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Updates for November 11th

22 Oct - Statement of the Anarchist Black Cross Moscow on Ruslan Sidiki

Russia: Anarchist Ruslan Sidiki, who was sentenced to 29 years in prison over two sabotage actions against the Russian war machine, openly stated that he contacted Ukrainian military intelligence in order to organize an attack on the Russian air base in Dyagilevo, where strategic bombers are stationed.

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In published letters he explained his motive:

“The roar of the Tu-22 and Tu-95 outside the window coincided with strikes on Ukraine, and that determined my choice of target — the military airfield in Dyagilevo, only 10 kilometers from home. I lived with an 80-year-old grandmother and understood how hard it is for the elderly and the sick without heat and light in winter. While filling the bathtub with hot water, I thought of those who, thousands of kilometers away, had been deprived of basic necessities because of geopolitical ambitions.”

At the comrades’ request he described in more detail how he interacted with Ukrainian intelligence:

“I came up with the idea to destroy the aircraft at Dyagilevo, and I wrote to a comrade in Ukraine whom I have known since 2013. I told him that I had such a target <...>. I asked him to connect me with some programmer, because I needed advice to carry out my plan. I explained to him that I have a homemade heavy quadcopter capable of lifting and flying comfortably with three kilos. I plan to do it like this: I attach a homemade gliding bomb. The flight plan should be programmed. Before that I identify the target from the air and calculate the coordinates, which I enter into the mission. I raise the bomb to an altitude of about a kilometer, approach the airport and drop it at a distance of a couple of kilometers from the target. Then the bomb flies to the target, and the quadcopter flies back to me, and I leave the area. I needed help with the software code <...>. Because it would have taken much longer to do it myself. I also asked if it was possible to download the firmware from the munition for a ‘Bayraktar’ or if there are similar developments capable of executing my plan. Knowing that my comrade might have military contacts, I put such requests to him.”

A month later the comrade put Ruslan in contact with “Alexander,” who turned out to be military. He offered to help purchase components to assemble several kamikaze drones, because he considered Ruslan’s initial plan insufficiently safe. Ruslan agreed, because he himself worked as an electrician for 27,000 rubles (circa 300 euros) a month and could not afford such a purchase.

The drone operation was only partially successful: of four drones programmed with delayed flight missions, only one took off (the other three were presumably overturned by a fox) — it damaged the runway but did not damage aircraft.

After that Ruslan decided to act from the ground — to blow up railway tracks used by the military. In that operation Ukrainian intelligence helped him by conducting a remote test based on Ruslan’s specifications for blowing the rail, so a partisan could more accurately calculate the necessary explosive charge. The rail sabotage succeeded — Ruslan waited for a freight train and remotely triggered the explosive device. Nineteen freight cars derailed and the line was blocked for a long time.

Ruslan emphasizes that he implemented his own plan and that Ukrainian intelligence assisted him in carrying out the plot. The partisan notes:

“I did not and do not see any contradiction in cooperating with such people, because our goals coincided — opposing Russian aggression. If I had known people in Russia, including within the anarchist movement, who had similar goals, then perhaps I would have been among their ranks.”

We do not call for or encourage cooperation with Ukrainian intelligence and special services, even against Russian aggression. The fact is that they pursue strictly their own interests, and they are indifferent to the fate of those they cooperate with. Many people were caught after actions proposed by Ukrainian intelligence or special services, but the Ukrainian side provided them no support after detention. Any information about Russian anarchists can be used by them against the international anarchist movement and can also be passed to the special services of other countries, including Russian ones — already after the war. The Anarchist Black Cross — Moscow never cooperates with any special services or intelligence agencies.

On the other hand, due to the circumstances of an imperialist war, we do not condemn cooperation with Ukrainian intelligence and special services against Russian aggression. Ruslan Sidiki acted independently, at his own risk, those risks materialized and he paid the highest price for his actions.

We consider him a hero of the anarchist movement.

25 Oct - Updates and Analysis on Prairieland Defendants

On October 16th, federal prosecutors secured a grand jury indictment against two people from North Texas that they allege helped orchestrate an attack at an ICE detention facility in Alvarado, Texas.

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by Sabr Qalam (*We Will Free Us*)

“For the first time ever, the FBI has arrested anarchist violent extremists and charged Antifa-aligned individuals with material support to terrorism.” – FBI Director, Kash Patel

The indictment claims that both people are supposedly members of an “Antifa cell” that planned and executed an attack on officers at the Prairieland Detention Center in early July, leaving one local Alvarado cop with a gunshot wound to the neck.

The allegations by the federal government stem from a noise demonstration that occurred in July of this year, outside of the detention center in Alvarado that houses between 1,000 – 2,000 people awaiting immigration hearings and pending deportation orders. This is the same detention facility that Palestinian political prisoner Leqaa Kordia has been unjustly detained in for over the last 6 months — and the same detention facility former political prisoner Angel Espinosa-Villegas was also briefly held in, after being “released” from federal prison and before being deported back to Chile earlier this year.

Prairieland is as much a concentration camp as every other ICE facility in the country.

On July 4th, a number of individuals arrived to the detention center for an autonomous noise demonstration to show solidarity with migrants detained inside the facility. Noise demonstrations are a common form of protest that occur at jails, prisons, and other facilities that incarcerate people. The goal of these actions is to make enough noise so that people on the inside are able to hear the support from their community on the outside.

Court records claim that people at the demonstration allegedly began to shoot off fireworks into the air, and that DHS cars and a guard shed were vandalized with spray paint.

After federal officers called local police in for backup, the federal indictment alleges that “black clad militants” began to fire rifles at both local and federal law enforcement, ultimately shooting one of the officers in the neck. Police responded by arresting everyone in the area.

Only one of the defendants indicted last Thursday was arrested the night of the alleged “attack”. The other defendant was detained in the midst of multiple arrests that occurred in the following days, all throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Fox News initially broke this story of the two new federal indictments early last Thursday morning, and they misreported that one of the two people indicted on the terrorism charges is the initial suspected shooter. The person actually alleged to be the one who shot the police officer, following an extensive manhunt for them over this past summer, has still not been indicted federally.

In an effort to collectively squash dissent, what began as a normal noise demonstration gone rogue has now turned into what the government has called a “planned ambush” and “coordinated attack.”

Since July 4th, sweeping raids have occurred at the homes of many loved ones and supporters of the defendants, where the FBI has brutally deployed flash-bang grenades and thrown bags over people’s heads as they violently detain them. 17 people have since been held in state and federal custody, all on suspicion of having either been at or aiding the events at the Prairieland Detention Center. An 18th arrest was made earlier this week, with the new defendant in the case being hit with a state charge of “aiding in the commission of terrorism.”

Similar to the rhetoric that was used to collectively target and prosecute people that protested against the construction of “Cop City” in the Weelaunee Forest of Atlanta, the state has now alleged that all of the defendants they have abducted are part of a larger criminal conspiracy — labeling them an “Antifa cell”.

Many defendants maintain that they do not know one another, and some defendants have never even stepped foot in the city that the “attack” occurred in. And yet still, the state has collectively grouped these people together on the basis of their alleged political affiliations and relationships to other co-defendants, in an attempt to collectively make an example out of those that express dissent against the fascist government. Some defendants have been indicted in this case for simply removing someone from a private signal group chat, possessing radical literature or even certain types of board games, and other blatantly preposterous reasons relating to their supposed political ideologies. The state even seized printing equipment from the home of two co-defendants and argued that their production of left-wing reading materials was evidence of responsibility of criminal acts.

“The recent federal indictment makes false claims, mischaracterizes facts, and takes quotes out of context,” said a spokesperson for the DFW Support Committee. “Claims of adherence to a political ideology, whether true or not, are not grounds to charge someone with terrorism and does not belong in an indictment.”

While most defendants have spent the duration of pre-trial in county jail, one of the defendants was held in custody with an ICE hold, ordering the revocation of his green card and impending deportation from the country. After receiving a jail call from a family member that was arrested the night of the alleged “attack” in Alvarado, police arrested him with a box of zines in his car — labeling them as “anti-government propaganda”. He became the 11th arrest in relation to this case, and is the only defendant aside from the two indicted last Thursday to be hit with both state and federal charges.

After almost three months of being held in custody without being arraigned, the defendants all finally appeared in federal court this past September. Because of this prolonged delay in their initial court appearances, defendants were unable to be appointed public defenders or even be able to consult with lawyers about the government’s case against them.

Local legal experts claim that the majority of cases in the county are seen before a judge between one to three days after a person’s initial arrest. There has been absolutely zero reason given as to why the defendants in this case have been given such completely different treatment.

During their first court appearance that occurred in late September, a US Magistrate Judge found probable cause to formally charge all those arrested, and he ordered the defendants to be held in custody until a potential trial. Many defendants have since been transported from Johnson County to the Wichita County Jail — aside from one defendant who has been bonded out again from custody following his third arrest, as

well as a number of other defendants who have been transferred to federal custody at FMC Carswell. This transfer to Wichita County will mean that defendants are a little over two hours away from their loved ones in Dallas-Fort Worth, and this is just yet another move by the state to continue to isolate the defendants in this case from their community.

A support committee composed of loved ones reported that a number of the defendants have been held in solitary confinement cells, with no official explanation or justification as to why. All have been held on bonds between \$5- \$15 million while reporting inhumane detention conditions, such as sexual harassment, physical abuse, and dangerous neglect. One defendant reported being forced to clean up another inmates' feces smeared in the solitary confinement cell that they were roughly thrown into. Another has reported mandatory strip searches that occur endlessly throughout the day. The list just continues to go on.

On October 1st, the state of Texas indicted 14 people in the case on state charges of terrorism, aggravated assault against a public servant, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon against a peace officer, aiding in the commission of terrorism, smuggling of persons, hindering prosecution of terrorism, and tampering with/fabricating physical evidence. The state also imposed an additional charge of "engaging in organized criminal activity" for all 14 defendants. Many defendants will be fighting concurrent state and federal cases, and further charges against the defendants in this case are still pending and anticipated, given the fact that only 3 defendants have been indicted federally so far.

This most recent grand jury indictment last Thursday is the first time the federal government has officially filed terrorism related charges against anti-fascists, and it comes just 21 days since Donald Trump signed an official Executive Order designating "Antifa" as a domestic terrorist organization. It is interesting to note that Trump's Executive Order regarding "Antifa" was also signed the same day Prairieland defendants were finally arraigned in federal court, after many months of delays in their cases. Just three days later, the White House also released National Security Presidential Memorandum-7 (NSPM-7), which specifically orders all federal law enforcement agencies to prioritize combatting "Antifa" as a domestic terrorism threat.

Many legal experts have challenged the validity of Trump's September 22nd Executive Order, given the fact that the President does not retain the ability to designate any domestic groups as "terrorist organizations". This is because the First Amendment of the Constitution protects the right of individuals to exercise free speech and assembly, and the Supreme Court has additionally upheld that people also maintain the freedom of association to express, promote, and defend common interests. Many legal experts have argued that this Executive Order is largely just symbolic in domestic law, given that terrorism itself is not a standalone crime under federal statute and charges hinge on specific criminal conduct, rather than membership or allegiance to an organization itself.

Given all of this, it is important to note that both defendants last Thursday have been federally indicted on charges of "providing material support to terrorists", and not the legally distinctive charge of supporting a terrorist organization, despite Donald Trump's designation of "Antifa" as a formal terrorist group. The two defendants have also been charged with three counts of "attempted murder of officers and employees of the United States", as well as three counts of "discharging a firearm during, in relation to, and in furtherance of a crime of violence".

In the indictment, the Department of Justice claims that "Antifa is a militant enterprise made up of networks of individuals and small groups primarily ascribing to a revolutionary anarchist or autonomous Marxist ideology, which explicitly calls for the overthrow of the U.S. government, law enforcement authorities and the system of law."

From Trump's Executive Order, to these most recent indictments, and even Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton announcing that his office would be launching undercover investigations into "left-wing political violence" in the state, citing the July 4th action in Alvarado as motivation for the decision — it is very clear that the state is doing everything possible to deter dissent and invoke fear and paranoia in those that take a stand against fascism.

The one defendant who has since been bonded out from custody awaiting trial has reported having spyware installed on his phone, being barred from consuming any anti-government or “violent” content until the duration of his trial is complete. This is the same defendant that the state tried to continue to keep in custody by drastically increasing his bond, using a new Texas law that passed just weeks before his court hearing that allows for defendants accused of specific charges to have their bonds increased at any time with little notice.

His last arrest occurred because the state alleged, he violated his original bond conditions. After he made online searches for how to replace his Gameboy Advance SP battery, his bond officer searched up how to use that very battery to make “trigger devices” and shared it with the DA — alleging it was the defendant who had made those searches. He was released from custody after his attorneys were able to prove that the evidence against him was fabricated.

While all of this is concerning enough in and of itself, it is worth noting that the latest arrest in the case comes less than a month after felony charges were filed against Johnson County Sheriff Adam King, who is directly involved in this case. He is currently facing charges of aggravated perjury, corrupt influence, and abuse of official capacity.

It is very clear that the state of Texas and the Feds are going above and beyond to establish antifascism as a thought crime that turns someone into an enemy of the state. When asked by a reporter what would happen to someone who took to the streets and proclaimed to be “Antifa” following the roundtable that occurred at the White House with right-wing personalities who “briefed” the president on “Antifa terrorism,” Donald Trump hinted towards the death penalty. This is the same roundtable where the Secretary of Homeland Security, Kristi Noem, referred to the broader “Antifa” movement as being equivalent to Hamas, Hezbollah, and MS-13.

Given that these federal indictments in Texas are the first of their kind, the case of the Prairieland defendants will have massive implications and provide potential insight into how the federal government plans to target those that they deem “Antifa” and therefore enemies of the state.

We will be following these cases closely and reporting on them as they proceed.

October 25th - NLG Stands with Anti-ICE Dissent

Yesterday, a new indictment was revealed in North Texas that uses Trump’s new directive to go after “antifa” to prosecute the Prairieland Defendants. This is the first instance where the Trump Administration has framed “antifa” as a terrorist group in a criminal case. The National Lawyers Guild stands with anti-ICE dissent and calls for solidarity with the Prairieland Defendants. We cannot tolerate the dangerous criminalization of a noise demonstration against ICE.

The U.S. government is no stranger in designating groups within the U.S. as enemies. It did so during the Second Red Scare, against alleged communists. The FBI declared war on the Civil Rights movement and crushed the Black Panther movement. In the middle of the so-called “war on terror”, it discretely framed environmentalists as “domestic terrorists” during the Green Scare. More recently, the supporters of the Free Palestine movement have been systematically attacked, and Stop Cop City protesters have been targeted as “domestic terrorists”. With each new wave of popular protest, the U.S. government has invested in creating enemies where there are none.

That same federal government is attempting to paint a picture of organized “antifa” members, armed and willing to commit violence, in Texas. This is not the case. On July 4, people stood up for immigrants outside an ICE Detention Center in Alvarado, Texas, as thousands are doing elsewhere, through a noise demonstration. We know what the current administration is doing against anti-ICE dissent: using the FBI to target political enemies.

Importantly, Texans routinely show up to protest with guns. It is not an anomaly, particularly because there is always a threat of armed right-wing counter protesters. Meanwhile, the federal government is allowing ICE and CBP to shoot and kill people, while using the National Guard to intimidate protestors. It is making enemies out of people exercising their First Amendment rights.

We are alarmed by the appearance of federal prosecutors and agents coordinating with the Alvarado Police Department and Johnston County District Attorney's Office to indefinitely detain the Prairieland Defendants through concurrent, extreme state and federal charges. Despite this incident occurring over three months ago, with allegations against defendants who weren't even at the noise demonstration, the government is only now declaring that there was a so-called "antifa terrorist cell", pursuant to Trump's new directive. We reject the validity of these new claims.

We must continue to fearlessly stand up for immigrants and against fascism.

October 26th - These Dallas Residents Are on the Front Lines of Trump's War Against "Antifa"

by Andrew Lee (*Truthout*)

On the night of July 4, 2025, Meagan Morris and Autumn Hill departed the Dallas home they shared with several others to go to an immigrant solidarity protest. This was no small thing for either of the two housemates. A 41-year-old transgender woman, Meagan had been out of work since her collapsed neck vertebrae forced her to leave her job at UPS. Autumn had little political experience save for volunteering for a local nonprofit and once marching in a Pride parade. But with the Trump administration conducting violent immigration raids across the country in service of Trump's mass deportation agenda, both Morris and Autumn Hill wanted to head to Alvarado for a "noise demo" outside the 700-bed Prairieland Detention Center.

Noise demonstrations, or noise demos, are loud, raucous protests held outside jails, prisons, or detention centers. Participants try to make enough noise to let those inside know they aren't forgotten, using anything from loudspeakers to fireworks. They're an attempt to disrupt the isolating, carceral logic of the state. They do not, however, typically lead to terrorism charges — until now.

Some attendees at the July 4 noise demo are now facing charges including "providing material support to terrorists" and multiple counts of "attempted murder," with FBI Director Kash Patel trumpeting unprecedented action against "Antifa-aligned anarchist violence extremists" days before President Trump signaled willingness to label Antifa a foreign terrorist organization.

But before they found themselves on the front lines of Trump's crusade against anti-fascism, the future defendants thought they were going to attend a run-of-the-mill, if boisterous, protest.

"It all sounded pretty normal to me. They were going to make a lot of noise in solidarity with the ICE detainees in the Prairieland Detention Center," said Stephanie Shiver, Morris's wife. "This was a normal protest being planned."

"I wanted to watch some fireworks, make sure the detainees knew people on the outside cared about them. I wanted to come home," Morris told *Truthout*.

But she never did.

According to the government's narrative, laid out in court documents, the protest was in fact an "attack" against the Prairieland Detention Center. Correctional officers responded to vandalism and fireworks by calling on law enforcement from the Alvarado Police Department. The state alleges that someone then opened fire from a wooded area on a responding officer, who was struck in the neck and returned fire. However, a member of the DFW Support Committee who attended a federal preliminary hearing on September 30 tells *Truthout* that an FBI agent declined to answer a question regarding who actually shot

first. The officer's injury was apparently superficial, since local news reports said an officer suffered from a gunshot and was "treated and released" from the hospital by the following morning.

This minor injury was enough for law enforcement to paint the entire protest as an "ambush" designed to lure out and open fire on police officers, as the state alleges a mysterious "assailant" did. If the entire protest was a murderous ambush, the state's argument effectively goes, each protester should be charged with attempted murder. According to the government's case, the defendants' all-black clothing, handheld radios, and use of encrypted messaging apps serve as evidence, not of their being security-conscious protesters in a period of escalating political repression but, rather, of being members of a "militant enterprise." Further evidence includes "anti-government literature" discovered at a residence that the DFW Support Committee member reports in fact functioned as a zine print shop.

Right-wing media immediately labeled the participants in the autonomous action as the members of a shadowy, terroristic "Antifa cell." Trump's Department of Justice followed this reasoning when federal indictments were finally filed against some of the defendants this month, alleging their membership in a "North Texas Antifa Cell of at least eleven operatives."

The day after the demonstration, Shiver, Autumn Hill, her wife Lydia (who asked to be identified only by her first name), and their remaining housemates were startled by a blaring megaphone announcing the start of a raid by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Lydia tells *Truthout* that law enforcement broke down the front door with a battering ram attached to an armored personnel carrier. They threw deafening flash-bang grenades into the single-story residential home. One narrowly missed a resident who is a new mother and her one-month-old child. Officers ransacked the house looking for items specified in the no-knock warrant including "flyers, printed materials, social media posts, and communications" expressing "anti-government ideology." The residents were forced outside, handcuffed for hours, and taken one-by-one into patrol cars for identification. Autumn Hill was identified as a protester from the night before and taken alone into a van. "That was the last time I saw her in person," her wife Lydia told *Truthout*.

Morris, Autumn Hill, and nine other alleged participants in the noise demo now stand accused of attempted murder, with Hill and co-defendant Zachary Evetts now the first people to receive terrorism charges for alleged membership in Antifa. The partner of one arrestee was charged with obstruction for supposedly moving a box of political pamphlets. One of the defendants, Champagne Song, evaded police during a weeklong manhunt; four individuals were accused of helping her escape capture. Chillingly, after a support committee was organized to support the defendants, one of its members was herself arrested. An eighteenth individual was arrested on charges of aiding in the commission of terrorism earlier this week. The defendants, each of whom is being held for millions of dollars of bail, are now known collectively as the Prairieland Defendants.

The National Lawyers Guild (NLG) released a statement denouncing what it described as "unchecked state repression," emphasizing that "people present at the noise demonstration are now facing decades of prison time and years of pre-trial detention, regardless of their actions or knowledge ... Multiple people arrested were not even at the demonstration on July 4th. Most defendants remain detained without formal charges ... and in limbo between state and federal jurisdiction." According to the NLG, this made finding legal representation for defendants extraordinarily difficult. Federal charges would not be filed until over three months after the alleged shooting.

Lydia describes the notion that her wife, Autumn Hill, or housemate Meagan would have participated in an organized ambush of law enforcement officers as "completely ridiculous." "They have too much to live for," she said, "and on top of that, nothing about the state's case makes any sense."

The state's evidence against the defendants includes the aforementioned references to anarchist literature, standard anti-surveillance equipment, and protest banners. It also references the fact that protesters were in possession of guns — in a state with permitless carry laws where the majority of households have a firearm. Though the state's indictment alleges that the shooting was captured on camera and that spent

casings were found at the scene, absent is any apparent evidence connecting any of the defendants in particular with pulling the trigger of a weapon pointed at a police officer. Morris was arrested after a firearm was found in her vehicle away from the scene of the alleged crime, though her wife emphasizes that she carries a weapon only in self-defense.

“My wife would often carry a pistol with her, even on basic dog walks,” Shiver told me. “She’s a transgender woman in the state of Texas. She’s very concerned for her personal safety; it’s a very threatening state to be a transgender person.”

Additionally, Morris is “actually a very disabled woman,” Shiver told me. “She’s got 95 percent collapsed vertebrae in her neck, and the conditions that she’s in in jail are causing her excruciating pain.” Morris was denied access to painkillers or a pillow, and only began receiving hormones after she had been detained for over a month. Prevented from accessing showers and the commissary, she reports being strip-searched by male guards, sometimes multiple times a day, despite being held alone.

“The conditions that she’s in in jail are causing her excruciating pain. They’re refusing to let anybody have even a basic pillow. She’s getting very little sleep, waking up multiple times in the middle of the night, feeling excruciating pain down her arm. She’s being refused her medications by the Johnson County Jail. She’s being held alone and essentially in solitary confinement,” Shiver said.

Xavier de Janon, director of Mass Defense for the National Lawyers Guild, said the NLG is “very concerned” with the treatment of the *Prairieland 17* given the large number of individuals charged, the surveillance and raids conducted to arrest them, and the “extreme nature of the charges” — all stemming from a political protest. He told *Truthout* in August that while the defendants faced serious state charges, they were yet to be federally indicted, despite the federal government publicly threatening prosecution. This left the defendants in a “legal limbo.”

“This is state terror,” Lydia told me. “I don’t think we should mince words.” She and Shiver have joined the support committee that seeks to raise \$50,000 for legal defense. “We on the support committee believe very strongly that this is meant as an intimidation tactic against anyone doing any kind of mutual aid work or any kind of activism in Dallas-Fort Worth,” Lydia said. “I struggle to believe that they’re going to stop at any given point. They’re not going to be satisfied.”

“What this case tells people is that if they go to certain protests, a rally, a noise demo, and something happens, they will be arrested too and charged with very serious felonies,” de Janon told *Truthout*. “It silences dissent. It makes people scared of even showing up to a noise demonstration out of this threat that if you go, you could be arrested, disappeared, and charged with very serious charges.”

“The government narrative of a big ambush? That’s baloney,” said Morris. “I have a wife, I have a house, I have found family, I have dogs. I wouldn’t put all of that at risk.”

November 7th - Help Prairieland Defendants

by Slingshot Collective (*Slingshot*)

After a July 4 noise demonstration at the *Prairieland* ICE Detention Center in Alvarado, TX, to show solidarity with ICE detainees and protest ongoing deportations, there was an officer-involved shooting. Trump’s Department of Justice skewed the shooting as a terrorist ambush and 17 people were arrested on ruinous charges. Eleven face aggravated assault, attempted murder, and terrorism charges. Six others face accusations including evidence tampering, smuggling of persons, and hindering prosecution of terrorism. Almost all are charged with organized criminal activity, and the state set their bonds as high as \$15 million.

Common practices in activist scenes have been cast as evidence of violent conspiracy. The FBI alleges that use of encrypted messaging app Signal, wearing black clothing, zine distribution, and speech critical of the government are all proof of a conspiracy to ambush police. Even two defendants’ commercial printer has become evidence of criminality.

But the state lies. We know our loved ones. They devote their free time to caring for people neglected by the state, such as those experiencing homelessness and the queer community of Dallas-Fort Worth. They have families, pets, and lives they intended to return to on July 5. The state is using the people we love to demonize leftists, anarchists, and anyone it deems “Antifa” and to justify its repression of broader left movements. In spite of this, we are only emboldened.

“No one should take you out of your home at gunpoint and bring you to a county you’ve never been to, just for removing someone from a group chat,” said defendant Dario Sanchez, the sole defendant released on bond. “I’ve been arrested and released three times, each one more ridiculous than the last. At times I’ve felt numb or distraught, but more than anything, I’m angry at how my life has been stolen from me. I’m not about to let anyone make me shy away from who I am or what I believe in.”

“With these scare tactics, the government tries to constrain what we imagine is politically possible,” said Lydia Koza, wife of defendant Autumn Hill. “They put my wife in a cage because she objected to putting people in cages. When the FBI raided our house and took her away, I thought they would kill me. Threatening to take everything away from me has only given me more purpose than ever – to fight for justice, for her and everyone.”

Across the world, from Seoul, South Korea, to Athens, Greece, we’ve seen international support. People have hosted banner drops, letter writing campaigns, and solidarity events with the defendants. While on the legal front, the state and federal governments have purposely held defendants in limbo—waiting to indict them, subjecting them to a multitude of abuses in jail—organizing as a collective has helped us feel less alone. Seeing our family, our friends, and our comrades be subject to arbitrary punishment, forced labor, strip searches, bio-hazardous conditions, and denial of medical care while incarcerated only strengthens our belief in dismantling the carceral system and creating a world without police.

A public fundraiser has been organized by the DFW Support Committee at **givesendgo.com/SupportDFWprotestors**. We ask that you give if you can, but please write letters to the defendants and spread the word of this case: DFWdefendants.wordpress.com. Show the state that repression only breeds resistance.

26 Oct - News about anarchist political prisoners

Belarus: Please read the latest from Anarchist Black Cross Belarus.

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In August, Ihar Alinevich completed his three-year prison sentence and was transferred to a colony. The so-called court considered Siarhei Ramanau’s appeal against his sentence under Article 411 and rejected it, adding an additional 1.5 years to his sentence. Thus, Siarhei’s total sentence is 24 years and 5 months. On September 14, he was transferred to the IK-9 colony in Horki.

On September 11, Mikola Dziadok was released from prison and deported from Belarus along with 50 other political prisoners. Mikola was supposed to be released on April 4 this year, but a case was brought against him for leading the organization “Autonomous Action Belarus,” which was previously recognized as part of a criminal organization. He faced up to 13 years in prison.

26 Oct - Marius Mason Update

This update on political prisoner Marius Mason is published by Agency in collaboration with Fifth Estate magazine.

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by Panagioti Tsolkas (*Fifth Estate*)

Earlier this year, Marius Mason — an anarchist, environmental and animal rights activist, vegan, artist, and trans advocate — was denied his scheduled gender affirming surgery by the Trump administration and transferred to a women’s prison. The Republican candidate’s campaign spent \$27 million on ads condemning gender affirming care for prisoners and the federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) quickly remanded those detained back to prisons corresponding to the gender they were assigned at birth.

Marius is serving nearly 22 years for acts of property damage carried out in defense of the planet. After being threatened with a life sentence in 2009 for acts of sabotage, he pleaded guilty to arson charges at a Michigan State University lab researching genetically modified organisms for Monsanto and twelve other acts of property damage. No one was physically harmed in these actions. At sentencing, the federal judge applied a so-called “terrorism enhancement,” adding almost two years to an already extreme sentence requested by the prosecution, for a total of 22 years of incarceration and a multi-million dollar fine. This is the harshest punishment of anyone convicted of environmentally motivated sabotage.

Marius began his incarceration in the high security Administration Unit at the Federal Medical Center Carswell in Fort Worth, Texas. The unit was meant to house prisoners “with histories of escapes, chronic behavior problems, repeated incidents of assaultive or predatory behavior, or other special management concerns...” according to the Carswell information packet. Marius did not have a record of violating prison rules, but it was apparent that he was being held in this unit because of his political beliefs.

As a result of consistent advocacy, in 2017, Marius was finally moved to a unit more closely resembling the general prison population. In 2019, his request for transfer to be closer to family and friends was granted and he was sent to the federal penitentiary at Danbury, CT.

While in prison, Marius has continued studying, making art, and contributing to the wellbeing of his fellow prisoners. His paintings have had several exhibitions and he has written articles for Fifth Estate magazine. Because of accumulated good time, he has a year and a half to go on his sentence, with a release date of January 10, 2027. A next step in long-term support is in gathering resources for post-release life.

HIS FIGHT FOR TRANS RIGHTS

Marius came out to friends, family and supporters as transgender in 2014. Previously known as “Marie Mason,” he changed his name, uses he/him pronouns, and embarked on a course to get a medical diagnosis that would allow him to seek gender affirming surgery and hormone therapy.

The BOP diagnosed Marius as having gender dysphoria, and made clothing and commissary accommodations in accordance with their established policy. Subsequently, Carswell ran medical diagnostic tests to screen him as being healthy enough to receive the care he requested. Finally, in 2016, Marius received his first “T” hormone (testosterone) injection. In 2021, he won his fight to be transferred to the male section at Danbury.

Mason had been approved by the BOP for gender-affirming surgery in 2022. He was transferred from the Danbury male facility after living there for two years to a federal prison medical facility in Fort Worth, where he was to undergo surgery. This was the culmination of a 10-year process beginning in 2013 when Mason asked to be considered for the new BOP transgender medical policy after a lawsuit created a pathway to medical transition.

But in January 2025, on Trump’s first day, his fascist-right administration issued an anti-trans executive order denying gender-affirming medical care to trans prisoners, among other scapegoating attacks. As a result, Marius was denied surgery and moved back to the women’s unit at Danbury.

Lawyers with the ACLU and other organizations challenged the order, arguing its violation of the 8th and 14th Amendments. In February 2025, an injunction was granted in a D.C. case. This ought to have constrained the BOP and preserved the status quo, meaning that all trans prisoners, including Marius,

should have remained where they were and continue to receive the healthcare they were already receiving. But it has not been applied consistently, and as a series of lawsuits continue to wind their way through the courts. It remains to be seen whether the current administration will care about compliance with judicial orders.

HIS ACTIVIST HISTORY

Marius has a long history of activism going back to his high school years. Born in 1962, his early activism included anti-war and environmental organizing, as well as anti-nuclear work and writing for the Fifth Estate. As Marius deepened his involvement in environmental and animal rights campaigns, he organized non-violent civil disobedience direct action campaigns, including ones to protect public lands, tree-sits to protest development, and anti-fur demonstrations.

Marius' advocacy also involved work with many conservation and human rights groups tackling issues of water grabs and poverty, while fighting to create local spaces like community gardens. His work spans many organizations, such as Earth First!, Sweetwater Alliance, Food Not Bombs, ADAPTT (Animals Deserve Protection Today and Tomorrow), Anarchist Black Cross, and Books for Prisoners. He was active on workers' rights issues, primarily through involvement with the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) for nearly two decades.

Marius needs our mutual aid for his remaining time in prison and for when he is eventually released.

Venmo donations can be made through Fifth Estate (@Fifth-Estate). Please include a comment noting your donation is for Marius. Funds can be sent via checks or money orders, made out to Julie Herrada or Peter Werbe, with "Marius Mason" on the subject line, and mailed to: **Support Marius Mason, Post Office Box 201016 Ferndale, Michigan 48220.**

Additionally, writing letters is one of the most important things you can do. Letters are a lifeline for those inside prison walls. As a federal prisoner, Marius has not been able to affect his name change through legal channels, so it is important for mail to be addressed to "Marie (Marius) Mason" on the envelope, along with his prisoner number. See his address below and the guidelines for letter-writing at **supportmariusmason.org**

Another way to support Marius is by organizing for both the Jan 22 Trans Prisoner Day of Action and the International Day of Solidarity with Marius Mason and All Anarchist Prisoners on June 11 of each year.

As with all political and environmental prisoners, they're in there for us; we're out here for them.

29 Oct - US woman who rescued four chickens found guilty of trespassing, conspiracy

Zoe Rosenberg, 23, of San Francisco Bay Area does not deny taking animals, saying she was removing them from cruelty

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by Aben  Clayton (*The Guardian*)

A San Francisco Bay Area woman has been found guilty of trespassing and conspiracy after she took four chickens from a processing plant in northern California, a spokesperson for a group representing her said.

Zoe Rosenberg, 23, did not deny taking the animals but said she was rescuing them from a cruel situation. She faces more than five years in prison. Rosenberg and her attorneys had said they would appeal if she was found guilty, said Lauren Gazzola, spokesperson for Animal Activist Legal Defense Project.

“Sonoma county spent over six weeks and hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars to protect a multibillion-dollar corporation from the rescue of four chickens worth less than \$25,” Chris Carraway, Rosenberg’s attorney, said in a statement.

Rosenberg, an activist with Direct Action Everywhere (DxE), removed the chickens from Petaluma Poultry in 2023. The company supplies chickens to Perdue Farms, one of the country’s largest poultry providers for major grocery chains.

At about midnight on 13 June 2023, Rosenberg and several other members of DxE drove to Petaluma Poultry, a slaughterhouse about 40 miles (65km) north of San Francisco. Disguised as workers, they encountered a truck filled with thousands of live chickens packed into crates. They removed four chickens, placed them in buckets and drove away. Rosenberg and her peers later released footage from that night.

Her attorneys argued the case wasn’t about whether she took the chickens – her organization filmed and released footage – but why she did it. Prosecutors, meanwhile, said she engaged in illegal behavior regardless of her motivation.

She was on trial for two misdemeanor counts of trespassing, a misdemeanor count of tampering with a vehicle and a felony conspiracy charge.

The trial unfolded in Sonoma County, where agriculture is a major industry. The co-founder of DxE was convicted two years ago for his role in factory farm protests in Petaluma, and was given 90 days in jail and two years of probation.

29 Nov - Feds Say Kat Abughazaleh “Impeded” ICE Agents.

If six people nonviolently protesting outside an ICE facility is a criminal conspiracy, all First Amendment-protected activity is at risk.

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by Natasha Lennard (*The Intercept*)

In yet another overreaching and nakedly political prosecution, the Justice Department on Wednesday indicted Democratic Illinois congressional candidate Kat Abughazaleh on federal charges for taking part in a nonviolent protest outside a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility near Chicago.

The government claims that Abughazaleh, alongside five other protesters, “impeded and interfered with an officer of the United States.” All six protesters are also charged together as alleged members of a “conspiracy” to prevent the officer from discharging his duties.

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Let’s be clear: If six people nonviolently protesting outside a government facility constitutes a criminal conspiracy, all First Amendment-protected activity is at risk.

The particular conspiracy charge the Chicago protesters face — conspiracy to impede a United States officer — “was one of the main charges used against January 6th insurrection defendants,” noted civil rights attorney Alejandra Caraballo on Bluesky. The attempted coup that day had been marked by serious violence: An estimated 140 police officers were injured at the Capitol.

The alleged conspiracy in Abughazaleh’s case?

All six people facing charges were part of a September protest outside ICE's Broadview Processing Center. At the demonstration, a federal agent was "forced to drive at an extremely slow rate of speed," the indictment said, so as not to mow down protesters. The vehicle reportedly incurred minor damage.

Now the protesters are facing a possible six-year prison sentence for it.

Footage from that day showed federal agents firing pepper balls and tear gas at demonstrators. One officer grabbed Abughazaleh and threw her hard to the ground.

Evidence abounds of ICE and other federal agents' brutality as the deportation machine escalates in Chicago and nationwide. Agents are tear-gassing residential areas in order to kidnap immigrant neighbors, regularly assaulting protesters, violently raiding whole apartment buildings among other indiscriminate, racist sweeps, and chasing immigrant workers to their deaths.

Whatever comes to pass in the case against Abughazaleh and the other protesters, to impede such inhumanity is to stand on the right side of history.

Trump's Brute Force Lawfare

Meritless, malicious prosecutions aimed at collective punishment and the chilling of dissent are now standard practice for Donald Trump's Justice Department. It is a brute force approach to lawfare, with ample likelihood of pushback in the courts.

Indeed, the federal charges facing Abughazaleh come as no surprise from a loyalist Justice Department openly engaged in targeting the president's political opponents.

The groundless effort to frame a typical demonstration as a conspiracy is also part of an ongoing regime project to criminalize opposition protest, tout court. The point is to further normalize treating protesters as criminals.

Trump has been unabashed about his desire to weaponize conspiracy charges against his perceived enemies. With a mixture of cynicism and delusion, Trump and his Cabinet have embraced a worldview in which all protesters and opposition candidates form a well-funded criminal — if not terrorist — network, deserving of prosecution as such.

After protesters interrupted the president during a dinner in Washington, Trump asked Attorney General Pam Bondi to look into bringing RICO charges — originally designed to pursue organized mafia crime — against one of the demonstrators; repeating a now common refrain, Trump said the protester was a "paid agitator."

The president's absurd designation of antifa as a terrorist organization, not to mention his antisemitic obsession with targeting billionaire George Soros for supposedly funding all left-wing protest activity, all follow the same authoritarian, conspiratorial logic.

As I've noted, from the mass prosecution of Trump's first inauguration protesters to racketeering charges against the Stop Cop City movement, government attempts to collectively criminalize protesters have consistently failed to win convictions. The prosecutions themselves have nonetheless drained movement resources and spread fear.

"We now have legal fees on top of our campaign expenses," noted Abughazaleh, who entered the congressional race as a long-shot candidate with a grassroots campaign, but is currently polling in a close second place to Evanston Mayor Daniel Biss.

“This administration has resorted to weaponizing the federal justice system to scare us into silence,” she said. “There are plenty of reasons to be afraid right now, but we have to overcome that fear.”

30 Oct - Prosecutors Invoke Law Used Against Anarchists to Charge Protesters

The charges are an indication that Boston’s mayor and Police Department are telegraphing to President Trump that they’re going to come down hard on civil unrest.

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by Jenna Russell (*New York Times*)

Protesters who clashed with the police in Boston this week are facing felony charges of assault and inciting a riot, a strong statement by city and state officials at a high-stakes moment of federal intervention in other Democrat-led cities.

The charges against 13 protesters came after their pro-Palestinian demonstration turned violent on Tuesday, the second anniversary of the deadly 2023 Hamas attacks on Israel. Four Boston police officers were injured in a confrontation near Boston Common with more than 200 protesters who the police said had refused to clear the roadway. Those arrested ranged in age from 19 to 28 and included students from at least two area colleges.

All were to be charged with inciting a riot, a felony charge that is also known as “promotion of anarchy,” with origins in early 20th-century fears of anarchist violence. If convicted, they could face up to three years in prison.

Public officials commenting on the charges made no mention of the Trump administration, or its recent deployments of National Guard troops to liberal-leaning states, including California and Oregon, where the president has made claims of disorder. But Boston prosecutors seized the opportunity to stress their readiness to crack down on chaos in the city’s streets.

“If you assault police and commit other offenses, you’re going to be arrested and prosecuted, period,” Kevin Hayden, the district attorney for Suffolk County, which includes Boston, said in a statement.

Mayor Michelle Wu expressed gratitude to the police. “Attacks on police officers are unacceptable under all circumstances,” she said in a statement. “The individuals who engaged in violence disrespected our city and will face consequences.”

Gov. Maura Healey called the protesters’ actions “unacceptable.”

“There is no tolerance for blocking roadways or assaulting police,” she said in her own statement. “Anyone who does should be held fully accountable.”

In April 2024, the Boston police arrested more than 100 pro-Palestinian demonstrators while clearing an encampment at Emerson College, part of a wave of police actions in response to protests on campuses across the United States. Facing misdemeanor charges of trespassing and disturbing the peace, some of those arrested performed community service, and their charges were dropped.

Law enforcement officials said their investigation this week had found violent imagery and rhetoric in materials used to promote Tuesday’s protest, which was a factor in the more serious felony charges. Bail for several of the protesters was set at \$10,000.

“This organizing material promoted violence against police and presented an immediate threat to public safety which, combined with the actions of the individuals arrested, provided clear justification for the enhanced charges,” James Borghesani, a spokesman for the district attorney, said in an email.

Kylah Clay, a lawyer representing some of the protesters charged this week, pushed back against the government's claims. In an email, she said the police had "brutalized antiwar marchers on Tuesday night, knocked cameras from the hands of young people recording their brutality, and left young protesters with injuries requiring medical care."

"The additional charges are part of a pattern of government overreach and the criminalization of dissent targeting Palestine advocacy across the country," Ms. Clay, of the National Lawyers Guild, wrote on Friday.

Prosecutors in California filed felony charges in April against protesters there who were accused of breaking into administrative offices and causing damage. The prosecutor in the case said that Mr. Trump's intense scrutiny of campus antisemitism had not played a role.

"What the federal administration is doing is what they're doing," said Jeff Rosen, the Santa Clara County district attorney. "What I'm doing is applying the California Penal Code."

In Illinois, eight protesters were charged last year with mob action, a felony punishable by up to three years in prison. At least seven protesters at the University of Pittsburgh faced felony rioting charges.

Jessie Rossman, legal director at the A.C.L.U. of Massachusetts, said that the promotion of anarchy law could be applied only narrowly, in cases of "true threat or incitement," as specified by the state's Supreme Judicial Court in a 2021 opinion.

"The First Amendment only allows the government to criminalize speech in very limited circumstances," Ms. Rossman said in a statement. "Any attempt to apply this law beyond this exceedingly limited scope is unconstitutional and is cause for great concern."

31 Oct - Lawsuit alleges 'horrific' conditions at US immigration facility in Chicago

Immigrants housed in the ICE facility in Broadview, Illinois, have described overcrowding and unsanitary holding rooms.

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by Brian Osgood (*Al Jazeera*)

Two immigrants detained in Chicago, Illinois, have filed a class-action lawsuit against top officials at the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), alleging that they were denied access to legal counsel and subjected to "inhumane and unlawful" treatment.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), a US rights watchdog, announced the emergency lawsuit (PDF) on Friday.

It highlights deteriorating conditions at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) facility in the Chicago suburb of Broadview since President Donald Trump began his immigration crackdown earlier this year.

"Everyone, no matter their legal status, has the right to access counsel and to not be subject to horrific and inhumane conditions," Alexa Van Brunt, the director of the MacArthur Justice Center's Illinois office and lead counsel on the suit, said in a news statement.

"Community members are being kidnapped off the streets, packed in hold cells, denied food, medical care, and basic necessities, and forced to sign away their legal rights."

The plaintiffs in the lawsuit, Pablo Moreno Gonzalez and Felipe Agustin Zamacona, are immigrants from Mexico who have lived in the US for more than 30 years. Both are currently detained inside the Broadview facility.

Their suit names senior Trump officials, including Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem and ICE Director Todd Lyons, as defendants.

The complaint is the latest to allege abusive conditions and neglect at immigration facilities. A similar class-action suit was filed against the Trump administration in August, highlighting the detention center at 26 Federal Plaza in New York City.

Friday's complaint, however, zooms in on the Broadview facility, a two-story office building that serves as the "primary processing facility" for ICE in the Chicago area.

Lawyers for the two immigrants, however, argue that the number of immigrants housed in the facility outstrips its ability to safely handle them.

According to ICE data cited in the lawsuit, nearly 5,202 people have been held at Broadview between January and July of this year. At any given time, at least 200 people are inside the facility.

But the numbers have increased since the Trump administration launched what it calls Operation Midway Blitz on September 8. Led by Noem and the Department of Homeland Security, Midway Blitz was designed to increase immigration arrests in the Chicago area.

That push has placed strain on the Broadview facility, according to the class action. It explains that, while Broadview was intended as a "holding facility" for short-term detention, it is now being used for "warehousing people" for "days on end".

"ICE officers have even held eight women in an isolation room designed for a single person for at least a day," the lawsuit alleged.

"The increased number of immigration arrests during Operation Midway Blitz has resulted in overcrowding at Broadview so extreme that people are forced to stand in cramped conditions. There often is not even room for detainees to lie down on the floor."

It also describes rooms with bodily fluid on the wall, overflowing toilets and infestations of cockroaches and centipedes.

"We told the guards that the place was at full capacity, but they kept bringing people inside," one anonymous woman is quoted as saying in the lawsuit. "They treated us like animals, or worse than animals, because no one treats their pets like that."

The lawsuit also asserts that detainees have been denied access to adequate food, water, hygiene and medical care.

While some detainees have been allowed to use a cellphone or landline for a brief period to contact legal representation or family, the complaint says that the conversations have been held in a central area where federal officers were able to listen to the conversations.

Some detainees have been denied access to outside communication altogether, the lawsuit added, and lawyers and religious representatives have been prohibited from entering.

While immigration facilities are subject to oversight by members of Congress, the lawsuit alleges that federal representatives have likewise been barred from entering the facility.

"Access to counsel is not a privilege. It is a right," Nate Eimer, a partner at the law firm Eimer Stahl and co-counsel in the lawsuit, said in a statement.

"We can debate immigration policy, but there is no debating the denial of legal rights and holding those detained in conditions that are not only unlawful but inhumane."

The Trump administration has consistently denied allegations of abusive conditions in ICE facilities.

But Operation Midway Blitz has been the subject of intense scrutiny since its launch, as reports of abuse mount.

Advocates have accused the aggressive immigration operation, often carried out by armed, masked agents, of demonstrating a "pattern of extreme brutality".

Incidents include a recent case where tear gas was deployed near a neighborhood Halloween parade, with young children present.

2 Nov - New Flyer for Hridindu Roychowdhury

Some folks put together a great new flyer for anarchist political prisoner Hridindu Roychowdhury and we are including the text below.

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via Abolition Media

Hridindu Roychowdhury is an anarchist from Madison, Wisconsin who was sentenced to 90 months in federal prison for attacking a building with a Molotov cocktail in the wake of the leak of the draft opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, overruling *Roe v. Wade*.

He targeted the building because it was occupied by an anti-choice organization (Wisconsin Family Action). Hridindu acknowledged spray-painting the message "If abortions aren't safe then you aren't either" on the outside of the building. No one was in the office at the time. He plead guilty on Dec. 1, 2023 and was ordered to pay nearly \$32,000 in restitution, then was sent to FCI Marion to begin serving out the 7.5-year sentence.

In May 2025, Hridindu was sent back to Wisconsin to face a grand jury. He refused to snitch or cooperate and was then held in federal civil contempt at the same county jail he was held during the pretrial phase. For the next three months he stood firm and made it clear he wouldn't waver. It was at that point the judge ordered him to be released from contempt after a Grumbles motion was submitted, and he was then sent back to the federal prison. However, the time spent back in Wisconsin in contempt will not count towards his sentence.

Originally from the U.S Southwest, Hridindu is a diligent academic and enjoyer of word puzzles. Earlier in federal detention, he had been keeping himself busy by taking courses in advanced mathematics, tutoring prisoners for their GED tests, and doing a dog training program.

Letters mean so much to a political prisoner. Let's make sure Hridindu knows just how much support he has. And always keep in mind when writing to any political prisoner that all mail is monitored.

Freedom for Hridindu! Freedom for all political prisoners!

2 Nov - Jorge Esquivel's Life Is At Risk

Mexico: In recent weeks, anarchist political prisoner Jorge "Yorch" Esquivel's health has deteriorated due to a lack of adequate medical care.

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He has requested medical attention within the Reclusorio Sur prison, but it has not been provided properly or promptly. This has led to weight loss and intense abdominal pain, significantly reducing his mobility.

Jorge has a history of serious gastrointestinal problems and even underwent surgery to remove part of his intestine before being imprisoned again by the state. His recovery process was interrupted by his arrest in December 2022. Since then, he has not received any treatment to improve his health.

Let solidarity be expressed to demand medical attention and proper treatment!

2 Nov - Defendants in the “Chaos Star” network case face up to 20 years in prison

Indonesia: After the mass revolts in August 2025, where a large section of the population rose up and attacked the state’s basic corruption and inequality, 44 anarchist comrades are imprisoned at the West Java paramilitary police compound in Bandung.

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by Anonymous (*Montreal Counter-Information*)

There is no access for anyone but the families, and even this is minimal. The detainees have been cut off and they are being used in a mainstream media manipulation campaign by the Indonesian state. Many of the imprisoned comrades are very young.

They are all accused of being part of the individualist-nihilist “Chaos Star” network, which is a fabrication created by the police for the purpose of their prosecution. The police claim that the imprisoned comrades were radicalized by ‘Leaders’ and funded by foreign anarchist organizations. The cops point to the existence of banners, flags, books, pamphlets and music, which is in the possession of the detainees, as commonly held items denotative of membership of this “Chaos Star” organization.

Some of the comrades are accused of serious direct actions such as molotov attacks, arson, riot, property destruction, etc. Lastly some of the comrades are accused of instigation, either online, for their blogs or social medias or for their ‘prominent’ role. They are isolated in the paramilitary compound and the Legal Aid Institute (LBH) in Bandung has been blocked from representing them. An option is to hire a private lawyer but that would cost tens of millions (rupiah). We ask for heightened attention to this dangerous situation. Torture and abuse are being widely used on the detainees, confirmed by the families. The young comrades were injured and hurt until they gave false confessions that they were even at the demonstrations and/or part of specific organizations, as they were subjected to the brutality of the paramilitary police. This is a known fact and a reality that we have to confront. In the wake of the insurrection across Indonesia against the right-wing ex-military Prabowo Subianto, the young people and the anarchist movement has been severely repressed by the regime. Many young people have been caught up in the police assaults and regardless of their supposed “guilt” or “non-guilt”, we extend our solidarity with them, and to all those who struggle against social oppression, prisons, police and the state.

Let’s not leave these comrades alone and let’s send them solidarity letters, postcards and our message of fire. Even if the solidarity post is stolen and blocked by the administrators of abuse, they will know that we will hold them all responsible for what is taking place in Bandung. Let’s shine a light on what the hated police torturers and regime of Prabowo Subianto are doing to our young comrades, and where it is taking place and by whom, and let’s fight back against the police and all prisons everywhere.

November 2nd - Eat’s Case Partially Submitted in Court

The West Java paramilitary police have submitted the first part of accused anarchist comrade Eat’s case to the court. The details are not reported yet but it is known that the comrade is being made into a ‘leadership’ scapegoat for the fabricated “Chaos Star” frame-up and he is also accused of ‘leadership’ of the mass insurrection which happened in August 2025. Parts of the legal case are still being held back because the

Special Detachment for Anti-Terrorism (Densus 88) is handling the “Chaos Star” case, especially concerning Eat. There’s an effort to charge Eat under the terrorism law. This is also why the investigation period against Eat was extended until November 20th 2025. The Prabowo Subianto regime has reopened the old documents about the FAI-IRF attack in Yogyakarta in 2011. What is certain is that Eat was tortured, like the other detained comrades. We have not enough information to confirm the severity of his injuries. What we can confirm, is that despite being tortured Eat did not give anyone’s name. Eat is already paralyzed in one arm and also suffering from serious health condition. The paramilitary police and Densus anti-terrorist unit are cowards who beat and torture young people in handcuffs. All over the world we are rising up against police bastards, politicians, jailers, banks and corporations!

2 Nov - Update on the final week of the trial against Aldo and Lucas Hernández

Chile: The eleventh and final week of the trial against our comrades Aldo and Lucas came to an end.

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via *Dark Nights*

Following the closing arguments by the prosecution and the defense teams for both comrades, which were in response to the statements made by both sides in order to present their own theories, the prosecution was emphatic in pointing out the guilt of both defendants in the acts with which they were charged. Aldo was charged with crime No. 1, which corresponded to the attack on the National Gendarmerie Directorate, as well as crime No. 2, which was after the raids, for which he was charged with the items found in Loncura, Quintero, and crime No. 3, which involved Lucas and the items found at the La Victoria neighborhood residence, as noted in the previous update.

On October 3, the judges began the verdict hearing, in which Aldo was convicted of the attack, but acquitted of the crimes of 16 less serious injuries to gendarmerie officials and the crime of receiving stolen goods. Regarding incident No. 2, he was convicted of the crimes charged at the residence in Loncura, and regarding incident No. 3, he was acquitted of all crimes at the residence in La Victoria.

Lucas was convicted of the vast majority of the crimes at the residence in La Población La Victoria, except for the crimes of manufacturing weapons and manufacturing explosive devices, of which he was acquitted.

After the verdict, the sentencing phase began, which concluded with the plaintiffs requesting a sentence of 32 years and 1,100 days for Aldo and 18 years and 800 days for Lucas. On the defense side, they requested a sentence of 26 years for Aldo and 12 years for Lucas. The final outcome and length of the sentences will be determined by the judges on the day the sentence is read. At the same hearing, the date for the reading was set for Monday, November 3 of this year.

3 Nov - Anarchist Conviction Offers Grim Foreshadowing of Trump War on the Left

As the Trump administration ramps up its targeting of left-leaning people and groups, the prosecution and harsh sentencing of Casey Goonan may provide a glimpse of things to come.

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by Ali Winston (*WIRED*)

By the standards of the San Francisco Bay Area’s hard left, Casey Goonan’s crimes were unremarkable. A police SUV partially burned by an incendiary device on UC Berkeley’s campus. A planter of shrubs lit on fire after Goonan unsuccessfully tried to smash a glass office window and throw a firebomb into the federal building in downtown Oakland.

But thanks to a series of communiques where Goonan claimed to have carried out the summer 2024 attacks in solidarity with Hamas and the East Bay native’s anarchist beliefs, federal prosecutors claimed Goonan “intended to promote” terrorism on top of a felony count for using an incendiary device. Goonan’s original charges notably did not contain terrorism counts. In late September, US District Court Judge Jeffrey White sentenced Goonan, whom they called “a domestic terrorist” during the hearing, to 19 and a half years in

prison plus 15 years probation. Prosecutors also asked that he be sent to the Bureau of Prisons facility that contains a Communications Management Units, a highly restrictive assignment reserved for what the government claims are “extremist” inmates with terrorism-related offenses or affiliations.

Although Goonan’s case began under the Biden Administration, it offers a glimpse of the approach the Department of Justice may take in President Donald Trump’s forthcoming offensive against the “left,” formalized in late September in National Security Presidential Memorandum 7 (NSPM-7), an executive order targeting anti-fascist beliefs, opposition towards Immigrations and Customs Enforcement raids, and criticism of capitalism and Christianity as potential “indicators of terrorism.”

In addition to Goonan’s purported admiration for Hamas—a designated terrorist organization since 1997—and cofounding of True Leap, a tiny Anarchist publisher, the 35-year-old doctorate in African-American Studies’ biography includes another trait being targeted by the Trump administration and its allies: Goonan identifies as a transgender person. While NPSM-7 cites “extremism migration, race, and gender” as an indicator of “this pattern of violent and terroristic tendencies,” the Heritage Foundation has attempted to link gender-fluid identity to mass shootings and is urging the FBI to create a new, specious domestic terrorism classification of “Transgender Ideology-Inspired Violent Extremism,” or TIVE.

The executive order, meanwhile, directs the American security state’s sprawling post-9/11 counterterrorism apparatus to be reoriented away from neo-Nazis, Proud Boys, white nationalists, Christian nationalists, and other extreme right-wing actors that have been overwhelmingly responsible for the majority of political violence in the past few decades, and towards opponents of ICE, anti-fascists, and the administration writ large. Along with potentially violent actors, NSPM-7 instructs federal law enforcement to scrutinize nonprofit groups and philanthropic foundations involved in funding organizations that espouse amorphous ideologies, from “support for the overthrow of the United States Government” to expressing “hostility towards those who hold traditional American views on family, religion, and morality.”

“NSPM-7 is the natural culmination of ‘radicalization theory’ as the basis for the American approach to counterterrorism,” says Mike German, a retired FBI agent who spent years infiltrating violent white supremacist groups and quit the Bureau in response to its post-9/11 shift in terrorism strategy. German explored radicalization theory’s trajectory in his 2019 book, Disrupt, Discredit and Divide: How the New FBI Damages Democracy.

Radicalization theory attempts to establish a logic of progression by terrorists from introduction to a particular ideology through political and social activism, ending with targeted violence.

“When I worked domestic terrorism in the 1990s, the ‘radicalization’ theory was discredited, and it was resurrected after September 11,” German says. The theory centers on excising “bad ideas” from the broader political body and neutralizing the voices of dissident figures who may inspire and possibly radicalize others—which, according to sentencing filings, is precisely how federal prosecutors view Goonan.

“Thanks to that framework, they can target anyone they choose,” German says. “And because of this logic, they’ve constructed where bad ideas necessitate mass surveillance, financial scrutiny, and disruption. The paradigm that was initially aimed at Al Qaeda is now being directed towards mainstream Americans, mainstream ideas, and mainstream political parties.”

Sentencing records make clear that Goonan’s political convictions began moving away from the American mainstream long before their weeklong spree of direct action in the late spring of 2024. The former high school baseball standout began to get immersed in the East Bay’s radical political circles after suffering an injury in junior college, then continued their intellectual journey during their undergraduate studies at UC-Riverside and in a doctoral program at Chicago’s Northwestern University.

Israel’s brutal response to the October 7, 2023 attacks, deemed genocidal by an independent commission at the United Nations, appalled Goonan, and they went headfirst into Palestinian solidarity activism in the East Bay. The Gaza solidarity encampment at UC Berkeley caught Goonan’s attention in spring 2024, and

they became an active participant in that movement. Court records indicate this was a particularly challenging time, with Goonan suffering serious hypoglycemic episodes from their Type I diabetes and also being involuntarily hospitalized on a mental health hold and formally diagnosed with bipolar disorder, according to court documents.

“I am not an arsonist but an activist who in a manic fit of rage and desperation committed arson,” Goonan wrote in a September 13 letter to Judge White ahead of sentencing.

When the UC Berkeley solidarity encampment quietly disbanded in late May—a stark contrast to violence inflicted on other campuses by police and pro-Zionist vigilantes—Goonan, per court records, decided to mount a one-person direct-action campaign they entitled, “Operation Campus Flood.” Federal prosecutors claim Goonan made explicit reference to Hamas’ name for the October 7 operations (al-Aqsa Flood) and referenced a propaganda pamphlet FBI agents found in Goonan’s family residence narrating Hamas’ justification for their decision to attack Israel.

These factors, outlined in the government’s sentencing memo plus Goonan’s online communiques after the arsons urging others to follow their example, their desire to publish writings on the rationale behind their actions, and their purported attempt to use legal mail to conceal communications from the authority underpinned the prosecution’s request that Goonan be housed in BOP’s highly restrictive unit.

“Even after being arrested and pleading guilty to his crimes, he has refused to show any remorse and in fact has taken substantial steps to continue to publicize his actions and recruit others to his cause,” assistant US attorney Nikhil Bhagat wrote in a September 18 filing. “The defendant is a highly educated, unrepentant domestic terrorist who sought to use violence against law enforcement officers and the federal government.”

The Communications Management Units, created by the George W. Bush Administration, have been criticized for contributing to the ongoing radicalization of inmates. There is only one such unit left in the federal prison system, at FCI Cumberland, where a combination of radical Islamists, neo-Nazis, and left-affiliated prisoners are currently being held. The two other CMUs, at FCI Marion and FCI Terre Haute, were closed within the past year, according to court records.

Sarah Potter, Goonan’s defense attorney, tells *WIRED* that the government’s demands for a heavy sentence came once Goonan had reached a plea agreement on January 14, 2025 (Before Trump’s inauguration) that limited their sentence to 20 years. When they got hold of Goonan’s jail correspondence, Potter says, they had expanded their concept of his radicalization from earlier anarchist beliefs to Islamist terrorism. “By the time we got to sentencing, they were drawing a much closer and clearer connection to Hamas,” Potter says. “The main core of their beliefs is anti-oppression in various aspects, whether that’s racial oppression, prisons, or other marginalized groups.”

The potential assignment to a CMU—which will be a unilateral decision by federal prison authorities—alarms Potter considering Goonan’s Type I diabetes and documented history and episodes, per court documents, of severe mental health episodes. “Their comments at sentencing were designed to paint Casey as a dangerous ringleader, who if allowed to have free communication would continue to present a true threat of violence to the country,” Potter says.

In addition, Potter believes federal law enforcement’s ongoing attempt to unseal Goonan’s correspondence with the Transgender Law Center, which could represent Goonan should they decide to become party to the TLC’s class action lawsuit brought by transgender inmates against BOP and the Trump Administration, represents a unique and undefined threat. Even though Goonan’s case is formally closed and he is already in FCI Mendota awaiting assignment to another prison, Potter and federal prosecutors are still sparring in court filings about divulging Goonan’s confidential legal correspondence with the TLC to USDOJ.

“TLC has filed a class action over gender-affirming healthcare against BOP, and the government knows that Casey might well become a client when they go into Bureau of Prisons custody,” Potter says. “The TLC and transgender Americans are clearly on the government’s radar, and not in a good way.”

Should the legal services organization be targeted for promoting extremism by the Trump Administration, German, the former FBI agent, maintains that the grounds for the overarching counterterrorism strategy originated long before 2024.

“There’s been a bipartisan acceptance of this kind of theory of terrorism that is often unconnected and unrelated from acts of violence,” German says. “NSPM-7 is a natural culmination of the adoption of this radicalization theory over 20 years as the basis for counterterrorism, and the government can target anyone they choose.”

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