

On Tuesday, December 16th, at 5am, hundreds of cops broke into several houses, social centers, and ateneos in Barcelona, and also an apartment in Madrid. It was part of Operation Pandora, an anti-terrorist initiative carried out by the the highest level of the Spanish court system. Several houses were searched and eleven anarchist comrades were arrested. They did not know what charges they were accused of when they were arrested, just given a vague “anarchist terrorism” charge.

On Thursday, December 18th, seven of them went to prison and the other four were released under surveillance. All of them are now accused of the participating in the GAC (Coordinated Anarchist Groups), a group of people who held some meetings and edited some books. Earlier in November, 2013, five people were arrested and two are still in prison. They are also accused accused of the participating in the GAC and also committing some direct actions against churches.

The coordination between the police force and the media during Operation Pandora was immediately apparent. Together, they created panic and justified the repressive operation in terms of “criminal groups”, “terrorists” and “violent ones”. These police raids happened one day after the enactment of the “Ley Mordaza”, a very restrictive law that criminalizes disobedience and protest .

We are not surprised about the repression against the anarchist movement because our struggle against inequality through the self organization outside of laws and institutions make us undesirable for the state. They talk about “terrorism” when it is they who create terror and misery: the politicians and their laws, the bankers and their blackmails, the employing class and their exploitation, the cops and military with their repression and wars. Who are the “criminals”? Who is “violent”? Who are the “terrorists”?

The arrested people are our comrades. If they are terrorists, we are too. We build affinity, create alternatives, and point out who is robbing and exploiting us.

Because they are our friends!

Because they are our comrades!

Because we fight for Anarchism!

We demand their immediate release!

We are in solidarity with them and will keep on fighting!

The struggle is the only way!



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7 ANARCHISTS IMPRISONED FOR BEING ANARCHISTS



On 12/16/14, the cops broke into 14 houses and social centers in Barcelona, Spain, destroying and stealing computers, money and all That they found valuable. With no concrete charges and the highest secrecy, 11 comrades were arrested and driven to Madrid to appear before the court, 7 of whom are now imprisoned. *7 anarchists imprisoned for being anarchists...*

WE WANT THEM AT HOME, WE WANT THEM ON THE STREETS,

WE WANT THEM FREE