“...It may seem a poor strategy on the part of one risking a sentence of 20 years’ prison (accused of participation in a non-existent illicit terrorist association and the placing of explosives) to show solidarity with people who declare themselves guilty, but I am not interested in entering the rationale of the oppressors and observing implacably as they imprison the warriors who collide with this society and who, attacking, passed to action with conviction.”

“Walls and borders separate us, ideas unite us.

A tiny gesture... I hope it will give you a smile in these hard times.”

- Mónika Caballero
This document is a collection of letters from the Chilean anarchist “Bombs Case” prisoners, in an effort to share and spread their ideas beyond the prison walls.

On August 14th, 2010, fourteen anarchists and anti-authoritarians were arrested in a series of raids in Santiago in what became known as the ‘Bombs Case’. They were accused of a series of bombings against capital and the state that took place around Santiago in the previous years, as well as of “criminal conspiracy” under the Pinochet-era Anti-Terrorist Laws. Since then, following a hunger strike by the prisoners, as well as countless solidarity actions from around the world, the charges against nine of the accused have been dropped (one of these people is facing other charges in a separate trial), but charges against five comrades remain. They are:

Omar Hermosilla and Carlos Riveros, accused of providing the money to finance the costs of the attacks, as well as Mónica Caballero, Felipe Guerra, Francisco Solar, accused of the placement of the explosive devices at different points in Santiago.

The trial started on November 28, 2011.

Prisoners kidnapped by the State to the street!
Statement from Women’s Maximum Security Section

Feb. 2011

It’s difficult to summarize the events of the recent wave of repression, the coarse televised spectacle cements itself in the political-judicial-police machine, reproducing and drawing from the Italian process known as “Marini” and “Cervantes” during which various social centers and squatted houses were raided and the inhabitants charged with being an “Armed Gang.” Operation Salamander (a similar Chilean species) captured 14 people under the charges of Illicit Terrorist Association, and of transportation or placing of explosive devices.

Affectionate friendships were transformed and mutated into a hierarchical structure. Many of the arrested never even knew each other. Who would have guessed that the idea of living without reproducing power would lead to us being judged as an Illicit Association? The political functionaries maintain that the squatted houses were utilized as conspiracy centers to manufacture bombs; they say nothing of the libraries for whomever might have interest in engaging in solidarity. Now these books are mere articles strewn among “so much proof”. The prosecutor speaks of organic proof found in areas where there were indeed some attacks, motherboards would be the certainty such of scientific proof, another swift kick to the ass of the oppressors: for all the biological proof, none of it implicates those charged on the 14th of August. All of the DNA tests were done by force by the prison guards and police.

The wiles of the prosecutor reach absurd heights exemplified by the “Pakistani Case” surrounding the complicity of mediums of mass communication, which for years have cemented the anti-terrorist discourse, setting the stage for the hunt that August 14th. Besides bringing the weight of an investigation spanning over five years, the accusers are asking for 180 days of preventative detention, arguing for an even more exhaustive investigation, which will not stop with the testimony of Gustavo Fuentes Aliaga. Normally, under due process the defense would get the investigative folder prior to the formalization of the charges, within the “Bombs Case” said folder was given to the defense after almost 3 months of incarceration, and was also incomplete. Recently after over 170 days in prison the prosecutor has delivered the “classified pages.”

Modesty cannot exist among intrusions into the intimate life of the accused, from intimidating small children to hundreds of electronically monitored phone calls which only prove friendly ties among the co-accused.

Inside this prison (CPF) we have been faced with many different types of interrogations- formal and informal- on behalf of different functionaries of the prison; vigilantes, criminal sociologists, social workers, etc. They search for a declaration or the appropriate delinquent profile. We disclose this information not with a feeling of victimization, but in order to warn those who can see themselves in a similar position, power use all of its tentacles to prolong incarceration. Harassment effects all of our brothers and sisters, friends, comrades, proud families, who have never bent their heads before a jailer.

We are to be processed under the law inherited from the Dictatorship, that has as one of its attributes secret witnesses, who have been used in the judicial processes of the Mapuche people, whether civil or military. In addition, this law gives increased sentences for common crimes. Lifting the preventative detention would not be enough because if the prosecutor or Superior Court wanted to change this decision its needs a unanimous vote, whereas normally it only needs a
majority, this is another pitfall of the legal system.

The blows are not just against those kidnapped on August 14th, but all those who question the current police state: exemplary punishment for anyone who will not be ruled.

It is by this that today Monday February 21st, it has been more than 180 days since the raids and investigation, we begin a mobilization with characteristics of an indefinite hunger strike. Using our bodies as a means of demands:

1. Immediate release for all of those charged from the 14th of August, not one day more. Immediate trial.
2. End to the Anti-Terrorist Law. No more secret witnesses, no more unanimous vote.
3. Transfer to/and better prisons.

These are our last words for you all, comrades: leave no space for forgetfulness, this did not begin on August 14th, nor will it end with us. Our action would be meaningless if left inside these cold walls, times are complex, we expect to stay on top of our situation here. Let your imagination run wild and turn these words into action.

In the struggle against all forms of domination: NO ONE IS ALONE!!!

Mónica Caballero Sepúlveda, Prisionera Política Anarkista.
Andrea Urzúa Cid, Prisionera Política Libertaria.

Sección de Alta Seguridad (SEAS),
Centro Penitenciario Femenino.
Santiasko, Chile.
21 de Febrero de 2011.

*Translator’s note: This statement is from the two women involved in the case, they are speaking from the Women’s Prison in Santiago the other people are held in the Men’s Prison the full list of participants in the hunger strike is as follows:

Andrea Macarena Urzúa Cid
Camilo Nelson Pérez Tamayo
Carlos Luis Riveros Luttuge
Felipe Guerra Guajardo
Francisco Solar Domínguez
Mónica Andrea Caballero Sepúlveda
Pablo Hernán Morales Fahrmann
Rodolfo Luis Retamales Leiva

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Mexico

• CCF-FAI arson a warehouse, Airport Staff training school, and Wal-Mart in Mexico city in coordination with an arson of a shopping mall in Jalisco.

Argentina

• Slogans and stickers put up in different parts of the city, banks, public transport, and on the doors of the Chilean consulate.
• Comrades blocked the streets with barricades, hung banners, and released pigeons.
• Tires burnt to block entrance to a military base, and slogans were painted.
• Comrades visited the Chilean consulate, throwing paintbombs and leaflets, and painting slogans on the building.
• Banners hung and leaflets thrown at the Chilean Embassy and a Chilean department store.
• Comrades descended upon the Chilean consulate with banners and leaflets, blocked roads, and read speeches from a megaphone.
• Various murals were painted in Buenos Aires.
• IAF/IRF torch private security vehicle in Buenos Aires.

Resources:

waronsociety.noblogs.org (english)
thisisourjob.noblogs.org/thisisourjob.wordpress.com (english)
actforfree.nostate.net (english)
santiaskoamarquista.noblogs.org (english)
sabotagemedia.anarkhia.org (english/french/spanish)
libertadalos14a.blogspot.com (spanish)

Day 7 of the Hunger Strike: Communique From Inside Maximum Security

During the first hours of Monday, February 21 we notified the guards of the beginning of our hunger strike. After completing the rigorous formalities, we were subsequently transferred to the solitary cells in maximum security, all of us were put on the same floor.

In the afternoon Camilo Pérez, Pablo Morales, Mónica Caballero, Francisco Solar y Rodolfo Retamales were taken to a hearing for a review of the interim measure, which was only another hoop in the cumbersome process in which the judge will not take the time to listen to the defense. His decision had obviously been made in advance. Preventative prison was confirmed for everyone in a hearing that lasted no more than two hours.

Tuesday night we met with the lawyers from the Public Defense who told us about the recent events and activities in the street, which highlighted the participated a group of people in active solidarity with the prisoners in the “Bombs Case” in a march against the increase of the cost of public transportation. The same day each one of us received a package sent by a group of people who played a large part in the events outside of the prison, who wanted to know about our situation. Giving this support injects a fundamental force in these moments and demonstrates that for many people solidarity is not just an empty word.

As expected, on Wednesday we were given the unfortunate news that Vinicio Aguilera and Omar Hermosilla had their conditional release revoked, so they will immediately reenter this foul place. Also as expected they both joined the hunger strike from the first moments, clearly demonstrating that they will continue without hesitation to depose the beatings of power.

During this week we were informed of the intimidation of communication carried out by prosecutor Peña against people close to and in solidarity with us. He is labeling them supporters of the supposed group, thereby threatening imminent early detention. We believe that the goal of these acts is to invoke a new uncertainty in order to stem the propagation of activities. However, despite the intention of Mr. Peña, the examples of active solidarity have not stopped.

In this manner, we learned of the march on Wednesday afternoon of over 200 people who the threats of the authorities are far way from immobilizing.

Thursday we received good news; through the gestation of the public defense lawyers, the 8th Court judge notified the prison guards that they have to release us from the punishment cells immediately, and according to his arguments, the hunger strike is a right that does not merit punishment, so now we will be transferred to the cells we were headed to before the hunger strike. It represents a success to leave the 4 days of punishment behind, but our intention is to stay united, all of us on the same floor, at least until end of the mobilization.

On average we have lost 4-5 kilos thus far in the hunger strike, but we keep our spirits up. This is why we call for the uniting of ideas and actions of tendencies that wish to destroy the farce created by the prosecutor and his media-police montage.

NO TO THE ANTI-TERRORIST LAW, THEIR SECRET WITNESSES, AND VICIOUS LEGALITIES!

FREEDOM FOR ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!
Letter of Solidarity to the Chilean Comrades on Hunger Strike From: Skouloudis, Tsilianidis, Fessas, Tzifkas, Dimtsiadis (Greece)

March. 2011

Freedom, as well as bars are firstly and mainly in our heads. There are however moments where it becomes perceptible and with particular intensity the existence of walls around us. Moments where under other circumstances we would risk our skin in order to leave the flames to warm people that are fighting far from us, people that we do not know but we feel them reflecting our egos and what we desire on the other side of the world.

Solidarity is a simultaneous expression of revolutionary conscience and authentic militant sentiment. It is expressed with speech and action. In our hands however henceforth, we hold only our words and our thoughts to imprint it. Solidarity is perhaps the most precious of weapons a revolutionary has at his/hers disposal.

We charge it with all the substance of our being, with all the hate for our common enemies, with all our common passion for freedom, and we remind to the comrades that are on hunger strike (from 21/02) in Chile, that in another country, in some similar prisons, confined for some similar reasons, some not so different people are with all their strength next to their struggle, for their immediate release and abolishment of the antiterrorist law.

The fighting dignity of comrades comes to prove that the fight does not stop for an imprisoned revolutionary. They show us that the prison can very well be faced as one more occasion for the appointment of new aspects of revolutionary action.

The return that finds in our own consciences, the position of attack in which the hunger strikers enter makes our solidarity a given as a basic characteristic of a built relationship between those who continuously undermine the social peace.

The ostensible force of the enemy is nothing next to your courage comrades.

WE ARE NEXT TO YOU
WE WILL WIN

SOLIDARITY WITH THE HUNGER STRIKERS
ANARCHIST FIGHTERS:

Andrea Macarena Urrúa Cid
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United States

Tacoma: • A police car had paint thrown on it, and etching fluid was used to ruin some windows.

Olympia: • Bank of America had its windows smashed.

Seattle: • Chase Bank had its windows broken out at 9 PM in front of onlookers. Fliers were thrown.

San Francisco: • The Chilean consulate had its windows etched and doors locked with glue.

Philadelphia: • Bank attacked with bricks.

Europe

Spain: • Slogans of solidarity written on the walls in Barcelona.
• Bank Santander attacked in Madrid.
• 2 simultaneous blockades on two important roads in Barcelona, displaying banners.
• Unfurling of a huge banner in a main tourist spot in Barcelona and informational flyers thrown.
• Explosive attack against the Social Security Treasury in Madrid.

Greece: • Chilean consulate in Athens is occupied.
• Chilean consulate in Thessaloniki is occupied.
• Chamber of commerce and an NGO office were torched in Thessaloniki by the International Revolutionary Front.
• A Eurobank EFG branch, a Treasury Office, and a New Democracy party headquarters were all set on fire in Athens by a group called Shadows for the Instigation of Nighttime Sabotage.
• The Lambros Fountas Guerrilla Formation set fire to an Emporiki Bank branch located right in the middle of a bourgeois Athens neighborhood.
• The PASOK party headquarters in the Thessaloniki neighborhood of Sikea was set on fire by the International Revolutionary Front: Incendiary Plans for Nighttime Disorder.

Paris: • Slogans of solidarity written on the walls of the Chilean Embassy.

Poland: • Bank attacked with paint bombs and slogans written on its walls.
• Three banners were hung.

UK: • Bank had slogans painted on it and stones thrown through its windows in London.
• G4S van set on fire in Nottingham.

Czech Republic: • CCTV toll gate generator blown up

Italy: • Seven machines belonging to Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi, three 4x4s, one machine belonging to Cooperativa Muratori e Cementisti, and one limousine were disabled.

Russia: • A Caterpillar bulldozer in a clearing of the Khimki forest was torched.
Chile

• Two prosecutor’s offices bombed in the first days of the trial.
• Flaming barricades erected outside of the University of Chile, and police pelted with bottles, molotovs, and paint bombs for 30 minutes.
• Molotov attack on the Local Police Court and Civil Registry, along with slogans painted on the wall referencing the “Caso Bombas” and compañero Mauricio Morales.
• Placement of an incendiary device inside the Bank of Chile.
• Noise bombs placed against the Centro Cultural Las Condes.
• Blockade with flaming barricades at Walter Martinez and Carrascal.
• Arson attack on local police station.
• Solidarity street action of 50 comrades outside of the University of Santiago. One police bus was set on fire, and the confrontations lasted an hour.
• BBVA branch had its windows broken and was set on fire while barricades were erected and pamphlets thrown.
• Alameda street was blocked while ATMs and bank windows were destroyed. Propaganda was distributed in solidarity with the comrades on hunger strike.
• A burning barricade and banner blocked the street.
• Flaming barricade erected in an intersection along with flyers.
• 50 masked individuals set up a barricade and engaged in confrontations outside of the University of Chile on the 51st day of hunger strike.
• Solidarity demo in Santiago with the hunger strikers.
• Banner hangs off of traffic signal several feet above a busy avenue in the capital, while throwing leaflets and chanting.
• Barricades erected on the outskirts of the University of Chile.
• Graffiti and posters about the “Bombings Case” were scattered throughout Santa Cruz.
• Banner hung outside of the Justice Center.
• Flyers distributed and banner held outside of Concepcion court of justice.
• Murals painted in Iquique.
• Many demonstrations in solidarity with the hunger strike in Santiago.
• Barricades were erected outside of the women’s prison hours after the initiation of the hunger strike.

Canada

Montreal: • Desjardins bank had its windows smashed.
• Three banners hung and informational flyers were thrown.

Vancouver: • A probition office was painted, and signs were obscured with paint.
• Chilean consulate disrupted and flyers distributed on the street and outside of Scotia Bank.

Toronto: • Five banks vandalized

Fire Cells Conspiracy Prisoner Cell: Statement in Solidarity with the “Bombings Case” Prisoners in Chile

On March 2, the Fire Cells Conspiracy Prisoner Cell released the following letter in solidarity with the hunger strike being carried out by the imprisoned “Bombings Case” comrades in Chile.

We are have entered a period in which attacks on Domination and its conquered subjects are spreading with undiminished intensity to the four corners of the Earth. Our individualities, despite living and evolving in many different circumstances, share the same positive emotions: disgust and hatred toward this world. We collectivize our negations and arm them with the insoluble desire for action and the burning passion for total liberation. Different borders and languages are obstacles we will demolish to find ourselves side by side, rising up against this system’s orders and decrees, derivisitically splitting on each law-abiding way of life it offers.

We reject this world—this vast authoritarian construct—and we do not hesitate to point the barrel of our critique at the willingly enslaved majority of the social body, whose defeatist attitude contributes to the preservation of the existing regime. We refuse to degrade, in any way whatsoever, our revolutionary perspective and ethic in the name of wider “social acceptance.” We are proud to be part of the anarchist/antiauthoritarian movement, and we are in favor of all processes and projects that spread the idea and practice of revolution. To us, revolution doesn’t boil down to a specific period of time in the distant future. Rather, it is an idea and norm to the totalitarianism we see in every expression of Domination. It is our own response to the existential void imposed by contemporary consumer civilization. It is an expression of the rage awakened in us by the agonizing urban environment that restricts our movements and desires, the same expression of rage that can’t be suffocated by the elaborate dead-ends presented to us as “reasonable choices.” It is also all the moments of attack we’ve shared with comrades, as well as the moments to come. It is the enchantment and the magic of connecting praxis to theory, causing little cracks to form in the shop window of determinism. It is all our points of view, and the means of achieving it is the new urban guerrilla war. Self-Organization, Solidarity, Attack, Respect, Trust, and Friendship are its cornerstones, forming the foundation of diffuse urban guerrilla war.

Dozens of our brothers, the well-known but also the unknown, are in prisons here as well as far away. Some of them remain captive on the basis of a few pitiful charges, others because they were unfortunately stopped while carrying out an attack. However, the legal duality of “innocence and guilt” is irrelevant to solidarity, which is a relationship between comrades that considers the dignity and political conscience of each revolutionary. In August 2010, a number of Chilean comrades were arrested during a repressive operation. Eight of them, plus two more arrested in September, were placed in preventive detention, while the rest were granted a provisional release. These comrades are being charged with dozens of revolutionary bombings despite a complete lack of evidence against them. The organizations that carried out said bombings have even stated via communiqué that they have no relationship with the arrestees, whose criminal prosecution by the Chilean state nevertheless continues. The comrades in preventive detention are locked up in high-security wings for 22 hours a day in cells that measure six square meters. The extension of their captivity fills us with rage. They recently began a hunger strike, demanding their immediate release and the scheduling of their trial date, as well as the abolition of the anti-terrorist law inherited by the current Chilean democracy from the Pinochet regime.
We send our warmest greetings to Andrea Urzúa, Camilo Pérez, Carlos Riveros, Felipe Guerra, Francisco Solar, Mónica Caballeros, Pablo Morales, and Rodolfo Retamales, and from the bottom of our hearts wish them victory in the difficult struggle they are engaged in. From thousands of miles away, we send them our revolutionary signals, encouragement, courage, and strength. We call on all comrades, including ourselves, to carry out attacks and aggressive expressions of support for their hunger strike in the context of International Solidarity, thereby giving the powerful a taste of the flames that burn in our hearts. From Chile to Greece, the Netherlands to Mexico, Italy to Argentina, England to Switzerland, Germany to Russia, and the U.S. to Turkey, we will use every method to intensify the revolutionary anarchist war. Finally, many special thanks to comrades Andrea Urzúa and Mónica Caballeros for publicly expressing their solidarity with our case.

You aspire to the free heights, your soul thirsts for the stars. But your wicked instincts, too, thirst for freedom. Your wild dogs want freedom; they bark with joy in their cellar when your spirit plans to open all prisons.

—Friedrich Nietzsche

REVOLUTION FIRST AND ALWAYS.
LONG LIVE THE NEW URBAN GUERRILLA WAR.

—Fire Cells Conspiracy Prisoner Cell: Gerasimos Tsakalos, Panayiotis Argyrou, Haris Hatzimichelakis, Michalis Nikolopoulos

Note: The above statement doesn’t mention comrades Vinicio Aguilera and Omar Hermosilla, likely because news hadn’t yet reached Greece that Aguilera and Hermosilla were back in prison and had immediately joined the hunger strike. Another error is the mention of Pablo Morales as one of the hunger strikers, when in actuality he is the only one who has not joined.

Statement in Solidarity with the “Bombings Case” Prisoners in Chile

On March 2, Panayiotis Masouras released the following letter in solidarity with the imprisoned “Bombings Case” comrades in Chile.

In a world where most people exhaust themselves over the petty-bourgeois dilemmas produced by modern capitalism, and their common ethical code of self-interest celebrates the importance of saving their own skin, direct solidarity is a way to connect with people we’ve never met face-to-face and yet have fought and are fighting with on the same side: the side whose objective is true rejection of this society and its prevailing structures and perceptions.

It is an attempt to recover time and space, to stand firm beside one’s comrades. It is a permanent commitment to create alternative escape routes while consciously maintaining direct collaboration to spread revolutionary discourse and subversive practice as a necessary intensification of the struggle.

Mónica Caballero
Anarchist
Accused in the bombs case
Santiago, Chile

LONG LIVE ANARCHY!!!
Comrades of the Conspiracy of Cells of Fire organization I write to you within hours of starting the “bombs case” trial, a bad copy of the “Cervantes Case.”

Power and its minions try to convict for the placing of an incendiary device in a church, for this reason I risk a sentence of 5 to 20 years of effective penalty, that within the framework of the anti-terrorism law. The fire of the witch hunt is being prepared.

Until August 14th 2010, I lived in squat house la Krota, where there was an anarchist library (this was a feast for the police that foul day), my beautiful home became one of the “power centers” of the prosecution, one of the foundations of the failed terrorist conspiracy thesis … what an insult to whom spits on the exercise of the powerful. The inhabitants of this place openly propagated anti-authoritarian ideas, which the state fears.

My detention (which lasted 9 months in prison and 3 months of house arrest) did not take me by surprise, the mass media were laying the foundation for several months before, the crudeness of it just amazes me, I expected more of the “police intelligence”, against me there is no direct evidence of my participation in this or any attack there is only an accusation of ideas, this is not to hang on to the legality or to defend my innocence, the anarchist task cannot be otherwise than illegal. Every hour sitting on the bench of the accuses I feel dirty from being part of this democratic process, I have nothing to prove to any court the only opinion that matters to me is my accomplices in the crime of fighting for freedom and anarchity. They want me in jail for not kissing the cross, repentance for not lowering my head before them. The outlook is vague, they may achieve imprisoning my body or perhaps in the near future, dissidents of capital have a booked ticket to jail, those are the costs of wanting to expropriate our lives from the executioners of the democratic process, I have nothing to prove to any court the only opinion that matters to me is my accomplices in the crime of fighting for freedom and anarchity. They want me in jail for not kissing the cross, repentance for not lowering my head before them. The outlook is vague, they may achieve imprisoning my body or perhaps in the near future, dissidents of capital have a booked ticket to jail, those are the costs of wanting to expropriate our lives from the executioners of the lovers of order.

I brother with you without ever exchanging a word, every day that capital takes away from you doesn’t go unnoticed, I know what the loneliness of a cold cell is, the rage that dries the mouth, the desire for liberation and anarchy. They want me in jail for not kissing the cross, repentance for not lowering my head before them. The outlook is vague, they may achieve imprisoning my body or perhaps in the near future, dissidents of capital have a booked ticket to jail, those are the costs of wanting to expropriate our lives from the executioners of the lovers of order.

Comrades you have been a wonderful contribution to the dissemination of revolutionary nihilists and anarchists ideas, keep it up, your letters are always a pleasure to read.

Today I can enjoy a sky without bars, the touch of the skin of a comrade, walk the streets of this lifeless town, in a couple of weeks… Who knows?

And finally for you dear persecutors who analyze each comma with a myriad of specialists to build a new process, I hope you find it, your masters will be proud.

In the war being waged, we have known victory, we have confronted defeat, we have experienced joy, and we have tasted the bitterness of difficulty. In the trenches, between revolutionary forces and the regime’s machinery, losses come as the result of injuries on both sides. Of course, an inseparable part of the revolutionary movement comprises political prisoners, and it is inseparable because it makes us reflect on whether a war without losses can be called a war at all.

The captives express their opinion on how things are going, they take action, they propose solutions, they encounter dead ends, they communicate, and they are affected by severe doubts and anxieties. The discourse they articulate from behind the walls is a way for them to cut through the immovable wire fence and join the polymorphic subversive struggle.

Behind different walls, surrounded by different fences, locked up in cells far away from one another, what we share is the desire for liberation and the intensification of the radical subversive struggle for total disruption.

We continue to be among those decisive minorities that reject the dominant morality. We discover our commonalities in the context of struggle, spreading our ideas and completely rejecting the era we were destined for.

We raise a global barricade against the structures of Domination, and we fight on the side of revolution. We fight until victory.

I send my Solidarity to comrades Andrea Macarena Urrázua Cid, Camilo Nelson Pérez Tamayo, Carlos Luis Riveros Luttgwe, Felipe Guerra Guajardo, Francisco Solar Dominguez, Mónica Andrea Caballero Sepúlveda, Pablo Hernán Morales Führmann, and Rodolfo Luis Retamales Leiva, who are captives of the Chilean regime and began a hunger strike on February 21, 2011, demanding the immediate release of all comrades being charged in their case.

—Panayiotis Masouras, political prisoner, Korydallos Prison

Statement from Mónica Caballero

March. 2011

Dear Comrades:

It has almost been two weeks since we began the hunger strike, yet I did not have to wait for your solidarity, and your beautiful gestures have cast light into these dismal halls.

The tramps of the persecutors are made to break or mould their own laws in order to create “new figures”. The decisions that will come into effect the 16th of March share these same characteristics, those accused in the “Caso Bombas” may face new charges (the best excuse to prolong preventative detention.) Their pranks do not surprise us, for the prosecutor needs more time to prove the untenable: an illicit association amongst people who do not relate in a hierarchical manner. Have no doubt… this is a political trial. Today, just like before, anti-authoritarian ideas send chills down the spineless backs of those who love the law, so it is of utmost importance to propagate the ideas and encourage the different struggles that aim for the destruction of domination.
The road is complex, the enemy mocks using the filthiest tricks possible: from preventing the drinking of water to laughing during every checkup, but it does not matter, because for each one of their attacks my skin becomes even harder still.

I send a strong embrace to my known comrades (and those I don’t know), to all the restless and unmanageable bodies and minds in every latitude: make sure that the hunt never ends.

Thanks to those of you who filled the halls and street with light!!!
Political prisoners from Aug. 14 on hunger strike to the streets!!!

DESTROY EVERY CAGE.

Mónica Caballero,
Anarchist Political Prisoner
Santiasko, Chile, CPF, SEAS

3rd Statement: Since the Beginning of the Hunger Strike

March, 2011

Each day of this forced incarceration we review the 50 binders of “proof” from the investigation of the “Caso Bombas,” we find more reasons and spirit to continue with firm conviction our hunger strike we started on the 21st of Feb. to achieve the freedom we long for.

The binders are filled with 5 years of monitoring, tracking, and checkpoints of our movements laid out in print. Espionage by hundreds functionaries formed into various teams of the elite members of the Investigative Police (PDI) and the Carabineros, and coordinated by the National Agency of Intelligence (ANI), accumulated 60,000 recorded telephone conversations (1), in which our privacy was never important. Everything was ordered by a team of Prosecutors with an exclusive dedication, who asked for advice from Italian experts in anti-system groups and solicited advice from the very similar FBI in order to break up dissidents.

And what are the irrefutable proofs that this entire gigantic repressive apparatus wields to implicate us? In order to show but not dwell on this, we will give some examples:

1. A telephone conversation between Rodolfo Retamales and the mother of his child, during which he asked her if she had been giving the cat food and if his son was still lying down. According to the prosecution, this constitutes proof of “communicating in code”

2. A diagram found on Camilio Pérez Tamayo’s computer containing specific and transverse objectives, materials to utilize, etc. These educational plans are required for organization by all schools.

3. A photograph of Felipe Guerra in which the youth is depicted writing his names and drawing an ACME type bomb on the beach.

4. The completion of only the minimum requirements and years in education. According to the for now the impunity of that deed strikes me hard in the heart; they say that revenge is a plate best served cold, they also say that vengeance kills the soul and poisons you, I believe strongly that vengeance is the dessert in a meal for a nihilist, therefore one must not wait for facts before acting, and the main course will be to take the offensive since there are stupid cowards on all sides...

Comrades, my most heartfelt respect to your organization CCF and for the revolutionary anarchist Theofilos Mavropoulos, for all your contribution to the anarchic struggle and all the dignity that has been shown during your trial and your time in prison, I want to tell you that as great as those walls may be they cannot hide the enormous dignity and the great courage that you have shown to us the anarchists of the entire world.

Today you raise your fist, yelling “SOLIDARITY” in the international language of anarchy. And at the same time, with the other hand you hold firmly the knife of nihilism to sink it into the bowels of this world of Power and submission, well good; I from here send you all strength and energy that you may never wan! And know that nothing can separate us, we have begun an international anarchist offensive and we will not stop until we get to see the total end of all authority, of all society, of all gods, of all morals...

I take with my two hands, firmly and without hesitation, your knife of nihilism so that together we sink it into the heart of every tyrant, of every cop, of every jailer, of every bourgeois so that upon their corpses we can dance, laugh, fuck, enjoy and conquer once and for all our total freedom!

The death of our brother Mauricio Morales and the death of comrade Lambros Fountas, the loss of Luciano’s hands and the loss of Simos Seisidis’s wounded leg are an eternal call to fight, no anarchist wounded or killed in combat will be forgotten, it is the hour to thrust our dagger into the heart of the capitalist beast, they are our nourishment.

HONOR TO THE COMRADE LAMBROS FOUNTAS!
HONOR TO THE ROBBER COMRADE HORST FANTAZZINI!!
LONG LIVE THE CONSPIRACY OF CELLS OF FIRE!
LONG LIVE THE FAI – LONG LIVE THE IRF!
FOR AN EGOISTS’ INTERNATIONAL, LONG LIVE NIHILISM!
IMMEDIATE FREEDOM TO LUCIANO PITRONELLO!
LONG LIVE ANARCHY!!!

NIHIL, an irreducible awaiting trial...
Letter to the Conspiracy Cells of Fire from a nihilist accused in the the bombs case

Nov. 2011

Greetings brothers and sisters of the CCF, and to Theofilos Mavropoulos, I send you a fraternal embrace full of affection and complicity across the distance...

It is certain that we are judged by some for being anarchists, the eternal enemies of power, and that it is our theory made practice for long years that they now intend to severely punish.

Your voice has reached my heart, those sincere words full of solidarity caress my face, that strength animates me and your conviction I love; knowing that behind those bars there are not groans of sorrow, but rather screams of hatred, rage, hope — this gladdens me and makes me reaffirm that we are on the right path; it is then that I realize that each day new comrades are born who return to give sense to our new urban guerrilla, which is no longer merely local but is international, thanks in great part to the FAI and the contribution by you the CCF. Moreover I consider important the contribution that you are making in the circles linked to anarchist individualism, and our new and beautiful Nihilism.

We feel the same hatred toward the state, the same total disregard towards the new happy slave, towards the stupid mass that lets itself be led, we feel the same impotence of not being able to demolish the extermination centers that hold us captive, we feel multiple orgasms when we deliver ourselves completely to the realization of anarchy...

We are far away, but from here the distance is nothing, we are sure that sooner than later we will find each other whether in Greece, Italy, Chile or Mexico; our insurrectionalist-Nihilist international has battle camps in the streets of the entire world and there will always be space for individuals who understand that anarchy is not a cheap ideology but rather an idea that lives and conceives itself in direct action, because we know that the damned powerful will not give up their privileges and will defend them to the end of their dirty lives...

It is for this reason that we must communicate the importance of the threat of our new nihilism, it is for this reason that we have to accept that in order to triumph with our idea, we must drown the abyss where there is complete individual freedom...

We endorse the FAI-IRF. The Informal Anarchist Federation – International Revolutionary Front that is doubtless Black International of the anarchists of action, since it has shown its capacity to respond in the face of the challenges that are emerging around the world...

But your call is not only for those who are in the bombs case, but rather has passed also to our dear brother Luciano, to whom our greatest homage will be to give him the harvest of actions we realize with our hands...

You have also dedicated words to our brother Cristobal Bravo, who was recently beaten by paid cowards, and it is here that it becomes important to shout loudly that the attack on property is not sufficient, which our Russian nihilist comrades understood very well and showed us that we must go further, without fear of disaster, it is your lives or ours or that of some comrade in prison, prosecution, this constituted a “criminal plan” of the organization, yet they never mention that the accused studied General Education at the university.

5. 44 images referencing the locations of bombings occurring in the last years. According to the prosecution, this “proof” demonstrates the sophisticated technology applied in preparation for the bombings. What they have “forgotten” to mention in the hearing is that these archives were not created by any of the accused, but by the designers of the newspaper La Tercera and they were published on the newspaper’s website.

What should be noted is that none of the the “scientific evidence” puts us at the site of any bomb- ing, there are no videotapes, no fingerprints, no DNA, there were not chemicals nor materials to build bombs in our houses that were raided on the 14th of August, none of the evidence is categorical, only presumptions and dreams of a prosecutor desperate for fame and glory who has had us locked up for over 200 days without a drop of concrete evidence.

We are accused of illicit association only for living and visiting squatted houses and radical libraries. What they intend to do is legalize friendship, and to criminalize affections between individuals who have similar emancipatory ideas, and whom at least half had NEVER met each other before the formalization of the charges.

Although they have not demonstrated out responsibility for the bombings, the government has condemned us for a long time. Minister of the Interior Hinzpeter repeatedly asked for results from the National Prosecutors, who ceded to his pressure and took the old prosecutor off the case and put prosecutor Peña in charge, who in only 58 days “resolved” the intricate case, using the same “evidence” that the prior prosecutor had. Meanwhile, smiling and happy the President of Chile Sebastian Piñera declared: “I am happy to hear that our forces of order and security have been able to capture a band that acted with an illicit association to place bombs and terrorize the population.” (2) In every part of the world these words denote that a fair trial is impossible. But since then, the government has ridiculously assured that these statements are not to pressure the judges and that “there will be a fair trial.” ?!

Obviously this case signifies many things; the first is to make the public that the sophisticated investigation and the many resources wasted on control and vigilance have not been in vain. The second thing is to demonstrate to anyone and everyone who dissent, individuals or collectives, that they will be persecuted without piety by the authorities.

Power intends to make the attacks on the institutions and symbols of capitalism into a “small Baghdad”, arguing that they “terrorize society.” Nothing could be further from reality! There has never been a single bombing that targeted people nor indiscriminate attacks against the general population. We have never met anyone who is afraid to go out into the street because they are afraid of being wounded by a bomb.

Because of this we believe that the anti-terrorist law is unfair. This fatal law, which has among its attributes the ability to globally use unidentified witnesses, the tripling of sentences, and requires the unanimous decision amongst judges for an appeal for release, when normally only a majority is required to decide.

We don’t think it is necessary to continue extending this statement. We believe that the evidence backing the accusations brought against us is clearly weak, because since the inception of the “bombs case,” it has been a house of cards falling to pieces.
We affectionately salute all those who have supported us during these 7 months of imprisonment and to all of those who have demonstrated their solidarity and spread our hunger strike. Our love and spirit go out to them.

We continue to demand:

1. IMMEDIATE FREEDOM

2. AN END TO THIS JUDICIAL-POLITICAL FARCE.

3. AN END TO THE INVESTIGATION PERIOD AND AN IMMEDIATE TRIAL

4. TO NOT BE PROCESSED UNDER THE ANTI-TERRORIST LAW, AND THE ABOLITION OF THIS DICTATORIAL LAW.

Santiago, March 10, 2011, 17 days since the beginning of the hunger strike.

Notes:

(1): Diario El Mercurio, August 15, 2010

(2): Diario La Tercera, August 16, 2010

Letter from Mónika Caballero from the Penal Hospital

April. 2011

“Hand extended to the comrade
Fist closed to the enemy”

I write to you from one of the most terrifying parts of the Chilean extermination centers, the penal hospital.

It is quite difficult to describe the atrocities of this place. Supposedly for the care of physical-psychological health, the jailers have required my hospitalization in this place, because during the “Holy week” there are no doctors in the female penitentiary.

With a permanent (24-hour) custodian literally at the foot of the bed, the days pass excessively slowly. I see people passing with tuberculosis, sick prisoners, many self-harmers, etc… from all the prisons of Santiago.

The hate keeps my head high; no jailer (whether white- or green-clad) will bow me in the slightest.

Although for many there are things that they have not appreciated… my anti-authoritarian chest swells with pride and gratitude before the dignified warriors who create and destroy with their gestures of solidarity in many corners in all the world.

Despite more chains, walls, and vigilant eyes, the objective has not changed: the destruction of Political prisoners, prisoners of war, revolutionary prisoners... a strong, sincere and honest embrace to each of you—whatever our differences, the affection for captive revolutionaries remains immune.

With the steadfast memory of all who have fallen!
Mauricio Morales, Claudia Lopez, Johnny Cariqueo, Lambros Foundas

One of the accused for the “caso bombas” awaiting trial.

Letter from another accused in the Bombs Case

Nov. 2011

The daily uncertainty and the threat of a possible revenge of power against our bodies vanish when reading the words of anti-authoritarian solidarity that are now captive in the dungeons of the Greek state. Words who under no point of view whatsoever encounter themselves subjected, rebels against the jailers and all forms of authority, words that are transgressive action against oppression.

As has been stated repeatedly, solidarity is not just words written between anarchists and you have demonstrated it concretely, understanding that the struggle for freedom is universal, practicing and supporting the international revolt steadily, making the enemy see that our dignity is real and represents a permanent threat to this world and those who try to perpetuate it. Anti-prison struggle in and outside prisons is the same whether in Chile, Greece, Indonesia or Mexico. The enemy and its principles are common so it is necessary to share experiences of offensive resistance to enable us to advance in the construction of new adversarial relationships to power, thus creating a fraternal greeting to the FAI/IRF as a body that promotes the anti-authoritarian thought and practice and, permitting us to recognize our brothers throughout the world without ever having seen the face.

Having spent 9 months behind bars my energy stays in solidarity with the prisoners, knowing that I risk years in prison in high-security measures only increases my contempt for these death centers and their guardians, the only alternative for these places is their utter destruction and therefore there must be non-stop work, always forward.

All the strength and drive to the prisoners from the CCF, your attitude fills all anarchists and anti-authoritarians with pride and as you say it is very likely that someday we will find ourselves anywhere in the world to share and practice experiences.
Rarely do the hoods go up, rarely are barricades or confrontations seen like in the streets, riots are scarce (perhaps the most common confrontation is between the prisoners themselves, encouraged and welcomed by the guards).

The confrontation is routine, daily, minute by minute, the spaces and positions battle constantly, sometimes symbolically and other times in far too real of a way. To reject a prohibition, to break some disciplinary code, to keep communications out of the jailer’s sight, to maintain dignity in social relations. But this exercise of daily revolt, replete with dignity and rebellion that enriches the spirit, also carries a cost, the arrival of repression—threats, delays in opening the cells, hampering the receipt of letters, beatings, isolation, transfers, more threats, segregation, restrictions, prohibitions, or hardening of discipline—these are a small sample of the carceral terrorism.

In the prison, perhaps more explicitly than in the street, the attitudes of prisoners and jailers mark a confrontation of positions within the prison. To not try to improve them, to not try to obtain benefits, to travel by the road of rebellious dignity wherever we may be, to strive to be able to look in the mirror the next day and not see slaves, to not support nor bear domestization. To the comrades who have managed to avoid this undesirable fate, to the fugitives who have had to choose on the basis of the judgments of power and the arrest warrants issued for them. Even when not passing through the gloomy halls of the prisons or the labyrinths of justice, your path is not exactly more comfortable, and it is to form among the gaze of possible informants, the suspicious passage of police patrols and the constant reinvention of oneself. Comrades of different places, familiar or not, in your path of the unknown, you are not alone.

International solidarity, interprison solidarity and the fluid communication of shouts between different regions across the length of the territories cannot wait for even one second.

Across the distance. Indifference will not be precisely the sensation that is felt during the rituals of punishment that the judicial power practices against those who oppose them. The trials are not mere procedures—in addition to being courts they are spaces where power lets itself be seen with brutality, where it founds and tries to validate and legitimate its order, its world. It is in these trials where, in addition to solidarity with those comrades who they seek to stone to death, it is possible to disseminate and project a complete critique of the fabric of justice, of the legitimacy of their order and the cruel arguments they use to defend their power. The brutality of your special treatment is fertile ground to expand the total critique of their world, it is a confrontation of positions within the prison. To not try to improve them, to not try to obtain benefits, to travel by the road of rebellious dignity wherever we may be, to strive to be able to look in the mirror the next day and not see slaves, to not support nor bear domestization.

Imprisoned comrades of the CCF, scattered in the different prisons of the Greek territory, which try unsuccessfully to submit you to the carceral rhythm: Panagiotis Argyrou, Michalis Nikolooulos, Giorgos Nikolopoulos, Gerasimos Tsakalo, Christos Tsakalos, Giorgos Polydoros, Damianos Bolano, Haris Hadjimichelakis, Olga Oikonomidou — indomitable and insubordinate spirits will not appease themselves to a couple of bars, cameras and guards. Nor can their sacrificial rituals in the courts counter the struggle for freedom—even further, these intentions to punish justly once and a thousand times the reason to oppose their world. To each of you, a huge embrace full of strength for times to come.

In these lands, November 28th, 2011 will bring the political trial based on lies and inventions with the single end of criminalizing and imprisoning those who express our total rupture with their values and moral codes.

Without being sure that they read these lines, sisters and brothers who fly high, very high, far from cameras and uniforms… your flight is nourishment for the heart.

A strong embrace to all the irreducibles around the world, especially to the comrades of the Cells of Fire who have demonstrated that solidarity is a weapon.

Yesterday, today, and forever… No god No master.

To the streets, prisoners of the bombs case arrested August 14!!
On Hunger Strike since February 21.

Mónika Caballero
Anarchist Political Prisoner
Penal Hospital, Santiasko, Shile.

Statement From Comrades on Hunger Strike: Reflections on the Strike and Transfers

April, 2011

After more than 50 days on hunger strike, we feel the need to be clear about the development of certain aspects during this mobilization.

The vast range of political views, revolutionaries and struggles in which we find ourselves held, in addition to demonstrating the absurd and fanciful nature of our accusation of terrorist conspiracy, translates into a difficulty and inability to elaborate more complete reflections or political analysis. The political imprecision in some of our collective statements and the difficult time we’ve had elaborating ourselves reflects the diversity of opinions amongst ourselves, yet clearly demonstrates the delusional charges being brought against us.

Even with these differences we have been forcefully subjected to a necessarily political / legal / police / media process which as we have repeated many times, many of us have only recently met this process on the stand as defendants. So our “collective approaches” are located in the only real thing that brings us together and unites us: The legal process which weighs equally against us.

Now we are informed that the statements and the same mobilization we have been carrying out since the 21st of February are situated and center principally on legal themes and specific events that effect everyone incarcerated under the “Bomb’s Case.” The political definition, analysis, reflections, positions and projections are not shared but belong to each person who cares to express them. Today we unite in our desire to walk the streets once again.

On Thursday the 7th a hearing was held which resulted in us being transferred from the Maximum Security Section to the High Security Prison. We denounce the brutal regimen of isolation, segregation, and punishment which we have been subjected to for the last 8 months, every prisoner who survives these conditions of extreme isolation should be supported.
The confused arguments of the prison guard’s lawyer don’t give a coherent answer as to why we were put in the C.A.S. Finally the judge has accepted our transfer, which has been put into effect March 12 during the night, and now we are each being held in different sections of the prison: H North: Carlos Riveros is on the same floor as Vinicio Aguilero (3rd)

H South: Rodolfo Retmales and Omar Hermosilla are together on the 3rd floor while Pablo Morales stays on the 2nd

Module J: Felipe Guerra and Francisco Solar are on the 3rd floor

Camilo Perez: Still in maximum security, has not submitted to a corporal raid. The prison guards are starting a hearing which will decide where he will be transferred.

As of today two of our demands have been met- the end of the investigation period and our transfers out of maximum security, but we still continue an indefinite hunger strike, maintaining the demand for our freedom, that the precautionary measures be changed, that the anti-terrorist law with its secret witnesses is no longer applied to our case, the end of this law, the end of constitutional restrictions for charges labeled “terrorist” and that our sisters in prison stay on the 2nd floor of the S.E.A.S.

The mobilization on the street that has been accompanying our hunger strike has experienced an increase in political violence, on April 6 the repressive forces launched into an especially brutal hunt, ambushing the manifestation, beating, and arresting a group of comrades demonstrating their solidarity in order to later continue the repression against those they found outside of the police station inquiring about the situation of those recently arrested.

Even so, insistent and insistent, as much the Wednesday marches as different expressions of solidarity continue…

We also salute the blocking of the street in Ñuñoa, to all those who embrace our conviction with fire.

We send our best regards to all those everywhere who have not been indifferent to our incarceration as well as the mobilization which we are carrying out for our immediate release to the streets.

An end to the Anti-terrorist law; created in the dictatorship, perfected under democracy!

The hellish punishments they threaten us with confirm that they will try to make examples of those who question the prevailing order!

Prisoners of the Bomb’s Case on hunger strike in C.A.S. April 2011.

“And while our activity puts us in great danger, all the same we dream of the day we will meet in a small farmhouse. We will drink tea we gathered with our own hands and we will share our plans with smiles …

“We will exchange tales of our adventures.

“And that day is not far away …”

Monica, Felipe, Francisco, Omar, Carlos, Luciano, Marcelo, Freddy, Juan, we raise our fist alongside you, shouting “SOLIDARITY” in the international language of anarchy. At the same time the other hand firmly holds the knife of nihilism to thrust it deep into the bowels of this world of power and subjugation.

Forever free
Forever anarchists.
Long live the FAI / IRF

The imprisoned members C.C.F.
And the anarchist revolutionary Theofilos Mavropoulos

PS. Not long ago in prison, Chilean comrade Cristobal Franke was attacked by a cowardly bullying prison guard. The guards wanted to take revenge because he didn’t obey their orders and quipped in their faces with contempt. These cowards that lock our comrades in the prison cells, to be sure they will get the response they deserve. For each insult, for each punishment against anarchists of praxis who are prisoners of the state, any screw and his property will become a target, he is doomed to encounter our rage.

Words of international solidarity with the CCF prisoners, from one of the accused in the “bombs case”
Nov. 2011

From the distance, words arrive translated in the only language we all understand: that of the struggle for freedom. It does not transform any fear, person, name or sign into a fetish; in the anti-authoritarian language that possibility simply does not exist, much less those of leaders, professionals or authorities.

Today, for the moment, I no longer see the grey of the cement surrounding everything in those tombs, but that doesn’t mean that forgetting clouds my mind. The jails, the cells, the jailers and the prisoners remain there… some meters or kilometers away.

Because the prisons here may very much resemble those there, because the sound of the bars and locks must not be very different, however the internal conditions and regimes may vary, FIES (Spain), TIPO-F (Turkey), Maximum Security Units (Chile) share a common structure and objective. Without a doubt the oppressors learn from each other.

Solidarity between imprisoned comrades–between them through the cells, modules, prohibitions, prisons, borders–is the urgency unleashed by the daily and permanent repression.
I am not alone.”

Mónica Caballero
An anarchist awaiting trial

Ps: I would like to thank each individual and/or collective that spreads each release and makes possible interaction between comrades.

A Flame of Solidarity from the CCF for the brothers and sisters in Chile

Nov. 2011

When the prison bars stop our hands from throwing the fire of anarchy into the world of power, our words become the sharp rasp of escape.

Armed with thoughts, desires, secret plans, new conspiracies, we give a warmest embrace in our imaginary meeting with the comrades of action across the world.

Now we want our voice to reach our brothers and sister in distant Chile to Luciano (Tortuga) prosecuted on November 22 and to Monica, to Felipe, to Francisco, to Omar, and Carlos on November 28, because they are anarchists and enemies of power.

Of course we do not forget Marcelo, Freddy and Juan as their trial started on the 11th of this month.

Comrades, you are so far away and yet you feel so close.

It is the same rage we feel when we hit the state, the same contempt that we show for the silent compromised crowd, the same passion with which we are fighting for anarchy, the same hatred of the prisons that want to keep us hostage.

The Chilean State and the authorities of the states of the world must know that not one comrade will be left alone.

We exist everywhere, anarchists who act, for whom anarchy is not cheap ideological chatter but the only authentic way of life.

So, one thing is certain. We have not yet said our last word. We are starting an infinite insurrectionary journey, with the new nihilism and immediate action for the realization of anarchy as our compass. Our name is our soul named FAI / IRF. The Informal Anarchist Federation-International Revolutionary Front is the new Black International of Anarchists of Praxis.

We know that sometime we will meet in Athens, Santiago, in the here and now, always.

The Passion for Freedom is Stronger than Any Cage

“(…) it’s about that spirit of combativeness without which even anarchists are left tame and will drop off, by one route or another, to the swamp of legalism… It is foolish, for the sake of saving a life, to destroy the reasons to live”

-Errico Malatesta, “L’Agitacione,” 1901

In this “bombs case” that seeks to annihilate us, what is being persecuted is not a philosophy that is petrified in history, because ideas without practice are not dangerous; what power intends to judge is a way of facing life, and without seeming pretentious, today as in centuries past what the State intends to judge is the potential threat of Anarchy; this is one of the inevitable clashes between two opposing forces.

This letter is a call to combat the lethargy of words, to not sink into the decidedness of the devoted and obedient sheep; this is a call to heed instinct, for the resurgence of convictions in immense forms, that every blow may strengthen the temper of rage and the undying rebellious will of which flesh and fire are made.

The gestures of solidarity crack the walls and saw through the bars, the anonymous cries made heard as resounding thunder.

In this “Week of Agitation and Propaganda” (April 14 to 21), I wish to send my respects to all the prisoners of war* of the world, to those who realize that the cages are not caves for revolutionary hibernation, but rather another place of confrontation against authority.

For all the irreducible enemies of power, mark my little wink of complicity.

May the brothers and sisters who fly free know that they are not forgotten, may their wings carry them far from their cages. Courage, Comrades!

Strength to all.

For Living Anarchy, onward I cry, “Long Live Anarchy!”

Crazy Old Man. Anarchic Rebel on Hunger Strike.
From the Indomitable Roots of South America.

13th of April, 2011

* translator’s note: “lax presxs en guerra,” means more literally “prisoners at war,” and thus conveys Camilo’s idea of the struggle within prison more effectively than the common English term “prisoners of war,” which we chose for its familiarity.
Hunger strike against the Anti-Terrorist Law: Background, Objectives, and Needs

April, 2011

The placement of around 130 explosive devices at public and private entities from 2005 until today has involved the operation of four prosecutors dedicated exclusively to clarifying the facts; they handled the investigation over to the intelligence units of the carabineros and the investigative police (BIPE y DIPOLCAR), who developed at least 8 lines of inquiry after the possible participants in the attacks, namely: GAP-BLP ex subversives, CRA, organized sectors of Villa Francia, Occupied Social Centers, popular libraries, Anticapitalist Brigade and Mapuches; they spent in the tens of millions of pesos in resources in order to follow and spy on some hundreds of suspects, on not one of whom, incidentally, were they able to prove a crime, such that the process went without arrests until August 2010. This scenario led the actors and agents of the supposed “State of Rights” to collude within their class with the goal of redesigning their repressive strategy to make use of State terrorism practices inherited from the military dictatorship; planning also a powerful policing-medix show that would point to supposed suspects and presumed culprits. Just prior to delivering the blow they recruited an ambitious prosecutor lacking in ethics, unlike the previous investigators who had not let themselves be intimidated by domineering functionaries and producers of television sensationalism.

In this way, by recruiting a con artist, the government took another step toward achieving its aim in the person of Hinzpeter, Minister of the Interior, who in June 2010 petitioned the federal prosecutor Sabas Chahuan, indicating that “we need concrete results in the investigation,” and the reply was, “it is necessary to give the investigation a new approach” (6/13/10). Thus — and as a direct result of this pressure, which puts into question in an unprecedented way the supposed independence of the different branches of government — the prosecutor Armendariz was dismissed and the chief prosecutor of the southern district, Alejandro Peña, appeared on the scene, who drags reports of domestic violence and anti-union practices along with him. Now he operates under the sponsorship of the Minister of the Interior. His first step was to transfer jurisdiction from the 8th Court of Santiago to the 11th of San Miguel, the prosecutor’s last true stronghold, the place where one is instructed to turn a blind eye to the inconsistencies of the evidence; the next step was to leak law enforcement information to the newspapers “El Mercurio” and “La Tercera” dealing with fabrications about the profile of the alleged bomb-setters, the subversive history of their leaders, their habitation of squatted houses, their commitment to anarchist ideology, their dark clothing and transportation on bicycles, among other absurdities. Following this plot, 58 days after taking office Peña and company unleashed a fierce repressive attack named “Operation Salamander” in the early morning of August 14th. 14 people were arrested, four of whom had been previously interrogated by the prosecutor Armendariz, which had resulted in their release due to their merits after those proceedings. On the 23rd of August the government through minister Hinzpeter congratulated Peña; the same thing that the president Piñera did a few days before to signal “a changing of hands” and that “this government is not going to allow them anything.” This lays bare the collusion between the Southern prosecution and the government, a situation that will publicly reward A. Peña with a prominent post inside the Ministry of the Interior, from which he will be able to continue and improve his as well as the government’s repressive actions, his missions will be (amongst others) to monitor and dismantle all social movements of resistance including strikes, blockades, marches, and diverse conflicts by which it will be possible to affirm that Peña has come to be “judge and jury.”

I read your communiques and declarations, I have made many of your words my own and cherish them like a beautiful treasure, without ever having had the opportunity to exchange a word with you I call you comrades and I feel your heavy sentences in my bones.

Walls and borders separate us, ideas unite us.

A tiny gesture… I hope it will give you a smile in these hard times.

I would like to take this opportunity to send a hug of solidarity to Silvia, Costa and Billy.

I give you a poem by Sandra Trafilaf, political prisoner of Pinochet’s military dictatorship, written around 1984.

“Fences and metal doors surround this underworld
trying imprison our joy of living and loving
the letters of my comrades are fluttering
in this improvised writing desk
cries and voices from afar mingle with their words confused, dark memories of murderous volleys and all the same I fill up again with struggles and victories.”
the Conspiracy Cells of Fire and those who find themselves accused under the same case, now faced with a trial against them, the sentence against of G. Dimitrakis, power’s morbid retaliation against Simos Seisidis and the rest of the prisoners who confront their incarceration with dignity; in France power does not let up in its reversal of roles to prolong the charges against Jean Marc Roullian and Georges Cipriani; the Italian state and its last repressive campaign against the anarchic eternity… and all of the prisoners from every part of the world who are not forgotten.

Neither in this part of the world can we let the reality of the remaining revolutionary prisoners scattered throughout the prisons of the Chilean democracy pass unnoticed: Patricio Gallardo, Alejandro Rodriguez, Alberto Olivarez, Sergio Vazquez, Claudio Melgarejo, Juan Aliate, Esteban Huiniguir, Marcelo Villaroel, Freddy Fuentevilla, Rodolfo Retamales, Francisco Solar, Felipe Guerra, Omar Hermosilla, Carlos Riveros, Camilo Perez, Andrea Urzua y Monica Caballero.

Behind bars the gestures of support arrive, possibly the only real nourishment in these days of prolonged fasting, from every corner of the world, the flyers, murals, demos, activities, banners, painted slogans, and fire speak a language understood without difficulty, which transcends all the security cameras just a heartbeat away.

But those of us held hostage by the state, write, talk, try to communicate, reflect, and with gestures of struggle and dignity we express ourselves, each from their particular standpoint.

A strong greeting to those who do not abandon us to forgetfulness, who do not leave us to be devoured by the prison and judicial machine, who view our imprisonment with the sincere optic of solidarity… because these are not only trials brought against concrete subjects but also against the same seed that questions authority and does not accept this world of exploitation constructed on its behalf.

At the end of the hunger strike April 2011

Felipe Guerra anti-authoritarian political prisoner

Words from Mónica Caballero in solidarity with the comrades of the CCF and with Billy, Silvia and Costa

July 2011

In anticipation of the start of the political-judicial-policical media spectacle known as the “bombs case”, I am breaking the silence of house arrest to send a fraternal greeting to the comrades the R.O.-C.C.F. [Revolutionary Organization - Conspiracy of Cells of Fire] who yesterday saw the conclusion of their first trial. The exemplary vindictive measures of the powerful have shown themselves in the territory denominated the Greek State.

It may seem a poor strategy on the part of one risking a sentence of 20 years’ prison (accused of participation in a non-existent illicit terrorist association and the placing of explosives) to show solidarity with people who declare themselves guilty, but I am not interested in entering the rationale of the oppressors and observing implacably as they imprison the warriors who collide with this society and who, attacking, passed to action with conviction. Solidarity to those who

Today after over 8 months of being kidnapped by the state, we find ourselves carrying out an indefinite liquid hunger strike since the past 21st of February, based in two principle claims: immediate freedom for the defendants in this so-called “Caso Bombas” and the repeal of the anti-terrorist law. So far, we have known the generous and conscious support of diverse expressions of solidarity, individuals as well as organizations, through marches, forums, discussions, diverse activities, and many steps, all of them are concrete expressions of solidarity of necessary mutual aid amongst the exploited and marginalized, support without which this mobilization would not have feeling.

Today our complete and total rejection of the anti-terrorist law, and its implications and consequences, also manifests in the specific modification of some of its most disgusting and repressive aspects, such as the figure of “protected witnesses” and the requirement of a unanimous vote to grant a release in the appeals court, as articulated in article 7 of section 19 of the Political Constitution.

Because of this we call for you to take a stand in relation to the urgent necessity that the Minister of the Interior withdraw the anti-terrorist charges in this case, in light of the spectacular dealing and collusion that have recently revealed the corrupt appointment of prosecutor Peña directly to the the office of the ministry in order to take charge of monitoring social conflict. As a corollary they will reward his unethical and questionable management. This is how the plot of the “Caso Bombas” farce becomes clear and evident.

We believe it is necessary to present the vicious shortcomings and irregularities of the judicial process that we have been subjected to, all of this is denounced under the Interamerican Court of Human Rights (CIDH); in this way we aim at the legitimate doubts and questioning we are presented with surrounding the impartial process that supposedly guarantees a fair trial.

We also believe it is necessary to make the necessary efforts to work toward establishing a concrete application that allows our demands to be known and debated by all parties, that they be given the specific characteristics of this penal process, so that everyone who can contribute toward this end are invited to do so.

Finally we demand an end to the continual harassment on the part of the gendarmerie against the defendants in this so-called “caso bombas,” exemplified by the lack of communication they seek to impose between us by placing us on different floors of a single module of the CAS. Now, to put every thing in its place, every solidarity effort is welcome.

We announce that if our appeal is not heard, beginning on April 27th we will radicalize and intensify our mobilization, adopting whatever measures we deem necessary.

TERRORISM DOES NOT EXIST IN CHILE!!

AN END TO THE ANTI-TERRORIST ACT!!

UNTIL THE REPRESSIVE JURIDICO-POLICIAL FRAME-UP IS RUN INTO THE GROUND!!

PRISONERS TO THE STREET!!

Andrea Urzúa
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Statement from the 10 Companerxs Regarding the End of the Hunger Strike

April, 2011

On February 21st, we initiated an indefinite hunger strike against the repressive institutions that keep us locked up under the farce known as the “Bombs Case”, after 65 days of starvation we have decided to end our hunger strike.

As a result of this prolonged fast, thanks to the defense and the unconditional solidarity from comrades of diverse beliefs and places, we have gained some victories completely and others partially. We must be clear, the end of the anti-terrorism law does not happen because some friends die of starvation in the prisons. Do not confuse this as one repressive situation, this is a collective problem that concerns not only us as current prisoners, but all of us as combative figures who assume a part in the anti-capitalist struggle. This is why your solidarity with us intertwines with your revolutionary interests.

1) 5 of the accused, 2 of who have been labeled leaders of the fictitious illicit terrorist association had their preventative measures changed by the court of appeals, openly questioning the application of the anti-terrorist law. (18.314)

2) An end to the investigation and therefore a shortening of the time before an actual trial.

3) An improvement in the conditions and visitations of the prisoners.

4) The denunciation of the montage- in various instances during the hunger strike the prosecutor’s farce was exposed and made visible and tensions within the powerful players- human rights institutions, the church, etc. who have reported that the “Caso Bombas” will fall like house of cards.

5) In regards to the anti-terrorist law, the end of the secret witnesses, and the unanimous vote in the court of appeals for release from preventative imprisonment; we have succeeded in starting 3 law projects for the modifications of law 18.314 and the creation of a work group to find evidence of a frame up and the lengthening of the process as well as maneuverings inside the interior ministry and security in conjunction with the southern prosecution in order to annihilate every rebellious intent.

This movement can not be exempt from self criticism, but it should be taken into account that the hunger strike was carried out under a regimen of isolation, allowing for only few instances of conversation and an exchange of analysis and responses, not in just any jail, but in the M.A.S. (high security prison) and the S.E.A.S. (special section of high security). Another obstacle has been the different positions within the same hunger strike, some objectives that were a priority for some were not for others and vice versa. This led to erratic and complex demeanor, filled with questions and inconsistencies, up until the last minute the different positions discussed whether to continue the hunger strike or not, however despite the differences an agreement was reached between comrades to end the mobilization the 26th of April, 2011.

We call for continued agitation for all imprisoned comrades in every corner of the planet, go with our spirit and revolutionary greetings.

Finally we want to recognize each gesture of solidarity across the world as a sincere support of conflict against authority.

However, we should remain alert, “Caso Bombas” has not ended and we should not let our guard down.

An embrace to all of those who rebel against submission

Some Ideas on Solidarity During Days of Hunger

April, 2011

I have always understood solidarity as a mutual relationship, reciprocal and sincere, that erupts from the honest convictions of our rebellious will. This is how I have lived and developed in the street and is how I believe solidarity unfolds in a fertile form- we find ourselves where we find ourselves.

It is inside the necessity to act in solidarity that crucial moments exist, maybe the most extreme, when we prisoners use our bodies as trenches, in the development of judicial “codes,” sentences or offenses on the part of the jailers. But the challenge lies in understanding how to overcome and surpass the exclusive logic imposed by the rhythm of the judicial process in order to support each other. The imprisonment of any comrade is strong and constant motivation to not remain static or indifferent... this challenge continues to present itself and we call upon all of us to overcome it. The global reality of repression speaks to us in its unmistakable language: charges, bars, sentences, media condemnations, and judicial processes. In Mexico we find Abraham, Braulio, and Adrian Magdaleno, this last one was recently taken in retaliation; the comrades who remain behind bars in Swiss prisons; the different revolutionaries in Greece; members of...