga, Koridallos, TK 18110, Athens, Greece. [Updated 02/02/14]

Olga, Giorgos and Christos were arrested on March 14, 2011 and are currently awaiting trial in the 'Volos case' and for other Cells of Fire-related charges.

All currently awaiting trial on Cells of Fire-related charges, having been held in pre-trial detention for more than 3 years.

Theofilos Mavropoulos, Dikastiki Filaki A Pteryga, Koridallos, TK 18110, Athens, Greece. [Updated 02/02/14]

On May 18, 2011, Mavropoulos was arrested in the Athens neighbourhood of Pefki after being seriously wounded during a shoot-out with two patrol officers. Giannis Michailidis, the comrade who was with him, managed to escape and has taken full responsibility for his role in that incident already. Mavropoulos is being charged with two counts of attempted homicide, among other charges. After spending a month in the hospital, he was transferred to the "general population" wing at Koridallos. At the end of December 2011 he was moved to Malandrino as preliminary punishment for the escape he attempted alongside several Fire Cells Conspiracy members. He has since [joined](#) the CCF.

To keep up to date on the various CCF cases [in English], see:

<https://interarma.info/en/>

<http://325.nostate.net/>

<http://actforfree.nostate.net/>

Cells of Fire-related cases

In the latest trial, Giannis Naxakis, Nikos Romanos, Giannis Michailidis, Dimitris Politis, Argiris Dalios, Fivos Harisis and Grigoris Sarafoudis have gone [on trial on February 3, 2014](#) in the special court in Koridallos' women's prison for a series of bank robberies, clashes with the cops, etc.

"Halandri" & "Nea Smyrni Case" related prisoners:

Giorgos Karagiannidis

Alexandros Mitrousias

Dikastiki Filaki A Pteryga, Koridallos, TK 18110, Athens, Greece. [Updated 12/04/13]

They deny being members of the Cells of Fire. Giorgos and Alexandros were both tried in the so-called "Halandri case" and sentenced to 20 years and 11 years in prison respectively. All 3 are currently on trial for the "Nea Smyrni case" (on charges of forming an "unnamed terrorist organisation") and are facing further Cells of Fire-related charges. Here is a link to a [recent statement](#).

Update: Kostantinos Sakkas escaped his 'conditional

freedom' and has gone underground. One of his co-accused in the same case, **Stella Antoniou**, who was free on bail was arrested and detained again recently. [\[source\]](#)

Tasos Theofilou, Dikastiki Filaki A Pteryga, Koridallos, TK 18110, Athens, Greece.

Anarchist communist Tasos Theofilou has been sentenced to 25 years in prison in connection with an armed robbery in Paros on 10/8/2012 during which a taxi driver, Dimitri Micha, was killed. He was found guilty of two felony charges: participating in a robbery with his physical characteristics covered, and being an abettor in manslaughter committed in a calm mental state. He was also convicted of three misdemeanors: carrying a firearm, forgery (accusation relating to vehicles of the robbers), and accepting the proceeds of crime (the getaway car of the robbers). However, he was found not guilty of membership of a terrorist organisation (namely C.C.F.), possession of explosives and ordnance, forgery of five identification cards, use of a firearm, and two attempted homicides.

The verdicts were based solely on a single piece of 'evidence', DNA from a hair allegedly found on a hat that had supposedly been dropped by the fleeing robbers. None of the eye witnesses recognised Theofilou and the court itself found that he was not a member of the organisation that prosecutors accused of having

been involved in the robbery i.e. C.C.F.. [Updated: 11/02/14]

Revolutionary Struggle Prisoners & Others

On April 10, 2010, the Anti-terrorist Department of the Greek Police arrested six people in Athens : Nikos Maziotis, Panagiota “Pola” Roupa, Kostas Gournas, Vaggelis Stathopoulos, Sarandos Nikitopoulos, and Christoforos Kortesis. All were known for their long presence in the anarchist/anti-authoritarian movement. Two weeks later, Nikos Maziotis, Pola Roupa, and Kostas Gournas admitted to participating in the organization known as Revolutionary Struggle (Epanastatikos Agonas). Stathopoulos, Nikitopoulos, and Kortesis denied the charges and stated that they were being persecuted for their years of anarchist activity and their comradely political relationships with the others. Two others, Marie Beraha and Kostas Katsenos, were also charged and included in the trial.

Kostas Gournas

Dikastiki Filaki Koridallou, Parartima Gynaikaeion Filakon Koridallou (Π.Γ.Φ.Κ.), Solomou 3-5, 18110 Koridallou, Athens, Greece. [Updated 12/04/13]

On April 3, 2013 the judgment on the Revolutionary Struggle case was handed down:

Nikos Maziotis was sentenced to 86 years’ imprisonment *in absentia*; his sentence was merged into 50 years. **Pola Roupa** and **Kostas Gournas** were both sentenced to 87 years (Pola sentenced *in absentia*); each sentence was merged into 50 years and 6 months.

For all three of them, the maximum prison term is 25 years (which are typically served either as a full sentence or by day wages in prisons, or after the completion of 3/5 of the prison term, when a prisoner can be granted conditional release under specific conditions);

Vaggelis Stathopoulos and **Christoforos Kortesis** were sentenced to 8 and 7 years’ imprisonment, respectively. The sentence against Vaggelis Stathopoulos was merged into 7 years and 6 months.

Marie Beraha, **Sarantos Nikitopoulos** and **Kostas Katsenos** were acquitted on the benefit of doubt.

In addition, for all five convicted anarchists, the judges’ decision provided for deprivation of their political rights (5 years for the three admitted members of Revolutionary Struggle, and 3 years for the other two anarchists, Vaggelis and Christoforos, who denied R.S. membership). [[source](#)]

NB: Christoforos Kortesis and Vaggelis Stathopoulos have since been conditionally released (€2,000 bail, obligation to present himself twice a month at his nearest police station, ban from leaving the country). [04/04/13 & 09/07/13]

Nikos Maziotis, Geniko Katastima Kratisis Thessalonikis, 57008 Diavata, Thessaloniki, Greece. [correct as of: 31/08/14]

Nikos was on the run for two years, was seriously wounded and arrested on July 16, 2014, after a shootout with cops in Monastiraki. He was then transferred to the tightly-guarded Evangelismos hospital, where he was hospitalised. However, he has since been released and can be written to (letters only) at the address above. [Updated: 31/08/14]

Rami Syrianos, D2 Pteriga, Filakes Domokou, T.K. 35010, Domokos, Fthiotida, Greece. [Correct as of: 31/08/14]

Rami is a non-aligned anarchist who was sentenced on 28/05/12 to 8 years & 8 months for a January 2011 armed robbery in Thessaloniki expropriating money from a government auction house.

Andreas-Dimitris Bourzoukos

Argiris Dalios

Fivos Harisis

Giannis Michailidis

Giannis Naxakis

Dimitris Politis

Grigoris Sarafoudis

Dikastiki Filaki A Pteryga, Koridallou, TK 18110, Athens, Greece.

Nikos Romanos

Avlona Special Youth Detention Centre, 19011 Avlonas, Attica, Greece.

Nikos Romanos, Andreas-Dimitris Bourzoukos, Giannis Mihailidis and Dimitris Politis were arrested after a car chase on 01/02/2013 following the double robbery of a branch of the National Post office and a branch of the Agriculture Bank in Venvento, Kozani. In addition, Nikos Romanos and Giannis Mihailidis are accused in the case of the two Volos and Kalithea houses; Giannis Mihailidis and Dimitris Politis for the robbery at a branch of Agriculture Bank in Filotas; Florina and Giannis Mihailidis are accused of taking part in a gunfight with cops in Pefki. Foivos Harisis and Argyrhis Dalios were arrested on 20/04/2013 in Nea Filadelphia, Athens and are also accused of robbery. Argyris and Foivos deny the accusations and their prosecution is based solely on DNA samples collected from the area where the robbery took place. Argyris Dalios is also accused in the case of the two houses in Volos and Kalithea and, along with Foivos Harisis, of the robbery at a branch of Agriculture Bank in Filotas, Florina. All six are also accused of being members of CCF, something that both they and CCF deny. The trial for Velvedo case has started on 30/11/2013 and the trial for all the other cases on 03/02/2014. [\[source\]](#) [Updated: 05/02/14]

The trial of **Grigoris Sarafoudis** and **Yannis Naxakis** for the ATE Bank robbery in Purgetos began on Monday 31 March. [\[source\]](#) [Updated: 15/04/14]

Giannis Naxakis & Giorgos Sarafoudis were recently imposed with 16 years for bank robbery and will be moved from Korydallos soon. They will appeal the sentence, but Giannis will not appear at the appeal trial nor request a lawyer. [\[source\]](#)

Evangelos Koutsibelas [released Oct. 24, 2014]

41-year-old anarchist Vaggelis Koutsibelas has been sentenced to 15 years imprisonment (with the right to appeal) and a 300 euro fine - the prosecution initially requested a total of 27 years in prison - for a string of arson attacks that took place in the city of Trikala during March and April 2012. The main evidence against him appears to have been a police informant, who admitted that the cops had forced him to sign a forged testimony because he had drug charges hanging over him, and whose evidence was refuted by the defence. Other evidence that Vaggelis was in fact elsewhere at the time of one of the arsons was ignored by the court. [Updated: 11/03/13]

Update: Following a decision by the court of appeals to reduce his sentence (to eight years and three months), Evangelos became eligible for conditional release and was paroled on October 24, 2014. He must now report every month to the Trikala police department and reside in the home he has established as permanent residence until completion of the remainder of his sentence. [Updated: 30/10/13]

Andreas Tsavdaridis, Dikastiki Filaki Koridallou – A Pteryga, TK 18110, Koridallou, Athens, Greece. Andreas Tsavdaridis (Commando 'Mauricio Morales' – FAI/IRF) has claimed responsibility for sending a parcel bomb to the former commander of anti-terrorist agency, Dimitris Xorianopoulos, in July 2013 and which was claimed by Commando 'Mauricio Morales'-FAI/IRF, as part of the 'Phoenix' project (act 4). He was arrested on 11/07/2013 and he is being prosecuted for all acts of the project in Greece, as well as for allegedly being part of the Conspiracy of Cells of Fire. He has received a six-month pre-trial detention. [\[source\]](#)

Spiros Mandylas, Dikastiki Filaki Koridallou – A Pteryga, TK 18110, Koridallou, Athens, Greece. Arrested with Andreas Tsavdaridis and is currently on trial in the 'Phoenix' project case. He denies all charges against him. [Updated: 03/08/14]

For more recent information about the many Greek prisoners, see: <https://interarma.info/en/>

ITALY

There's a steady stream of reports of extensive repression from Italy. Ecological anarchists, squatters and ALF activists are more and more active, but are also facing more arrests, raids and random fit-ups. <http://en.contrainfo.espiv.net/> is a good source for the latest news from Italy in English.

Nicola Gai

Alfredo Cospito

CC Ferrara, Via dell'Arginone 327, IT-44122 Ferrara, Italy.

[Correct as of: 27/10/14]

[NB: Nicola and Alfredo's mail has been censored since the date of their arrest and on November 22,

2012, the preliminary investigation judge [extended that censorship](#) for another three months.]

Nicola Gai and Alfredo Cospito were arrested on 14th September 2012 and accused of being the perpetrators of the shooting of Roberto Adinolfi, CEO of the nuclear energy company Ansaldo Nucleare (which is owned by the

arms manufacturer Finmeccanica), an action carried out by Olga/FAI/FRI nucleus on 7th May 2012.

Nicola and Alfredo are being kept in custody in the prison of San Michele in Alessandria, in the high surveillance AS2 unit. They will go on trial for attack with purposes of terrorism (art 280), according to the charges pressed by public prosecutors Silvio Franz and Nicola Piacente.

At their trial on October 30, 2013, they admitted their part in the shooting but were prevented from reading out their statements on their behalf. [see Alfredo's [here](#)] At their sentencing hearing on November 12, Alfredo was given ten years and 8 months in prison and Nicola 9 years and 4 months. [Updated: 14/11/13]

'Operazione Ardire' Defendants

At 4 o'clock in the morning of June 13th, 2012, the carabinieri of the Special Operations Group (Raggruppamento Operativo Speciale, ROS) raided around forty homes, implementing the so-called 'Operazione Ardire' (Operation Boldness), a crackdown against people from the anarchist movement ordered by Manuela Comodi, public prosecutor of Perugia. A total of 10 arrest warrants were issued - eight within Italy, one sent to Germany and one sent to Switzerland - while 24 suspects have been placed under judicial investigation.

The eight comrades, Stefano Gabriele Fosco, Elisa Di Bernardo, Alessandro Settepani, Sergio Maria Stefani, Katia Di Stefano, Giuseppe Lo Turco, Paola Francesca Iozzi and Giulia Marziale, who were arrested in Pisa, Roma, Perugia, Genova and Terni, have been remanded in custody. Additionally, in Germany and Switzerland precautionary measures were ordered against Gabriel Pombo Da Silva and Marco Camenisch. Among the names of investigated suspects are also those of some imprisoned comrades that are prosecuted in the Conspiracy of the Cells of Fire cases in Greece.

UPDATE: The charge of terrorist association (270bis) has been dropped at the request of prosecutor Manuela Comodi, but the comrades are to stand trial for some specific offences (walls daubing, etc.), with the aggravating circumstance of terrorism. [22/01/14]

For further background on 'Operazione Ardire', see [actforfree](#).

Genoa 10

The Italian High Court confirmed on Friday 13th July the sentences for the 10 activists were guilty of devastation and looting crimes against private property and sentenced on 13/07/12 for crimes of "devastation and looting" during the G8 summit in Genoa in 2001. Five of the defendants have been granted right to appeal against other related charges, and their cases will be re-examined by the judges. The other five had their appeals rejected and were imprisoned.

Marina Cugnaschi, CC Bollate, Via Cristina Belgioioso 120, IT-20021 Milano, Italy. [Correct as of: 27/10/14]

Alberto Funaro, Casa di Reclusione di Rebibbia (Roma), Via Bartolo Longo 72, IT-00156 Rome, Italy. [Updated: 27/10/14]

Francesco Puglisi, Casa di Reclusione di Rebibbia (Roma), Via Bartolo Longo 72, IT-00156 Rome, Italy. [Correct as of: 27/10/14]

Luca Finotti, CC Trento, Via Beccaria 13, Loc. Spini di Gardolo, IT-38014 Gardolo (TN), Italy. [Correct as of: 27/10/14]

Anarchist comrade Francesco 'Jimmy' Puglisi, who went on the run after being sentenced to 14 years in prison following a trial for "devastation and looting" during the 2001 Genoa revolt, was arrested in Barcelona on June 5, 2013. He was then extradited to Italy and has been in the transit section of Rebibbia prison in Rome since July 5, in Jimmy's words, "waiting until the dogs of the administration or the Department of Penitentiary Administration decide in which section to put me," and was later moved on to a wing in the same prison.

Francesco Carrieri, CC Roma Rebibbia, Via Bartolo Longo 92, IT-00156 Roma, Italy. [Updated: 18/10/13]

Francesco Carrieri, one of the comrades arrested following the events on [October 15 2011 in Rome](#), has been accused of breaking his bail conditions and sent back to jail.

No-TAV Defendants

The campaign against the building of the Turin-Lyon high speed rail link has been running for 20+ years and regularly produces new arrests as the Italian State tries to suppress resistance.

Chiara Zenobi, Niccolò Blasi, Claudio Alberto and Mattia Zanotti were arrested on December 9, 2013, and accused of committing an act of sabotage occurred in May 2013 against the high speed railway (TAV) construction yard of Chiomonte, Val Susa. The charges pressed against them are heavy: attack with purposes of terrorism carried out with lethal and explosive devices, possession of war weapons, damages. A further 3 anarchists, Lucio Alberti, Francesco Sala and Graziano Mazzarelli, were arrested on July 11, 2014, in connection with the action at the Chiomonte TAV site between May 13 & 14, 2013.

Chiara Zenobi, CC Roma Rebibbia, Via Bartolo Longo 92, IT-00156 Roma, Italy. [Correct as of: 27/10/14]

Niccolò Blasi

Mattia Zanotti

Casa di Reclusione Alessandria, Via Casale San Michel, 50, IT-15100 Alessandria, Italy. [Correct as of: 27/10/14]

Claudio Alberto, CC Ferrara, Via dell'Arginone 327, IT-44122 Ferrara, Italy. [Correct as of: 27/10/14]

Lucio Alberti, CC Busto Arsizio, Via Cassano Magnago 102, IT-21052 Busto Arsizio (Varese), Italy. [Correct as of: 27/10/14]

Francesco Sala, CC di Cremona, Via Palosca 2, IT-26100 Cremona,, Italy. [Correct as of: 27/10/14]

Graziano Mazzarelli, CC di Lecce, via Paolo Perrone 4, Borgo San Nicola, IT-73100 Lecce, Italy. [Correct as of: 27/10/14]

Davide Forgione and Paolo Rossi, two comrades who have been involved in the Val Susa struggle against the TAV for a number of years, were arrested on August 30 2013 after police stopped their car and found material considered suspicious.

Davide Forgione

Paolo Rossi

CC di Vercelli, Via del Rollone 19, IT-13100 Vercelli, Italy.

Davide and Paolo were sentenced on March 14 to 2 years and 2 months and a fine of €5000. They had been arrested on August 30, 2013 after the police found Molotov cocktails, nails, plastic pipes and other 'explosive' material in their car. The prosecutor had alleged that they were palnning an attack on the TAV construction site at Chiomonte and had asked for 6 years sentences on both. [Updated: 29/03/14]

notavtn.blogspot

<http://en.contrainfo.espiv.net/tag/no-tav/>

Carmelo Musumeci, CC Padova, Via Due Palazzi 25/A, 35136 IT-Padova, Italy. [Correct as of: 30/12/13]

Anarchist lifer who has already spent more than 20 years in jail. Carmelo has done numerous hunger strikes, is a prolific writer and an active campaigner for the abolishment of life detention (check out the organisation he's involved with at: www.informacarcere.it/campagna_ergastolo.php?language=uk www.carmelomusumeci.com/

NB: Non-english speaker.

Carlo Seppia, CC di Pisa 'Don Bosco', Via Don Bosco 43, IT-56100 Pisa, Italy. [Correct as of: 27/10/14]
Carlo was sentenced on October 4, 2012, to 5 years for taking part in the riots in Piazza San Giovanni in Rome October 15, 2011.

Michele Fabiani, CC Ferrara, Via dell'Arginone 327, IT-44122 Ferrara, Italy. [Correct as of: 27/10/14]

Anarchist comrade jailed on July 14, 2014, to serve a residual sentence related to an anti terrorism police operation, so called 'Operation Brushwood' (2007). [[link](#)]

Gianluca Iacovacci, CC di Alessandria, Via Casale 50/A, 15122 San Michele (AL), Italy. [Correct as of: 27/10/14]

Adriano Antonacci, CC Ferrara, Via dell'Arginone 327, IT-44122 Ferrara, Italy. [Correct as of: 27/10/14]

Gianluca Iacovacci and Adriano Antonacci were arrested on September 18, 2013 following a ROS [carabinieri special unit] operation that also involved raids on comrades' homes. The two comrades are accused of several actions of attack on banks, fur coats shops, and ENI and ENEL [energy companies] premises, actions that had been claimed by Animal Liberation Front, Direct Action for the Defence of the Earth and FAI/FRI. They were charged with article 270bis: association with purposes of terrorism and subversion of the democratic order of the state. [Updated: 27/03/14]

Gianluca Iacovacci and Adriano Antonacci were sentenced on July 18, 2014, to 6 years and 3 years and 8 months respectively by judge Simonetta D'Alessandro, following a string of actions of sabotage and attack against ENI, ENEL and banks carried out in the Castelli Romani area between 2010 and 2013. The charge of association with purposes of international terrorism was confirmed. Gianluca individually claimed some of the attacks signed by FAI and refused a defence lawyer. Both comrades refused to attend trial held via video-link. [Updated: 21/07/14]

Daniele Casalini, CC di Pisa 'Don Bosco', Via Don Bosco 43, IT-56100 Pisa, Italy. [Correct as of: 27/10/14]

Francesco Gioa, CC di Livorno 'Le Sughere', Via delle Macchie 9, IT-57100 Livorno, Italy. [Correct as of: 27/10/14]

On Wednesday, May 28 and Friday, May 30 Francesco and Daniele were arrested to serve the remainder of their sentence (2 years and 1 month, and 1 year and 9 months, respectively) in relation to the robbery that took place in Lucca in June 2007.

On May 20, 2014, a hearing was in fact held at the Supreme Court for the case of Daniele and Francesco; the court of cassation upheld the prison sentences which were imposed by the Court of Appeal. [Updated: 04/06/14]

Andrea Ventrella, CC di Bologna 'Dozza', Via del Gomito 2, IT-40127 Bologna, Italy. [Correct as of: 27/10/14]

Michele Garau, CC di Piacenza, Strada delle Novate 65, IT-29122 Piacenza, Italy. [Correct as of: 27/10/14]

Fabio Milan, CC di Vercelli, Via del Rollone 19, IT-13100 Vercelli, Italy. [Correct as of: 27/10/14]

Paolo Milan, CC di Brissogne e Aosta, Località Les Iles 14, IT-11020 Brissogne (Aosta), Italy. [Correct as of: 27/10/14]

In the early hours of June 3, 2014, a massive police operation unleashed in Turin and surrounding areas led to the arrest of 8 comrades, raids on squats and on several homes and a great number of people put under investigation. The charges refer to the struggle the comrades have been carrying out against the enforcement of eviction orders in Turin in recent years, thus challenging the authorities of the city. After over four months in prison, some of the arrested comrades were put under house arrest, whereas four of them - Andrea Ventrella, Michele Garau, Fabio Milan & Paolo Milan - were denied release from prison. [Updated: 05/11/14]

POLAND

Andrzej Mazurek syn Kazimierza, Oddział Zewnetrzny w Chmielowie, 39-442 Chmielow, Poland. [Updated: 03/03/14]

Defended by an Official Solicitor with a translator that told him to pretend to testify as the translator knew what to say, he was convicted of charges in a trial he did not understand a word of. He was incarcerated in Larissa prison and fellow prisoners only began to spread the details of his case widely for the first time in December 2011. Which is how Andrzej became known as 'the forgotten prisoner of the December 2008 rebellion'.

After an appeal hearing on June 11, 2012, his prison term was reduced to 8.5 years. Since he had already completed 2/5 of his sentence, and was [extradited to Poland](#) from his Greek prison cell, where he is currently serving remaining time on a separate sentence for non-political offences. [03/03/14]

RUSSIA

NB: Moscow ABC advise that letters in English are seldom accepted in Russian prisons, so if you do not have a chance to write in Russian (i.e. by using simply phrases and translating them by a translation program), just send photos and postcards.

Aleksandr Aleksandrovich Kolchenko, Lefortovskiy val, 5, p/b 201, 111020 Moscow, Russia. [NB: only letters in Russian are accepted, so you can send postcards or use google translate in case you do not speak Russian][correct as of: 29/07/14]

[Aleksandr Kolchenko](#) was detained in Crimea on May 17, 2014, on suspicion of participation in a "terrorist group," which planned explosions near the eternal fire memorial and the Lenin monument in Simferopol on May 8th and 9th, and of having sabotaged railway tracks and electricity lines. Kolchenko is also suspected of having carried out two arson attacks: against the headquarters of the Russian Unity-party and Russian Community of Crimea on April 14th, and the office of the United Russia party in Simferopol on April 18th. He has since been transferred to Moscow and is being kept in the Lefortovo remand prison. The case is run by the FSB, the former KGB.

Aleksandr is an anarchist and antifascist who has participated in student and environmental actions. He has been part of campaigns against tuition fees and supported workers' rights protests. He was under constant Nazi attack for his antifascist ideas. One incident took place after a film screening about murdered anti-fascist journalist Anastasiya Baburova, where he was attacked by thirty Nazis using knives. In this context, claims by the Russian authorities that Aleksandr is part of the nationalist "Right Sector" are ridiculous, and he is denying these claims.

As lawyers of the accused are subject to a gag order, we have limited information on the charges and the level of cooperation from the suspect. We know that Aleksandr has admitted to being present at the location of the arsons, but he denies terrorist charges, which carry a 20-year maximum prison sentence. There is no reason to believe that he has implicated anyone else.

Aleksandr Kolchenko is claimed to be part of a bigger group protesting against the Russian invasion of Crimea by organising direct actions. A famous film director, Oleg Sentsov, as well as two Maydan activists, Gennadiy Afanasyev and Alexei Chirniy, have also been detained under the same suspicion. All of them are claimed to be part of the Right Sector (a Ukrainian ultra-right organisation). This is a lie as apart from Chirniy none of the accused have any connection to the Right sector, and Aleksandr Kolchenko has never shared nationalist ideas. The whole case is considered to be part of the Russian campaign to take over Crimea, which includes repressions against anyone who doesn't comply with the new authority.

Oleg Sentsov's arrest has gained worldwide attention, as recently, a number of known directors, including Pedro Almodovar, Mike Leigh, Agnieszka Holland, Stephen Daldry, Bela Tarr and Wim Wenders signed a petition demanding his release.

Since this case is highly political, Aleksandr's legal costs are high, around 850 euro per month. We expect the investigation to last long enough as to put a heavy financial strain on local ABC groups. So we call for support with finances and information distribution. You can make donations via PayPal to abcmask@riseup.net or using a bank account (write to the same e-mail address for details).

An international week of actions for the arrested will take place from July 15 to July 22. [Updated: 27/06/14]

Igor Olegovich Kharchenko

[Igor](#) was arrested in September 2011. He is accused of having participated in a fight on the July 4, 2010, during which the audience of a punk hardcore concert dispersed a band of nationalists, who had come in order to kill and maim concert guests. Igor, however, did not take part in the fight - plenty of those present at the concert have given testimony, that during the fight Igor was performing in the concert.

Igor has since been transferred to a prison camp, but he does not want to receive support letters from people he does not know. [Updated: 30/02/14]

[Alexey 'Sokrat' Sutuga](#) is a member of Autonomous Action and has been active in the anarchist movement in the past ten years, including the ecological protest camp against uranium enrichment in city of Angarsk in Siberia, which was assaulted by nationalists in the early morning hours. Ilya Borodaenko from Nahodka of Pacific Ocean was murdered there, and a number of other visitors of the camp were seriously wounded. He was arrested in April 2012 and remained in prison accused along with Alexey Olesinov and Alyon Volikov of having taken part in an incident in the Moscow club "Vozdukh", where on December 17, 2011, during a punk-hardcore concert, a conflict between the audience and the security took place. The club security, consisted of supporters of the far right, and were provoking guests. Due to the conflict, the concert was stopped prematurely, but the security attempted to take some guests hostage, threatening them with punishment from their friends - nationalist football hooligans. Concert guests resisted, the security opened fire with rubber coated metal bullets, but soon the concert-goers gained the upper hand and the security was neutralised and sent to the hospital. The case against them was eventually dropped in January 2014 on the eve of the Sochi Winter Olympics as part of the amnesty bill, approved as a PR stunt on initiative of Vladimir Putin.

However Alexey is now back in prison, having been arrested on April 5, 2014, for a fight with ultra rightist and placed under investigation.

Alexey Vladimirovich Sutua, 1986 g.r., FKU SIZO-2 UFSIN Rossii po g. Moskve, ul. Novoslodskaya d. 45 127055 Moscow, Russia. [correct as of: 29/07/14]

6th of May Defendants

19 people are currently under arrest for alleged involvement in rioting in Bolotnaya square on May 6th 2012, the eve of Putin's inauguration. [Stepan Zimin](#) was remanded on July 9th, Alexandra Dukhanina is currently under house arrest, and [Alexey Polikhovich](#) was remanded on July 26th.

<http://6may.org/en/>

Stepan Yurevich Zimin 1992 g.r., FKU SIZO-5 (Vodnik) UFSIN Rossii po g. Moskve, Vyborgskaya 20, 125130 Moskva, Russia. [correct as of: 29/07/14]

Alexey Alexeevich Polikhovich, 1990 g.r. FKU SIZO-2

UFSIN Rossii po g. Moskve ul. Novoslodskaya d. 45 127055 Moskva, Russia. [correct as of: 29/07/14]

Russian anti-fascist [Alexey Gaskarov](#) is currently being held in prison awaiting trial on charges of resisting police on May 6 2012 during the so-called 'riot' on Bolotnaya Square on May 6, 2012.

Alexey Vladimirovich Gaskarov, FKU SIZO-2 UFSIN Rossii po g. Moskve, ul. Novoslodskaya d. 45 127055 Moscow, Russia. [correct as of: 29/07/14]

Ilya Eduardovich Romanov, 1967 g.r., FKU SIZO-1, ul. Gagarina, d.26-a, 603098, Nizhnii Novgorod, Russia (letters only in Russian and do not contain statements about the political activities of anarchists) [correct as of: 29/07/14]

46-year-old anarchist [Ilya Romanov](#) was wounded in Nizhnii Novgorod following the blast of a pyrotechnic device (a firecracker) which severely injured his left hand and burned his face. Ilya was taken to hospital where doctors amputated his arm. He was arrested and charges under Article 205 through Article 30 of the Criminal Code of Russian Federation ("attempt a terrorist attack") despite a total lack of any evidence to support the terrorist angle.

See also: wiki.avtonom.org for up-to-date listings of prisoners in the ex-Soviet Union.

SPAIN

Basilica del Pilar Case

On November 13, the National Police raided the house of four anarchists in Barcelona, arresting the four comrades and another in the vicinity of her home the same morning. The 5 have been accused of having placed a device that exploded at the Basilica del Pilar in Zaragoza (Spain) on October 2. Arrested under the Anti-Terrorism Act against a backdrop of a media feeding frenzy, the 3 arrested Italian comrade Valeria Giamoni, Gerardo Damián Formoso and Rocío Yune, were released upon bail after remaining incommunicado for 5 days; their passports were retained and must appear in court on a periodic basis. The 2 Spanish comrades, Monica Caballero and Francisco Solar, were however remanded in "provisional custody" (i.e. pre-trial custody or remand) - charged with Illicit Terrorist Association, the placing of

Explosive Artefacts (specifically at the Church of Zaragoza) and Conspiracy to Commit Terrorist Acts (alleged plans to attack the Monastery of Montserrat in Barcelona) - by the National Court, for an unspecified period whilst the "investigations" take place.

UPDATE [21/04/14]: Both compañeros remain in preventive detention and have passed through a number of different prisons [current addresses below]. They remain in FIES 3, with eight 5-minute calls per week, restriction of correspondence (only 2 letters per week) and we know they still have no limit on how many letters they can receive, one weekly visit of 40 minutes and are both dispersed in prisons distant from their friends and compañeras, the so-called 'dispersion' as the way of punishing political prisoners or rebels, seeking to exhaust the strength of those who go visit them.

Mónica Andrea Caballero Sepúlveda, Ávila-Prisión Provincial, Ctra. de Vicolozano s/nvApdo. 206, 05194 Brieva (Ávila), Spain. [Correct as of: 29/07/14]

Francisco Javier Solar Domínguez, Centro Penitenciario de Villabonav, Finca Tabladiello, 33480 Villabona-Llanera (Asturias), Spain. [Correct as of: 29/07/14]

Barcelona Five

On May 15, 2013 a major crackdown was launched by the Mossos D'Squadra [Catalan police] which was directed from the National Audience Court in Madrid [high prosecution panel], in which five anarchists were arrested in various parts of Catalonia for alleged membership of the Bandera Negra group (un grupo 'especialmente activo'). This is seen as a media-orientated coup to coincide with the second anniversary of the 15-M popular protests, a media lynching, where these libertarians still remain in pretrial custody.

The five comrades are currently dispersed in 5 different regional prisons under the FIES3 penitentiary regime. They are no longer in isolation, but the state continues with the other FIES restrictions they apply. You can send letters to all of them at the following addresses listed below. Note that the communications are being monitored so we propose maximum prudence in the contents of the letters themselves. Details of the case and solidarity initiatives can be found on the [support blog](#) to the five of Barcelona.

Remember the account number solidarity for prisoners and their families:

Bankia account number (Spain): 2038 9252 63 3000365109

Silvia Muñoz Layunta, NIS 2010012388, CP Madrid VII Estremera, Ctra. M-241 km 5,750, 28595 Estremera, Madrid, Spain.

Jose Carlos Recio Minguez, NIS 2000003209, CP Madrid VI, Aranjuez, Ctra N-400 km 28, 28300 Aranjuez. Madrid, Spain.

Juan José Garrido Marcos, NIS 2013009086, CP Madrid II, Alcala de Henares, Ctra Alcala-Meco km 5, 28805 Alcala de Henares, Spain.

Yolanda Fernández Fernández, NIS 2013009039, CP Avila, Brieva, Ctra. de Vicolozano, 05194 Brieva (Ávila), Spain.

Xabier González Solar, NIS 9226970300, CP Madrid IV (Navalcarnero), Ctra. N-V, km. 27.728600, Navalcarnero, Madrid, Spain.

The Cordoba Four

The Malaga court of appeal sentenced the anarchists Giovanni Barcia, Michele Pontolillo and Claudio Lavaza, already sentenced to 11 years on September 1999, for an incident in the Italian vice-consulate in December 1996. Three persons wearing balaclavas imprisoned the consul and an employee, sending a message of solidarity to the Italian prisoners jailed by the Judge Marini (the judge who built a false accusation against Italian anarchists) and disappeared with passports and some money. These three Italians were convicted of this, as well as a previous bank robbery with sentences of 49 years for Claudio, 48 years for Giorgio and Giovanni, 3 years for Michele. Write to them:

Claudio Lavazza C.P. Teixeira (módulo 11), Carretera Paradela s/n, 15310 Teixeira-Curtis (A Coruña), Spain. [Correct as of: 27/10/14]

Giorgio Rodriguez

Disappeared when out of prison on three days release Summer 2009.

Giovanni Barcia C.P.El Acebuche, Ctra. Cueva de los Úbeda, km 2,5, 04071.- El Acebuche, Almería, Spain.

Jose María Pirla Oliván

CP de Albolote. Ctra. Comarcal 220, Km. 6 – 18220, Albolote (Granada), Spain.

An anarchist comrade who has been in prison for 30 years and who currently has an on-going campaign for his release. See: [Campaign To Release Jose Maria Pirla Oliván](#).

Gabriel Pombo da Silva

Centro Penitenciario de Topas - Salamanca, Ctra. N-630, km. 314 37799 Topas (Salamanca), Spain.

[Correct as of: 18/08/14]

Gabriel has been moved to Alicante and continues to be held under FIES-5, denied visits and his mail restricted. If you want to write to Gabriel, even if he can't reply, it is best to do it by registered mail so that letters don't get lost and are put on record. He is unable to receive texts, pamphlets, books, etc.).

[Updated: 06/06/14]

[See also the German [Aachen 4](#) section above.]

SWEDEN

Joel Almgren, Skogholmsvägen, 522 85 Tidaholm, Sweden. [Correct as of: 10/11/14]

Joel is a Swedish anti-fascist currently on remand for defending an anti-racist demonstration in Kärtrorp, near Stockholm, from a vicious attack by the neo-Nazi group Swedish National Resistance. During the fight, a number of the attackers were seriously injured and Joel is facing possible charges associated with these injuries.

Update: Joel was sentenced to 5.5 years on appeal and has been transferred to a new prison. [Updated: 10/08/14]

SWITZERLAND

Marco Camenisch, Strafanstalt Bostadel, Postfach 38, CH-6313 Menzingen, Switzerland. [Updated: 26/05/14]

Marco is a Swiss anarchist and environmental activist who has been in prison since 1991. He is serving a 18 year sentence: 10 years for using explosives to destroy electricity pylons leading from nuclear power stations and 8 years for the murder of a Swiss Border Guard whilst on the run. In 2002 Marco completed a 12-year sentence in Italy for destroying electricity pylons in Italy as part of a sabotage campaign against the nuclear industry.

Sadly, Marco has been denied parole for the second time this year:

“This time the denial came from the TAR (administrative review court). To tell the truth, I'm sick and tired of dealing with the usual long-winded repressive crap, in which also the TAR simply 'approves' everything that has already been expressed by their worthy cronies, only adding even more meanness and maliciousness. I was surely expecting a confirmation of the denial but, to tell the truth, at least a hint of seriousness in the treatment of the 'defence arguments'. In practice an a posteriori internment, by the end of the prison sentence, is most likely what lies ahead of me. That's the only point worth noting...”

[11/12/13]

Marco continues to protest against the Swiss state's refusal to release him on parole and is currently refusing to provide urine samples for drugs testing. As a possible consequence of this and other acts of non-cooperation with the prison regime, he has been moved to another prison. [26/05/14]

USA

[All US federal prisoners' addresses can also be located at: www.bop.gov/inmateloc/]

Tinley Park 5

The final Tinley Park 5 prisoner, **Jason Sutherlin**, was released in September 2014. Bloomington ABC, Denver ABC, NYC ABC, and Sacramento Prisoner Support have launched a release fund for Dylan and donations can be made at: j.mp/JasonSutherlin

For more information, see: tinleyparkfive.wordpress.com/

[Updated last: 06/10/14]

Black Scare'/Occupy Conspiracy Prisoners

In the wake of 'Green Scare', the FBI have taken to widening their targeting strategy and have the Occupy Movement and anarchists in general in their sights. Using the standard COINTELPRO tactics of infiltration and the use of agent provocateurs, the FBI have set up a number of people in fabricated terrorism charges.

Cleveland 4

Five Occupy Cleveland activists - **Doug Wright, Connor Stevens, Brandon Baxter, Joshua 'Skelly' Stafford** and Tony Hayne - were arrested and jointly charged with conspiracy, attempted use of an explosive device to destroy property in interstate commerce, and attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction to destroy property in interstate commerce. This relates to an alleged 'plot' to blow up an Ohio bridge on May Day to protest corporate rule. Much of the State's case is based on the actions and testimony of a paid informant or 'confidential human source' who did everything he could to push the five towards considering bombing the bridge and on an undercover FBI agent who was going to build the bomb for them.

Anthony Hayne has since cut a deal with the US government and, in return for a reduced sentence, will testify against his co-defendant. As a result he has been removed from all prisoner support list.

Connor Stevens, #57978-060, FCI McKean, PO Box 8000, Bradford, PA 16701, USA.

Brandon Baxter, #57972-060, FDC Oakdale, Post Office Box 5010, Oakdale, Louisiana 71463, USA.

Joshua Stafford, #57976-060, USP Tucson, Post Office Box 24550, Tucson, Arizona 85734, USA.

Douglas L. Wright, #57973-060, USP Coleman 1, Post Office Box 1033, Coleman, Florida 33521, USA.

[All addresses Correct as of: 25/07/14]

Or write to the 4: c/o Cleveland 4 Justice, P.O. Box 602117, Cleveland, OH 44102, USA

www.cleveland4solidarity.org/

NATO 5

Brian 'Jacob' Church, Jared 'Jay' Chase and **Brent Betterly** are accused of conspiring to commit terrorism during the recent NATO summit in Chicago. They have been charged with 11 felony counts, including material support for terrorism, conspiracy to commit terrorism, and creating Molotov cocktails. All three face up to 40 years in prison each and are expected to go to trial in September.

UPDATE: Brian Church, Jared Chase and Brent Betterly were sentenced to prison terms ranging from 5 to 8 years in prison on April 25 2014 for making crude Molotov cocktails in the days before the NATO summit in Chicago in May 2012. Additionally, they were also acquitted of more serious terrorism charges, a fact stressed by their attorneys. Church was sentenced to 5 years, Chase to 8 years and Betterly to 6.

Brent Betterly M44724, Sheridan Correctional Center, 4017 East 2603 Road, Sheridan, Illinois 60551, USA.

Jared Chase M44710, Dixon Correctional Center, 2600 North Brinton Avenue, Dixon, Illinois 61021, USA.

Brian Church M44717, Pinckneyville Correctional Center, Post Office Box 999, Pinckneyville, Illinois 62274, USA.

[Correct as of: 29/07/14]

Two others, **Sebastian 'Sabi' Senakiewicz** and **Mark 'Migs' Neiweem**, were also arrested on unrelated explosives charges are are being treated a individual cases, separate from the 'Nato 3' case.

Mark Neiweem was charged with soliciting materials for an explosive device, which carried up to 30 years in prison, and probation violation for a previous felony conviction. He accepted a non-cooperating plea deal to the probation violation charge and to solicitation and attempted possession of an explosive or incendiary device. He was sentenced to a 3-year sentence in a state prison [since released].

Sebastian Senakiewicz faced 15 years in prison but was deported to his native Poland in July 2013.

Support group: <http://nato5.occupychi.org>

More general information about the wider Black Scare/anti-Occupy FBI investigations can be found at:

www.greenisthenewred.com/blog/

www.stopfbi.net/

Jeremy Hammond #18729-424, FCI Manchester; Federal Correctional Institution; P.O. Box 4000; Manchester, KY 40962; USA. [Correct as of: 28/07/14]

Jeremy Hammond was arrested in March 2012 and charged with five felony counts, including three under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA). Each of the CFAA counts carries a 10-year maximum prison sentence, with the total amounting to more than 40 years, for publicising internal emails from the private intelligence firm Stratfor through Wikileaks.

Though he is charged with committing non-violent offences, he has been denied bail. Since his jailing he has been denied access to family (one year) and friends (two years) for minor jailhouse infractions. He has also been placed in solitary confinement on two separate occasions. He has been awaiting a trial date for over a year.

Facing the possibility of a 40 year plus sentence, on May 28 2013 he pleaded guilty to one count of violating the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

Jeremy was sentenced on November 15 to 10 years in prison, the term that the prosecution had demanded. He has since been transferred to FCI Manchester. [Updated: 18/01/14]

<http://freejeremy.net/>

Green Scare

In a widespread coordinated FBI sweep called 'Operation Backfire' in early 2006, a number of people have been imprisoned for acts of ELF and ALF (Earth Liberation Front and Animal Liberation Front) property destruction and sabotage, implicated by informers and other defendants. One of the defendants, Bill Rodgers from Arizona, was found dead in his cell while on remand in an apparent suicide. The term Green Scare refers to the federal government's expanding prosecution efforts against animal liberation and ecological activists, drawing parallels to the "Red Scares" of the 1910's and 1950s.

Rebecca Rubin #98290-011, FCI Dublin, 5701 8th Street – Camp Parks, Dublin, California 94568, USA. [correct as of: 03/08/14]

Earlier this year, Rebecca Rubin turned herself in after 7 years on the run, wanted for a series of Animal Liberation Front and Earth Liberation Front arsons. In early October 2013, she plead guilty to participating in and/or planning four arsons:

1997: Freeing 400 wild horses and setting fire to a U.S. Bureau of Land management corral in Burns, Oregon. (Claimed by the ALF)

1998: Participating in the planning of a fire at a Vail ski resort in Colorado.

1998: Fire at the headquarters of U.S. Forest Industries in Medford, Oregon (claimed by the ELF)

2001: Freeing horses and setting fire to a BLM horse and burro corral at Litchfield, California. (Claimed by the ALF)

Rebecca was set to turn herself in as early as 2009, however prosecutors would not agree to any plea agreement that did not involve Rubin implicating her co-defendants, which Rubin refused to do.

According to her current plea agreement, the government will not ask the judge for a sentence longer than

7.5 years.

UPDATE: Rebecca was sentenced to 5 years in prison, less than prosecutors had sought, on January 27, 2014.

Justin Solondz #98291-011, FCI Loretto, Post Office Box 1000, Loretto, Pennsylvania 15940, USA. After being extradited from China and convicted of Earth Liberation Front actions in the USA, Green Scare target Justin Solondz has been transferred to a prison much closer to his parents in western Pennsylvania. Justin is serving seven years having admitted his part in the 2006 University of Washington firebombing.

Marius Jacob Mason, #04672-061, FMC Carswell, Federal Medical Center, P.O. Box 27137, Fort Worth, TX 76127, USA. [correct as of: 20/07/14]

Sentenced to 21 years and 10 months for involvement in ELF arsons, against a University building carrying out Genetically Modified crop tests and other ELF actions, Marius has received the longest sentence of any of the Green Scare defendants.

UPDATE: We would like to let everyone know that Marius Jacob Mason will no longer be using the name Marie, and will be using male pronouns. We hope that you will all join us in supporting Marius through this transition, which will no doubt be extra challenging within the prison system. Until his name is legally changed, any mail sent to Marius in prison will still need to be addressed to 'Marie Mason' on the envelope. This goes for donations also. Please write to Marius at this time! Receiving supportive and friendly mail makes a world of difference. [[source](#)] [20/07/14]

Eric McDavid #16209-097, FCI Terminal Island, Federal Correctional Institution, PO Box 3007, San Pedro, Ca 90731, USA. [correct as of: 20/07/14]

Serving 19 years & 7 months for planning to destroy the property of the U.S. Forestry Service, mobile phone masts and power plants. At the point of his arrest no criminal damage has actually occurred. On 21 September 2010 the 9th Circuit Court denied Eric's appeal on his conviction and sentencing. His lawyer has since entered a petition for a rehearing. [Updated: 05/02/14]

www.supporteric.org

Eric Wildcat Hall #BL-5355, Unit H/A, SCI Forest, PO Box 945, Marienville, PA 16237, USA. [Updated: 15/05/14]

Serving 35-75 years for helping ship arms to Central American indigenous activists.

Brian McCarvill #11037967, Snake River Correctional Institution (SRCI), 777 Stanton Blvd, Ontario, OR 97914, USA.

Brian is serving an absurd 30+ year sentence related to a custody battle and a violent altercation with the Child Services Department. He's a dedicated prisoner rights activist.

David Gilbert #83A6158, Auburn Correctional Facility, P.O. Box 618, New York 13024, USA.

After about 5 years of organizing in the above ground movement during the sixties, David joined the revolutionary underground, spending a total of 10 years living clandestinely, actively resisting imperialism with arms as part of the Weather Underground group. On October 20, 1981, he and other comrades were captured at Nyack, NY during an attempted expropriation by a unit of the Black Liberation Army working with white revolutionaries (known as the Revolutionary Armed Task Force-RATF). During the expropriation attempt, 3 officers were killed. Charged and convicted of felony murder, David is serving a 75 year (minimum) to life sentence.

Leonard Peltier # 89637-132 USP Coleman I, U.S. Penitentiary, P.O. Box 1033, Coleman, Fl 33521, USA. [Correct as of: 25/10/13]

Leonard was an American Indian Movement (AIM) activist framed by a COINTELPRO operation for the murder of two FBI agents in 1975 and is serving two consecutive life sentences. He's gravely ill at the moment and is being denied a transfer to the medical facility.

His support group can be contacted: LPDC, PO Box 583, Lawrence, KS 66044, USA.

email: lpdcomite@aol.com

www.freepeltiernow.org

John Graham, #55101, South Dakota State Penitentiary, Box 5911, Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5911, USA. John was an American Indian Movement (AIM) activist and was arrested in Vancouver in December 2003, and extradited to South Dakota in December 2007. The allegations against John are of murdering fellow AIM member Anna Mae Pictou in 1975. John Graham denies he killed Anna Mae.

<http://ourfreedom.wordpress.com>

Jerome White-Bey #37479, (4B-220), Crossroads Correctional Center, 1115 E Pence Road, Cameron, Mo, 64428, USA. [Updated: 30/08/14]

Jerome is an anarchist prison activist who set up the Missouri Prison Labour Union to fight slave labour in prisons.

Byron Shane "Oso Blanco" Chubbuck #07909-051, USP Lee, P. O. Box 305, Jonesville, Virginia 24263, USA. [Correct as of: 03/02/14]

An Indigenous rights activist serving 80 years for bank robbery, aggravated assault on the FBI, escape and firearms charges. A confidential informant reported that Oso was robbing banks in order to acquire funds to support the Zapatista rebellion in Chiapas, Mexico throughout 1998-99.

[Address envelope to Byron Chubbuck]

Sean Swain #243-205, Ohio State Penitentiary, 878 Coitsville-Hubbard Rd., Youngstown, OH 44505, USA. [Updated: 29/09/13]

An anarchist/indigenous prisoner and former union organiser fighting his conviction by citing the US government's illegal occupation of native land, also by running for governor of Ohio from prison as a Zapatista candidate in 2010.

He has been held without a legal conviction or sentence since 1991 for the self-defence killing of a court official's relative who broke into Sean's home and threatened his life. In 2011, the Ohio Adult Parole Authority gave Sean a continuance of 5 years without notifying his counsel of a full-board hearing as required by statute. None of the State's laws apply in Sean Swain's case. His next parole eligibility date is in 2016 but there is no reason to believe the State will have any greater regard for justice or truth than it does now, so Sean has stated that he will not attend that hearing.

<http://seanswain.org/>

Russell Maroon Shoats #AF-3855, SCI Graterford, P.O. Box 244, Graterford, PA 19426, USA. [Correct as of: 03/02/14]

Maroon is a 68-year old political prisoner, community activist, founding member of the Black Unity Council, former member of the Black Panther Party and the Black Liberation Army. He has spent the last twenty-one years in solitary confinement within the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (DOC).

During this time he has not violated prison rules, and has not been issued any misconducts in more than two decades. Despite his impeccable record, prison authorities continue to hold him in 23-24 hour lockdown at the State Correctional Institution (SCI) Greene based on acts that occurred more than thirty years ago.

For more background info see [his Denver ABC page](#).

The Angola 3

Albert Woodfox, Herman Wallace and Robert "King" Wilkerson, still known by their campaign name The Angola 3 (King was released at the beginning of 2001), initially arrived at Angola with sentences for unrelated robberies. Wallace and Woodfox founded the first chapter of the Black Panther Party at Angola and led campaigns to stop prison rape and improve conditions of the slave plantation. Their activism made them targets of the all-white prison administration and in 1972, in an effort to stop their organizing, prison officials concocted murder charges against Woodfox and Wallace for the killing of a prison guard. Relying on the paid-for testimony of prison snitches Angola officials won convictions against the two men who received sentences of life without parole. Later, in 1972, when Wilkerson arrived at Angola his reputation as an activist preceded him, and he was immediately placed in solitary. Subsequently he was charged with and convicted for a murder he did not commit, even though he was not yet at Angola when the murder took place, was gagged with duct-tape during the trial and the actual killer admitted he'd acted alone in self-defence.

Herman was released on 01/10/13 after spending nearly 42 years in solitary confinement following the overturning of his conviction and the ordering of his retrial but he sadly he died within 2 days of his release. He is much missed by all who knew him and especially his comrades Albert and Robert.

Albert (Shaka Cinque) however, continues to languish in solitary and will continue his struggle to prove their collective innocence. Both still have petitions pending before various courts and a lawsuit having spent most of their 40+ years in solitary confinement. Albert still needs your letters of support:

Albert Woodfox #72148, David Wade Correctional Center, N1A, 670 Bell Hill Rd., Homer, LA 71040 USA.

For more info see www.angola3.org, and for a good article on the case see [here](#).

MOVE was a mainly black revolutionary group with an ecological perspective who were consistently persecuted by Philadelphia police during the 70's. This culminated in the police firebombing of their commune in 1985 in which 11 people, including five children, were killed, either shot trying to flee the burning building or who died in the conflagration. The 'Move 9' were framed for the alleged murder of a cop shot in 1978, after hundreds of police surrounded their house & flooded it with water & gunfire. The officer was shot to the back of the head. He was facing the house at the time, which would therefore negate the notion that MOVE was responsible for his death. The '9' were found guilty and sentenced to up to 100 years each.

The 9th defendant, Merle Africa died in prison in 1998 under suspicious circumstances.

www.move9parole.blogspot.co.uk/

For more info about their case:

www.eco-action.org/dt/20yrs.html

or contact: Friends of Move, PO Box 14129, London WC12 8GR, UK.

Debbie Simms Africa #006307,

Janet Holloway Africa #006308,

Janine Phillips Africa #006309,

SCI Cambridge Springs, 451 Fullerton Ave, Cambridge Springs, PA 16403-1238, USA.

Michael Davis Africa AM4973,

SCI Grateford, PO Box 244, Grateford, PA 19426-0244, USA.

Edward Goodman Africa AM4974,

SCI Mahanoy, 301 Morea Road, Frackville, PA 17931, USA

William Philips Africa AM4984,

Delbert Orr Africa AM4985,

Charles Sims Africa AM4975,

SCI Dallas, Follies Road, Drawer K, Dallas, PA18612, USA.

Mumia Abu-Jamal AM8335, SCI Mahanoy, 301 Morea Road, Frackville, PA 17932, USA.

Mumia is an ex-Black Panther, radical journalist and MOVE supporter who was framed for the murder of a cop in 1981. The death sentence for Mumia has been overturned, but his defence team has 180 days, to put together an appeal against his sentence being commuted to life. For more info contact International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal, PO Box 19709, Philadelphia, PA 19143, USA.

www.freemumia.com/

UPDATE: Since the Supreme Court rejected a request from the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office to overturn the most recent federal appeals court decision declaring Mumia's death sentence unconstitutional, he has been moved out of Administrative Custody and transferred to Disciplinary Custody at SCI Mahanoy. [16/12/11]

CANADA

Toronto G8/G20 defendants

All known Toronto G8/G20 prisoners have been released after serving their sentences.

More info from:

<http://notorontog20extradition.wordpress.com/>

<http://toronto.mediacoop.ca/>

<http://torontoabc.wordpress.com/>

CHILE

As a result of the ongoing protests involving students and others, as well as the long running struggles of the Mapuche people the political prisoner situation in Chile is particularly dynamic, with numerous activists currently under arrest awaiting trial.

We recommend checking out the following sites for up to date information:

<http://liberaciontotal.lahaine.org>

solidaridadporlxspresxs.blogspot.com

<http://paismapuche.org/wordpress>

Marcelo Villarroel Sepúlveda

Freddy Fuentes Saa

Unidad Especial de Alta Seguridad, Cárcel de Alta Seguridad, Modulo H Norte, 1902 Avenida Pedro Montt, Santiago, Chile. [Correct as of: 30/3/14]

Juan Aliste Vega

Unidad Especial de Alta Seguridad, Cárcel de Alta Seguridad, Modulo J, 1902 Avenida Pedro Montt, Santiago, Chile. [Correct as of: 30/3/14]

Marcelo Villarroel , Freddy Fuentes Saa and Juan Aliste Vega were arrested in 2009 after a long international manhunt, accused of the robbery of a Santander Bank and the murder of a cop in October 2007. They have been imprisoned for over 3 years awaiting trial and have had it regularly postponed. However, a new date has been set for [Tuesday, March 25](#). [Updated: 15/02/14]

On July 2, 2014, the 3 comrades were sentenced in their absence, having refused to assist in the judicial show, and gave their disposition by video link. The sentences were:

Juan Aliste: 18 years for the homicide of Moyano + 10 years for attempted homicide on the cop Abarca + 14 years for the assault on Santander Bank in Valparaiso and Banco Security = 42 years in prison

Freddy Fuentes Saa: 5 years for accessory to the Moyano homicide + 3 years for accessory to attempted homicide of Abarca + 7 years for the Banco Security robbery = 15 years in prison

Marcelo Villarroel: 14 years in prison for the assault on Santander Bank in Valparaiso and Banco Security. [Updated: 07/07/14]

<http://freddymarcelojuan.noblogs.org/>

Sebastián Fajardo, Cárcel Concesionada Santiago Uno, Módulo 34, Avenida Pedro Montt, Santiago, Chile.

Eduardo Garay, Cárcel Concesionada Santiago Uno, Módulo 35, Avenida Pedro Montt, Santiago, Chile.

Sebastián, aka 'El Chasca', and Eduardo, aka 'El Mecha', were arrested during the January 4, 2012 march through downtown Santiago to commemorate the four years since the death of Matthias Catrileo. Both are charged with the burring of a bus and are awaiting trial. [Updated: 30/3/14]

Iván Silva, Cárcel Concesionada Santiago Uno, Módulo 35, Avenida Pedro Montt, Santiago, Chile.

Carla Verdugo, Cárcel de San Miguel - Sección Femenina, Torre 5, segundo piso, Centro de Detencion Preventiva Santiago Sur, Avenida Pedro Montt 1902, Santiago, Chile.

Iván and Carla were arrested on April 16, 2013, in the comuna de la Granja and charged under the anti-

terrorism law for attempted bombing following the alleged finding of materials for the manufacture of an explosive device. Carla is also the partner of Juan Aliste Vega who is currently in the UEAS accused of a bank robbery in 2007. [Updated: 30/3/14]

Hans Niemeyer Salinas, Unidad Especial de Alta Seguridad, Cárcel de Alta Seguridad, Módulo J, Avenida Pedro Montt 1902-A, Santiago, Chile. [Correct as of: 30/3/14]

Hans Niemeyer was arrested on November 30, 2011 near a BCI Bank after an explosive attack. Held in preventive prison under the Anti-terrorist Law, he was charged for another 3 attacks. After a year in prison, Hans was granted house arrest and went underground on December 7, 2012 after his legal process was effectively sabotaged by the state. On April 26, 2013, he was arrested by the Investigative Police (PDI). Hans was [sentenced in July 2013](#) to 5 years in prison, and since then has carried out multiple hunger strikes, the latest in solidarity with Monica Caballero, Francisco Solar, Sebastian Oversluij, and Matias Catrileo.

[See also: [Requiem for the Passing Moon](#)]

Esteban Huiniguir, Unidad Especial de Alta Seguridad, Cárcel de Alta Seguridad, Modulo J, Avenida Pedro Montt 1902-A, Santiago, Chile.

A former member of the MJL (Lautaro Youth Movement - NDT), Esteban was arrested on March 29, 2008, and falsely convicted for growing marijuana (3 years and 1 day in prison) and limited dealing (541 days in jail), following a raid on his home and arrest other people in the house for possession of Molotov cocktails.

Anarchist prisoner **José Miguel Sánchez Jiménez** was released from prison after spending 20 years in captivity on February 27, 2014. [17/03/14]

Juan Tapia Olivares, Cárcel Santiago Sur (Ex-penitenciaría), Modulo D, Avenida Pedro Montt 1902, Santiago, Chile.

An ex-member of the Lautaro Youth Movement, he was arrested on October 24, 2010 in connection with the March 26, 1993 case where the human rights activist [Norma Vergara Cáceres](#) was killed by agents of DIPOLCAR (Directorate of Police Intelligence) whilst attending a meeting at a restaurant in downtown Santiago. Tried in 2006 without being present and without the right to a defence, he was sentenced to 14 years.

Alberto Olivares Fuenzalida, Cárcel Santiago Sur (Ex-penitenciaría), Modulo A, Avenida Pedro Montt 1902, Santiago, Chile.

Nico is an ex-member of FPMR (Frente Patriótico Manuel Rodríguez) and political prisoner from the 1990s, and a member of the '22 de Enero' (22 January) libertarian animal rights group. Currently under arrest for various expropriations, he has participated in various prison hunger strikes and protests, as well as writing and maintaining the anti-prisons struggle everywhere.

MEXICO

Jorge Mario González García [since released]

Mario González was arrested on October 2, 2013 along with 10 others and tortured by the police during their detention. he later went on hunger strike for 56 days and was [sentenced on January 10](#) to 5 years and 9 months for the 'crimes' of "outrages against authority" and "attacks on the public peace", and because the prosecution declared him a "social danger".

Following his hunger strike which lasted 56 days, he was transferred to the Torre Médica del Reclusorio de Tepepan due to health complications.

Update: On October 31, 2014, was released from prison after all the charges against him were dropped. [\[link\]](#)

<http://solidaridadmariogonzalez.wordpress.com/>

Salvador Martínez López, Reclusorio Preventivo Varonil Norte, Estancia de ingreso Zona 3, Estancia 12, Jaime Nuno 155, Gustavo A. Madero, Zona Escolar, 07230 Ciudad de Mexico, D.F., Mexico.

[Updated: 31/03/14]

Seiya is a young anti-fascist with 2 children who was arrested on October 2, 2013 during a confrontation with the police. Police searched his home and took away a number of items, including what they claim is marijuana. He is currently awaiting trial on unspecified charges.

[Libertad-para-Seiya-Skin Facebook page](#)

**Amélie Trudeau
Fallon Rouiller**

Centro Femenil de Reinserción Social Santa Martha Acatitla, Calzada Ermita, Iztapalapa No 4037, Colonia Santa Martha Acatitla, Delagation Iztapalapa, C.P. 09560, Ciudad de México, D.F., Mexico.

[Updated: 20/05/14]

Carlos López Marin, Reclusorio Preventivo Oriente, Calle Reforma #50, Col. San Lorenzo Tezonco, Deleg. Iztapalapa, C.P. 09800, Ciudad de México, D.F., Mexico. [Updated: 20/05/14]

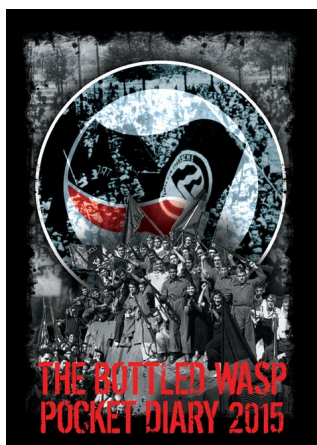
Three anarchists - Amélie Trudeau and Fallon Rouiller, both from Canada, and Carlos López Marin, from Mexico – were arrested on the night of January 5, 2014, in relation to a Molotov attack on the Ministry of Communication and Transportation and a Nissan dealership in Mexico City. They have since been held in detention and have limited contact with anyone, including their lawyer, and it is likely that they will be held in prison until their trial.

On May 16, they were additionally charged with the offence of damage to others' property, in the form of "arson in a building with some person inside" (the attack on the Secretariat of Communications and Transport) in addition to the charge of attacks to public peace and aggravated damages (attack on a Nissan dealership).

Update: On October 31, 2014 judges handed down sentence in the federal process against Amélie Trudeau Pelletier, Fallon Poisson Rouiller and Carlos López Marin for the offense of damage to others' property in the form of fire (attack on the Secretariat of Communications and Transport). Our comrades were sentenced to 7 years and 6 months imprisonment. Their lawyers will appeal this sentencing decision within 15 days. The sentence of the local process for attacking public peace and causing damage (attack on a Nissan dealership) has not yet been issued. [Updated: 03/11/14]

[[link](#)]

To donate towards their legal costs and living expenses while in prison, go to clac-montreal.net/en/mx for the paypal link or for information on alternative methods of payment.



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