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- Anti-System Conflict in the United Kingdom - For a new decade of Social War

This is Great Britain - a modern police state where ever-connecting and centralising databases track you even into those places that the cameras, surveillance drones and cops cannot reach.

An imperialist nation conducting wars of capitalist exploitation abroad and repression at home. A place where, for the last ten years, class struggle and environmentalist resistance has been fighting a losing battle.

The UK is an open prison governed by an entrenched system of privilege and exclusion where the people are bought off with lies and consumerist illusions. This is a place where the idea of widespread conflict against the state and the present system seemed remote. Now, it only appears a certainty.

Amongst those *who see through the lies we've been told*, there are few things more highly regarded than those who overthrow royals and presidents. The vast bloated horror show of the monarchical regime, for the marriage of the parasites during the May Day weekend, with the attendant sickening appearance of the faithful masses, the ignorant sludge of society, is a clear sign that the United Kingdom has become more divided in attitude than for many years.

Just before the Royal circus a series of raids across the South East saw the Metropolitan police target several squatted social centres in London. The raids were apparently in connection with the 26 March TUC march/Black Bloc and the pathetic Royal distraction. Three squats in South London, one in Hackney, and the Grow Heathrow squat were raided. 14 people were nicked on a variety of spurious charges.



Black Bloc meets a Posh Hotel, March 26 London

More than 30 cops from both the Metropolitan and Sussex forces also raided squats in Brighton and Hove looking for three anarchists on a charge of "conspiracy to cause violent disorder" in connection with the TUC demo/Black Bloc.

Luckily two of them weren't there, but unfortunately the police did get the third. They also arrested several squatters for abstraction of electricity and one for possession of weed. One of those arrested suffered two broken ribs from his beating.

A further two Met cops with two Lothian and Borders pigs paid a visit to a flat in Edinburgh on April 28. They forced entrance with a generic warrant to look for "black jacket, black scarf, black rucksack, blue jeans."

One person was arrested and taken across the border to the police station at Berwick in England.

The rest of the UK has been warming up as well as the number of people who refuse to tacitly and

passively accept the yoke of democracy and authority blossoms into a never ending fractal of beauty...

Bristol: This place has been kicking off in a style not seen for decades. The response of the cops is of course to monitor the situation and flood the place on point with more cops, occupy positions and snatch suspects and hostages off the street. Despite this, there is an inspirational fighting spirit growing out of the place, which is now coming out on to the streets and which culminated in the people

fighting the riot cops in Stokes Croft and St Pauls for hours and hours in repeated incidents the first of which began on the evening of April 2. A riot started after a 160 strong multi-regional police force coordinated assault shuts down a main street and breaks down the door of a squat named 'Telepathic Heights'.

The cops then violently harassed local people and got attacked in return. Telepathic Heights is in the busy cultural area of Stokes Croft, Bristol, where there are many bars, cafes, squats, community projects, etc. 300 people fought the police for hours and hours in response to the police occupation of the neighbourhood. A corporate supermarket was looted and destroyed, whilst none of the other (independently-owned) shops on the streets were touched in the disturbance.

9 people were arrested: 5 from the street, and 4 from Telepathic Heights accused of possession and manufacture of molotovs.

A week later an 'anti-police brutality' demo erupts into another night of

confrontation. Everyone is in the streets. Barricades are lit, the cops face an anger that has not been seen for a long time. There are running battles up and down the street. 30 people are nicked. It seems like it is just beginning. Bristol has been burning now for some time... it will be a hot year of discontent.

Into this mix goes a year of reported actions which anarchist and anti-capitalist radicals have claimed responsibility for. The militant actions have targeted the pieces of the capitalist system including the police station on Newfoundland Rd on December 31, a solidarity action for L14 autonomous space in Berlin which saw 45+ BMW vehicles vandalised at a car showroom on the 10 February, an attack with stones and paint against the main RBS building by Bristol Temple Meads on March 24, the T-mobile and Vodaphone repeater towers each burned out in Hambrook and Siston Common and Longwell Green on March 26, as a contribution to the Black Bloc/Workers Demo in London. On the 12 April a Mitie van was set on fire and 15-20 windows also smashed at the Mitie offices in Hartcliffe on April 18.

So in the context of these growing actions, and after the civil unrest following the raid and evictions on Telepathic Heights, the stakes are clearly raised for all parties involved not only for any future evictions in the area, but also the 'safe-running' of the capitalist system.

Meanwhile, three more people appeared in Bristol Magistrates Court on May 2nd,



including one charged with "Attempted Murder", due to the riot resistance. It is notable that many of those charged with serious offences have been of 'minors' of 17 and under. It seems the young and naive will bear the brunt of the polices' judicial revenge.

An anarchist group visited the probation office in Stokes Croft on May 4 and left a warm surprise of solidarity with the arrested ones. Three vans in the security compound were burnt in a strike at the prison industrial complex.

"in revenge and solidarity for all the arrested in the stokes croft police riots and the Telepathic Heights eviction, for the taunton squatters, for those raided in london, brighton, edinburgh, bologna... but mostly for ourselves.

we also send our warmest anarchist greetings to our unknown comrades in fire in nottingham, and welcome the recent attacks on banks in Birmingham we return the salute from the 1st of May Statement from Linz [Germany].

until next time"

informal anarchists

London: A massive workers-rights demonstration on March 26 hosted the first successful black bloc for many years which kept the Metropolitan police under pressure and was preceded by two large riotous student demos over the winter which pulled in thousands of angry people who didn't care that the Queen's Peace wasn't respected in the slightest.

Not only that, anarchist affinity group action and participation in mass assemblies and workplace organising is growing at a fast rate, as all of those who are in radical opposition begin to get their act together.



Nottingham: There has been 8 reported claims of militant anarchist/anti-capitalist actions against infrastructure and authority dating back to summer 2010.

"The struggle against social control is something we must participate in, and to do that we must attack those that participate in the maintenance of society. Whether these attacks are large or small they are what we must do to stay true to ourselves and our desire for a society without domination."

The targets included attacks against a police station, a probation office, the Tory offices, a bailiff's office, a NatWest bank a G4S van and 2 E-on vans. There were also incendiary attacks against a G4S van and five mobile phone masts.

"These actions were carried out because we know that in order to be free the infrastructure of dominant society must be destroyed, we recognise that this infrastructure is cultural and social as well as physical, and that in order for us to survive all aspects must be challenged. However, these actions were also carried out because we can not always wait, because we are hungry and impatient in our search for freedom, and each time we act against the totality of this society with our force we find a little bit more freedom from the social prison we find ourselves in. Basically they were a FUCK YOU to every aspect of oppression. Fuck you we are getting ready. Fuck you we are becoming less afraid by the day. Fuck you our lives will be our own."

All the claims from these actions and those in Bristol, London and elsewhere were accompanied by messages of international solidarity with those in struggle- in and out of the prison walls. This put the actions within the context of the growing new wave of struggles against the capitalist system world-wide.

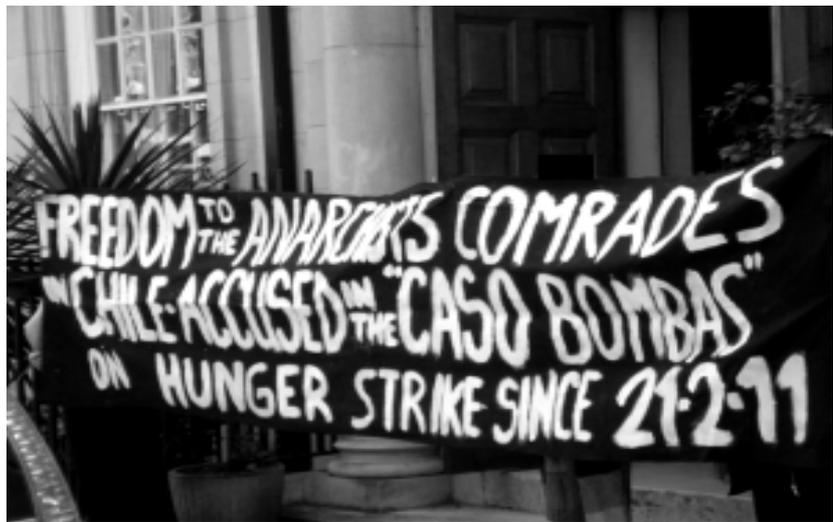
Scotland: A widely unreported eco-struggle which receives little to no media coverage south of the border has been raging for months up there. The authorities are struggling to contain an anti-coal campaign with large local support which has arisen against a spate of proposed open cast mines in South Lanarkshire. A series of actions were carried out to prevent work starting at the Mainhill site, including a 7 month occupation and constant sabotage of machinery. Other related sites were also extensively sabotaged in actions carried out in solidarity with the Mainhill Solidarity Camp and the Happendon Wood Action Camp. Targets included a mobile vertical borehole drilling machine, a mining machine, a conveyor belt- and a 170 tonne face scrapping earth mover.

"No longer shall Scottish Coal and South Lanarkshire Council be allowed to continue their rape and pillage of the land. We refuse to stand by as they rip open the ground and gouge out its flesh for their profit and at the local communities detriment. We take this action as a statement of the fact that we will not see human greed create a world where the food is too poisonous to eat, the water is too defiled to drink and the air is too polluted to breathe, whilst all around us the climate is thrown into chaos as the sky falls on our heads whilst the seas come up to our necks."

Mainhill camp was evicted on 30th January after a 5 day eviction. Acts of sabotage and solidarity with the 45 people awaiting court over the eviction have continued since then.

And so it spreads.....

The social rupture expands into more and more towns in the UK as disparate acts of sabotage spread like wildfire, these include a paint attack upon the Shell offices at Duckmaster near Bolsover (not far from Chesterfield) on the 11 April in solidarity with those fighting against Shell in County Mayo, Ireland. The people who carry out the Shell attack call for a summer of resistance against capitalism



and environmental destruction. A growing spate of attacks on banks happen, like on 4 May in Birmingham against Lloyds TSB, HSBC and Nat-West. Elsewhere, reports tell of a huge piece of graffiti in Oxford proclaiming "AV [Alternative Voting] is not enough, overthrow the system!". A sentiment ordered hurriedly removed by some slimy jobsworth in authority.

Attacks like this, large and small, show real solidarity and help all of us to realise that we are not alone in our anger, in our determination to attack the dominant society. The bankers and the cops offer us scraps and then deny us everything - but we're sick of waiting. We'll just take what we want from them - or destroy it in the trying.

UK Solidarity with Chile: On the 19 April in Nottingham a G4S van was torched by anarchist in solidarity with the Chilean anarchist hunger strikers, and on April 25, anarchists attacked the Santander Bank in Tooting High Road, South London, leaving smashed windows and a spray-painted message of solidarity with Chilean anarchists. 14 Anarchists in Chile were arrested on 14 August 2010 and fitted up on serious charges. Recently the comrades came off their hungerstrike and you can find their declarations online at the **325** website.

3 days later on April 28 a few individuals gathered at the Chilean embassy in central London as a small token of solidarity to the anarchist com-

rades in Chile (then on their 65th day of hunger strike).

A banner was opened that read **FREEDOM TO THE ANARCHIST COMRADES IN CHILE, ACCUSED IN THE "CASO BOMBAS" ON HUNGER STRIKE SINCE 21/2/11-**. Some went into the embassy and threw flyers into most offices and entrance area while screaming IMMEDIATE FREEDOM TO THE CHILEAN ANARCHISTS ACCUSED IN THE CASO BOMBAS CASE!. Fliers were also given to passersby and workers in hard hats on the scaffolding of a building opposite, who broke into a shout of FREEDOM! with fists raised (for them it was a bit of a joke) along with the comrades.

**FREEDOM TO ALL IMPRISONED FIGHTERS
DESTROY ALL PRISONS**

Random anarchists in London

Solidarity with the Taunton Two

On 20 April 2011, two young people from the South-West were arrested by cops for squatting a derelict building in the town of Taunton, Somerset. The two wanted to set up a social centre so different groups could use it. However police were taking no chances and broke into the secured building using angle grinders, and arrested one person on the street and one inside.

tauntonsquatters.wordpress.com

UK Software companies make spy software for dictators

A British company called 'Gamma International' offered to sell a program to the brutal Egyptian security services that experts say could infect computers, hack into web-based email and communications tools such as Skype and even take control of other groups' systems remotely.

Two Egyptian human rights activists found the documents amid hundreds of batons and torture equipment when they broke into the headquarters of the regime's State Security Investigations service (SSI). One of the papers, in English and headed Finfisher Proposal: Commercial Offer, contained an offer dated 29 June 2010 to provide "FinSpy" software, hardware, installation and training to the SSI for £287,000 (£255,000). The name on the invoice, dated Tuesday 29 June 2010, was Gamma International UK Limited.

Other documents, written in Arabic and marked "ultimately confidential", state that after being offered a "free trial version" of Gamma's Finfisher software to test its ability to hack into email accounts, the SSI concluded it was "a high-level security system" that could get into email accounts of Hotmail, Gmail and Yahoo, as well as allowing "full control" of the computers of "targeted elements". It went on to describe the software's "success in breaking through personal accounts on Skype network, which is considered the most secure method of communication used by members of the elements of the harmful activity because it is encrypted". The find throws a spotlight on western companies that provide software to security services and agents of oppressive regimes to spy on, censor and block the websites with which activists communicate.

Last month a report by OpenNet Initiative said nine countries across the Middle East and North Africa used US and Canadian technology to impede access to online content, including sites with political, social and religious material.

Mostafa Hussein, a Cairo blogger and physician who took the documents, said they formed important evidence against the SSI's activities. "This proposal was sent to a department well known for torture, for abuse of human rights, for

spying on political campaigners. This company, Gamma, should be exposed as collaborators in the crimes of trying to invade our privacy and arrest activists."

A Gamma International website called "Finfisher IT Intrusion" describes its software as allowing "remote monitoring and infection" that can provide "full access to stored information with the ability to take control of the target". It is advertised as capable of "capturing encrypted data and communications" and allowing a "government agency to remotely infect target systems".

The documents found in the SSI HQ, one dated 1 January 2011, said that the proposal from Gamma International had come via a subsidiary company, Modern Communications System. Following a "free" five-month trial, SSI described the software as like "planting a comprehensive spying system in the location where the targeted computer exists". The software could record voice and audio calls, movements through video and audio where the computer was located, and hack into all the computers in the same network.

This exposure of the apparatus of control that not only targets foreign but domestic dissidents, shows a small part of what is racked against those who wish to overthrow their western-backed governments. The British state and the capitalist entities which operate side-by-side need to understand that the time has come for their operations to cease.

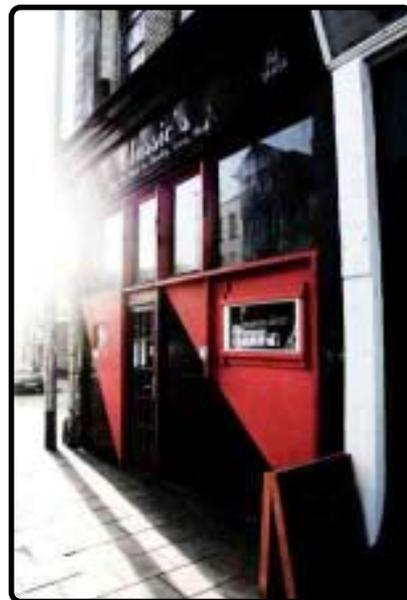
Down with Gamma International and all exploiters and profiteers.

Solidarity with the Social Rebellion in the Middle-East.

Dark Nights is an irregular international anarchist & anti-prison publication of resistance reports and repression news.

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Fight the Eviction of Classics & Emporium

Classics has been the beloved home of much needed and cherished community resources. The Freeshop has served as a not-for-profit hub of exchange, with clothes, household goods and books freely swapping hands, since it opened its doors in 2008.

Local homeless charities have recognised its importance and now direct their clients to the shop.

The Emporium has held a dizzying array of exhibitions from projects as diverse as The Somalian Youth Project and Burning Candy Crew to name but a couple. It has also hosted film nights and various talks, discussions and meetings. These projects have become an intrinsic part of the local community and we can ill afford to lose them.

Now is the time to come together and show that we are not going to allow these spaces to go without a fight.

Lets do all we can to make sure these spaces remain a hive of activity and community-led resistance. Eviction is anytime from Thursday 5th May.

Keep the flame of Stokes Croft alight!

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