

# **Anti-anarchist repression in Chile**

#### CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITH THE 14 HOSTAGES OF THE CHILEAN 'DEMOCRACY'

Welcome to Chile, a society of jails and jailers.

This past Saturday the 14th of August, in the cities of Santiago and Valparaíso, an action coordinated by all types of police special task forces violently raided three squatted social centers and many private homes in fives communes. The police intimidated people with weapons of war, broke windows and doors, and took many personal items with them from all of the houses.

14 people were detained being informed of the

reason for their detention after three hours.

Later, Six people were released on probation for lack of evidence against them. As for the people that remained imprisoned, they were put in isolation cells in maximum security jails where they were awaiting a 180 day long investigation process and potentially a 20 year sentence for alleged illegal terrorist association. The state has alleged that these people were involved in making and blowing up the bombs that have erupted lately in the capital. According to the prosecutor, this association was a hierarchical organization directed by key ringleaders.

This supposition is in absolute contradiction with anarchist ideology – most of the kidnapped people have been labeled as anarchists- which is opposed to the concepts of "leaders" and "hierarchies"...

Furthermore, this charade, is a perfect outcome for the puppeteers and jailers who desire to keep their power. Above all, this has been the result of those citizens, who like their peace so much and through their deafness and silence, are helping to erase the oppressed, the masquerades, jails, and resignations.....

"The bombs case" is the title that keeps appearing in the headlines of

association of "Molotov bomb makers", "violent criminals", "vandals". This scenario is the one that the 14 accused comrades were facing.

Back then, the police never thought that

evidence was necessary, because the things they seized as alleged bomb making materials were no more than common domestic utensils. These Molotovs never existed. During the judiciary process, the 6 antagonists of this story were allegedly the worst moral aberrations; public opinion has given legitimacy to the sentence of up to five years in jail ...

But OOPS...'mistake'! The accusations were fake, the police's masquerade had been revealed. Finally, these 6 people did not serve the

time they were sentenced. But that's only after spending 11 days in a high security prison. Just as expected, no institution was held accountable for the irreversible physical and psychological punishments and damages inflicted on the detainees, nor for the personal belongings that were seized from their them and their comrades.

Four years have gone by since this incident, and with its passing, the travesty of justice, the inequalities and the repressions remain the order of the day.

Only to talk about JUST A FEW concrete examples:

According to the survey of "national socio-economic characterization" (CASEN) the economic gap has increased from 13% to 15% since 2006. Meanwhile the administration of the government wants to spend 135 thousand millions of pesos to build, starting this year, 10 new prisons, which would add to the total of more than *continued overleaf.* 



the newspapers like a bad novel, in which the main characters, the Minister/Secretary of the Interior, the prosecutor and his police henchmen are trying to catch the 'undesirable' anarchists. The beginning of the 'bombs case' is a police persecutions saga that dates back to the 10th of September, the eve of a historic date in Chile, on which people mourn their dead and disappeared ones from the dictatorship, while others display their discontent with the falseness of a democracy that has not changed much from a dictatorship.

In this context, a Molotov bomb was thrown at the house of the government. The images went around the world; the symbol of the concord of democratic parties was blown into pieces; the fraternal unifying factor of the left has been altered. Two weeks later, a vast police contingent raided the squat "La Mansión Siniestra" and arrested 6 people, who, to their own surprise had become, thanks to the distorting role of the press, an illegal 16,500 new vacancies in the prison system. It is important to note, according to the sources of the mideplan, that 64% of the prison population are illiterate or have not finished their basic studies and are the poorest and the most marginalized people in Chilean society. This illustrates that the interest of the system is to imprison the most marginal instead of educating them and providing them with the tools for a better life.

#### These prisons need jailers...

The alliance of 'democratic' parties was in charge of the government for a decade after the dictatorship, killing 42 people, and helping, instead of changing, the development of the 'political constitution of Chile' that was created by the dictatorship, strengthening it with reforms and continuing with its tradition of criminalizing social movements and perfecting the Anti-Terrorism Law.

One of the modifications to the Anti-Terrorism Law was to give policemen a status of 'witnesses of faith', whereby they frequently do not have to present concrete evidence against the accused, which gives the legal support to the masquerade/ setups for those who represent a threat to the system. Among other barbarities, now in 2010, the turn of the 'coalition for change' with Sebastian Piñera in power. This regime is pro-dictatorship and a huge collaborator with the establishment of the neo-liberal capitalist model. Let's not forget that he was also the one that gave the Chileans the opportunity of having credit cards to live working in order to pay their debts. But above all, nowadays M. Piñera is famous for his campaign 'the Battle against Delinquency', in which he shows us his support for a policy of more 'security', in other words, and to be less moderate with the term, jailers that secure the power of their friends - the businessmen and capitalists. To make sure that things proceed smoothly, the president will reinforce the repression against historically repressed populations, increasing police personnel to 15000 carabineros (paramilitary police) and increasing the salaries of civilian police, who have had in the last few months their salaries increased by 18%.

This is how, the 'Battle against Delinquency', is an exemplary example that shows how the inefficacy of the alliance of political parties has erupted tragically in our lives. Today we become its scapegoats, displayed like pariahs in an outlandish play, in order to legitimize their ventures and win 'moral sympathies' among the spectators and the right. In this hunt to cover up facts, which have been intentionally invisible in the media, the hunger strike of 32 Mapuche political prisoners, who fight the adversity of Chilean justice and demand their natural rights, is being hidden. Or another omission, the use of cheap, insufficient equipment to attempt the 'rescue' of 33 miners trapped only a few days earlier this week.

Today, these 14 comrades, among them, anarchists, communicators and social fighters, show solidarity to unjust causes, are involved in open squatted social centers where they sustain libraries, video libraries, gardens, and people who exchange and question ideas and actions in forums and activities conducted in a horizontal manner. These people are automatically criminalized; prosecutors have enough ambiguous evidence to take their freedom away from them. For example, a tapped telephone call where a mother demanded that one of the accused people be taken care of; this was used as evidence against her. The open squatted spaces and the people who are committed to denouncing and transforming on a daily basis their own lives and their society have become more vulnerable to the apprehensions of the state and its prosecutions, which illustrates that this prosecution is also ideological.

Now ... Who are the terrorists?

#### We make a call to build an international support network for the people imprisoned on the 14th of August.

Today more than ever! Internationalists of the world to solidarity and action, to face the kidnappings and lies of the Chilean state!.

Here is the list of the 14 comrades, that were and are, held hostage by the Chilean state. Below is the condition they are in, where they are being held and respective charges against them. Comrades held hostage:

Rodolfo Retamales: Held in C.A.S.

formalized custody of 180 days for conspiracy.

**Pablo Morales**: Held in C.A.S. formalized custody of 180 days for conspiracy

**Felipe Guerra**: Held in C.A.S. formalized custody of 180 days.

**Carlos Riveros**: In "freedom" pero precautionary measures.

**Vinicio Aguilera**: Held in C.A.S. formalized custody of 180 days.

**Mónica Caballeros**: Held in C.O.F. formalized custody of 180 days.

**Andrea Urzúa**: Held in C.O.F. formalized custody of 180 days.

**Camilo Pérez**: In "freedom" but with precautionary measures.

**Cristián Cancino**: In "freedom" but with precautionary measures.

**Diego Morales**: In "freedom" but with precautionary measures.

**Francisco Solar**: Held in the C.A.S. formalized custody of 180 days.

**Omar Hermosilla**: Held in C.A.S. formalized custody of 180 days, for conspiracy.

**Candelaria Cortez**: In "freedom" but with precautionary measures.

**Iván Goldenberg**: In "freedom" but with precautionary measures.

**C.O.F.**: Centro de Orientación Femenina

C.A.S.: Carcel de Alta Segurida

**Precautionary Measures**: Cannot leave the country, a ban on communicating with each other, sign weekly, prohibited from visiting prisoners or going to social centres and squats that were raided.

Communiqué from Mónica Caballero

Communiques translated from **culmine** with rage, love and solidarity, to be read, corrected and circulated without delay.

#### 27/08/2010 - Chile

To all the insurgents:

The hegemony of power came on the scene on August 14, around 7 am, when agents of the GOPE (Paramilitary police) entered the place where I live or lived, the squatted house "La Crota", destroying the gate of our library, the CDAI (*Centro de Documentación Anarquista Itinerant*) by linking it to a machine and pulling it away. Hearing the noise, I just made it in time to go into the courtyard where police, armed to the teeth and with their characteristic arrogance, blocked me.

Later I was taken to a room where they read out the accusations for which I continue to be held. During the same procedure my hands were submitted to an examination, in search for traces of explosives. This examination was carried out without my knowing anything without anything being explained: a huge mistake on my part. The same examination was made against two other people who were in my beloved home: Vinicio Aguilera and Diego Morales, and this is the only evidence that they have to accuse them. I tried to greet my fellow humans, canines and felines. One of my 4-legged comrades never stopped barking at the police.

He never moved away from us. I stroked him and headed toward the front of the house, Biblioteka (CDAI), which was destroyed like a classic postcard of the totalitarian regimes. At that moment I was handcuffed,

# **Online sources:**

Angry News From Around The World: http://sysiphusangrynewsfromaroundtheworld.blogspot.com/

**Culmine** (Multi-langauge radical news) http://culmine.noblogs.com

**Hommodolars** (Chilean radical news) http://hommodolars,org/

handcuffs that were my company for several hours on several occasions. In coming out from my beloved place, that the prosecutor would have described as "power centre", the press try to snap the perfect photo of the "bombers". They just received our deepest contempt. With my head never bowed I took the opportunity to shout slogans for the Mapuche prisoners, those who are currently on hunger strike. In the police car I was able to pick up on what news was being spread.

When I reached 33 ° Commissariat I found several others in my same situation and more who were continuing to arrive. There are 14 of us. The courtroom hearings for the control of the generalities was full of comrades, friends, affini, relatives, brothers, who like us felt uncertainty.

Illicit terrorist association and placing of explosive devices are the accusations against us. The formalization will be Tuesday. In coming out of the courtroom we managed to hear cries full of rage and anger from our people. Cries that deeply moved us and gave us strength for what was to come. We are not alone! Your actions and your attitude fills me with pride!

Waiting until the formalization of the charges was eternal. Isolated, without any news, and not even a pencil. When the day arrived after Power had tried to leave us as long as possible in prison, through bars and handcuffs we managed to touch the hands of our comrades and shout a few words. During the hearing only one family member was allowed entry for each accused. The Church has associated with the Fiscalía Sur (the prosecution -NDT) and the Ministry of the Interior. The Prosecutor Alejandro Peña began with eloquence to expose the foundations of the Illicit Terrorist Association (which only exists in his head). According to him, the organization is informal, democratic and

horizontal. At least this definition made us smile. So many years of investigation for such a complicated resolution?

What a precarious mentality for such honourable officials. Then, they continue with the evidence for each defendant: items such as books, photographs, written words, phone tapping, computers, pens, videos, posters and probably this same statement will be at the root of our dangerousness.

As if the circus was not enough already, in a gesture both Machiavellian and morbid the respected attorney shows photos of Mauricio Morales who died after the explosion of the device destined for the school for prison screws in May 2009. He tried to wound us, but has only fueled our hatred.

A great element of proof would be the declaration of Gustavo Fuentes Aliaga, alias "El Grillo" narco-trafficker who on 31 December 2008 stabbed the comrade Candelaria Cortez-Monroy seven times. The court ordered 180 days of investigation.

But already we are no longer 14, but 8. 6 comrades remain kidnapped in the cells of capital. A strong hug to them. Four judges and years of investigations were not enough to find new items to mount an artifice of such proportions, leaving us in prison like this.

Currently I'm in SEAS (High Security Section) of the CPF (Female Penitentiary Centre) of Santiago. I shall continue with my vegan diet. The struggle against domination does not compromise up until the final consequences.

Proud of what I am and of my comrades, I embrace every act of solidarity and rebellion. They will not silence me. No more than the individual can and must fight for their freedom, nothing can move them but their heart. May the wilderness protect the dear felines running on the rooftops and may a night of black auspices never come.

To everyone today and always: "Neither God nor master".

With a heart in pieces, but beating stronger than ever!!

By putting an end to all exercise of authority and power, make anarchy live.

Mónica Caballero.

SEAS, CPF, Santiago, Chile, Anarchist Prisoner

# Communique from insurrectionalist groups in South America concerning the frame up of August 14 in Chile

# Thursday, August 26, 2010

We are writing from clandestinity all over South America. We, delegates of the undersigned collectives, are making an effort with the times to convene to send a message of truth to all aware people oppressed by the State of Chile.

1 - We condemn the terrorist way of acting of the State of Chile over the past 200 years of systematic repression and social inequality maintained by blood and fire by each of its rotting institutions.

2 - With the full force of our insurgent people we REJECT the performance of searches and arrests that plagued the young people on Saturday, August 14

3 - With total absolute responsibility we hereby WE DECLARE that ALL those arrested do not belong to, nor have they ever been part of, the collectives that have decided to respond to historic State violence with bombs. We know this and the government of the clown Piñera and Attorney Peña also know it.

4 - WE ACCUSE, as directly responsible for this TV show, the State, the bosses and the fawning press, they have all hidden the social violence that they have imposed, pointing the finger at the occasional bomb explosions that are simply the outcome of the inequalities and oppression of this snob capitalism. THE STATE IMPOSES THE SOCIAL WAR, we did not invent it, we who are its victims. We, on the contrary, have stopped being victims and have risen up as free human beings.

5 - WE HAVE NEVER BEEN in the occupied houses. Any person of normal intelligence knows that those are cultural spaces in which young people meet to converse, debate, and hope to live at community level. If the state CRIMINALISES these places is only due to pure myopia and implicit defeat in wanting to destroy anything they cannot understand. The systematic indiscriminate repression of the young is the zenith of the orthodox fascist.

6 - WE HAVE NEVER SUBMITTED TO nor have we entered into alliances with political parties or movements related to the right, centre or left. WE NEITHER HAVE NOR DO WE RECOGNISE the authority of anyone, either bureaucrats or marxist ex-combatants nor people with mental problems that claim actions that they never carried out (like this stranger who stabbed his girlfriend and still survives in prison). WE ARE libertarians. WE DO NOT HAVE MILITARY HIERARCHIES OR PARTY DIRECTIVES. WE ARE FREEDOM FIGHTERS. WE ARE EVERYONE.

7 - We, the undersigned collective, WE HAVE PLACED BOMBS. Our objectives were: banks, financial corporations, embassies, police stations, barracks, churches, political parties, gyms of the lords of this country, everything that belongs to the historical oppressors of the working people. WE DO NOT REPENT, moreover IT IS OUR PRIDE, as is the fact that so far no police have approached us. WE ARE THEIR DEFEAT.

8 - WE REALISE that the summer earthquake struck most of the structures of all the collectives, that limited our actions and so far it has not been possible to rebuild what was lost.

9 - In these over 20 years we have been using different types of weapons. If we had wanted we could have caused fatalities. The famous TNT has been a part of the popular arsenal for a number of years. The office of Chilectra attack was not the first time that we have used it, all the comrades responsible for this attack confirm so here. If you want to know where we got it the answer is simple: from the market, the same that you idolize and the new prosecutor protects. (In the investigations the Chilean military intelligence are looking into the actions carried out with the explosive TNT, - NDT).

10 - The Prosecutor Peña. What can we say about him. What everybody knows : that he was a cocaine addict as a student, called "jalandro" by his neighbors for being jalero, with a

greater sense of inferiority than his stature, hungry for power and for the chair of national Attorney, a friend of big drugs traffickers at the expense of the small ones that he arrested, liar, coward and potential murderer. This is Attorney Peña.

Journalists: DO NOT BE AFRAID to know the truth about this sinister bureaucrat.

11 - WE DECLARE OUR COLLEC-TIVE REPUDIATION of the frame-up against the 14 young people. Those guilty of the libertarian bombings are the State and capital.

FREEDOM TO ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS

ANTISTATE RESISTANCE!

### FUERZAS AUTONÓMICAS Y DESTRUCTIVAS LEÓN CZOLGOSZ

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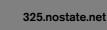
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