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Informations in english about the latest police repressions against anarchistic movement in Czech republic.
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Solidarity is our true weapon

With appeal to the presumption of innocence we would like to point out that the forces prosecuting and arresting people are in paradoxically non-compliance with laws (with which we do not agree, and it is beyond our control to change it) and we would like to clear Martin, Peter, Aleš and Igor from a lot of lies that have been written about them. In our eyes, all four remain friends, comrades, or at least people deserving much support, even in the case of loosing and conviction.

Convicted and imprisoned for the action they never carried out and which was most likely the result of coordinated undercover police work. ★...continues on the bottom of the page...

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OPERATION FENIX, POLICE INFILTRATION AND POSSIBLY FABRICATED CASE

Recently, in April 2015, Police of the Czech Republic commenced an operation against the anarchist, anti-authoritarian and animal liberation movement. This operation is known and called Operation Fenix (Phoenix). During the initial stage many individuals have been questioned and interrogated, some arrested and several places raided. Police confiscated servers, computers, flash drives, cameras, mobile phones and other digital devices or data carriers. So far we do not know to what extend the operation goes and how many people are being monitored and what the intentions of the police are. On a number of occasions the police fabricated or purposely concealed important facts in order to obtain permission to search different properties and arrest people.

The closest media attention has so far focused on the affair of "far left terrorism." From the original 11 detainees, three individuals remained in custody jail. Petr and Martin (in remand) are accused of "conspiracy to plan a terrorist attack" and in their case three others are investigated on the loose and they all await trial. Aleš was in custody jail till July 6th with the offense for illegal arms possession. Now he awaits the trial on the loose too. Today we know that the entire

"action" to attack the train, which the police claimed to prevent by arresting Petr, Martin and two other people (currently investigated without detention), was scheduled and co-planned by (at least) two undercover operatives. Specifically trained undercover police officers infiltrated a group of people and gained their trust to obtain information. After a while, when surveillance of their new "friends" was established, they began to talk more about the necessity of actions more militant in nature and they actively participated in the preparation of such a plan. Martin's lawyer mentioned in an interview: "My defendant considers the whole case as the result of police provocation and he had no intention whatsoever to plan or carry out a terrorist attack. As he stated, if he would not have met the undercover police agents he would most likely never have gotten into the current troubles."

It was the police themselves who invented the whole event. Without their initiative, the whole affair would not even exist. The aim of the police was most likely to discredit, intimidate and divide the entire anarchist movement and to collect as much information about the groups, activities and individuals as possible.

On 29.6.2015, the district court of Prague 6 ruled to put our comrade Igor in custody.

Igor was accused in another case of repression of 'ultra-left extremism'. Igor was taken in on Friday and charged on Sunday. According to the police, He took part in the 'attack' on the house of the minister of defense of Czech Republic with Molotov cocktails.

There are no photos nor videos of this 'attack'. There was no actual fire, despite 4 bottles having been thrown. No other evidence of the 'attack' has been made public, nobody claimed responsibility for it. IGOR'S DNA DOESN'T MATCH WITH THE DNA TRACK ON THE BOTTLE. Police haven't checked the camera footage from the entrance to Igor's college house (the only possible access, the windows are secured with bars), which would show that Igor was home at the time of the attack.

This apparent Molotov attack presents itself like another fabricated plot, especially when you consider that the (alleged) plot to attack a military train was staged by police infiltrators.

The mere fact that he is a Russian citizen plays suspiciously well into the context of political discourse. In response to the perceived threat of Russia, the Ministry of Defense are currently signing contracts agreeing to the presence of US military troops and future plans for US military bases in the Czech Republic. Mandatory draft is also being discussed.

"For me, it is actually a confirmation that present course of the Ministry of Defense, which I lead, is right" commented Stropnický.

Igor received the worst type of custody, with very strict conditions. No visitors permitted and strictly checked mail, which he receives several weeks late.

We are with you.



FENIX 7, PRISON CONDITIONS, LONELINESS AND HUNGER

So far, no court hearings have been held, therefore the accused should be regarded as innocent, however the reality is that not only in the media (from whom we can not expect more than a hunger for sensation), but mainly in prisons the presumption of innocence is somehow forgotten, and defendants are treated as if they were already sentenced. All four were assigned to various prisons around Czech Republic. Petr is at Ruzyně prison, Martin at Pankrác prison and Aleš was recently released from prison in Brno. Petr at least had the opportunity to meet with other prisoners, even if only for a few small moments. Aleš and Martin were in solitary confinement without the slightest possibility of social contact., but recently (mid July) have been moved and now they share their cells with other prisoners. Petr and Martin are allowed a visit once every two weeks for 90 minutes, limited to 4 people. They are allowed to walk for 90 minutes alone in a restricted area of the prison. Igor has no visits allowed and all mail is thoroughly checked by a special police procurator and so it takes weeks until Igor gets any mail. Martin was transferred to Pankrác Prison in Prague in early June and the already unenviable conditions have been aggravated. He was separated from the other prisoners and placed in solitary confinement. All of his personal belongings were taken from him and no money has been delivered to him for many weeks. Due to this practice Martin was not able to receive a radio sent to him. The radio has to undergo 'input check' which is paid out of Martin's money. He only met people through bars and plexi-glass, is always handcuffed and he is only allowed to walk outside for 90 minutes per day in a small concrete corridor.

The situation of Martin's and Igor's diet is outrageous. According to the statutes of Pankrác prison Martin has the right to eat a vegan diet, but in reality he does not even get a vegetarian diet. Ironically Martin was offered an "alternative" Halal diet which includes animal products (killed in a specific way) with the absence of pork, so obviously not vegan. Igor is getting so called vegetarian diet in Ruzyně but he says that it contains meat anyway. Either way is not a solution for a vegan diet. Martin and Igor are not getting enough food! In addition, they are only allowed to receive a maximum of 5 kg parcels once in three months only and content is tightly regulated. The fact of the matter is that basic food intake should be provided by the prison rather than by people from the outside!

We call for support of all four defendants, especially Martin and Igor at the moment, who are suffering due to prison authorities disrespecting their vegan diet and refusing to accommodate their dietary habits

THE POSSIBILITIES ARE MANY, EVEN SMALL GROUPS CAN ORGANIZE A SUCCESSFUL EVENT

→ **Tell people about the case:** There's a lot of misinformation being spread about the Fenix. The police and the media have worked hard to establish a narrative in which anarchists set out to destroy anything and attack if not try to kill people and the police quickly snatched up terrorists in the process of planning attack. This story is grounded in the interests of the authorities, not in reality. This narrative must be dispelled before the Fenix 4 come to trial to prevent similar repression in the future.

→ **Distribute this** and other support material: Plenty of support material is available, including this and other flyers, awesome T-shirts and so on. You can set up a table at your next event, distro at social spaces and community centers like our comrades did in Stockholm, Edinburgh and Dresden. Or pass them on to friends and neighbors. Support material can be found at antifenix.noblogs.org or by reaching antifenix@riseup.net.

→ **Donate:** This is unfortunately only the beginning of a very long and expensive legal battle. Funds are still needed for lawyer and court fees as well as other legal expenses and for vegan food. Donations, benefits, and fund raising efforts are both desperately needed and immensely appreciated.
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→ **Initially** you can call, write or even visit (if possible) to Pankrác prison authorities and request adherence to their statutes regarding the diet of inmates.
Address for Martin's prison: Vězeňská služba ČR, Vazební věznice Praha – Pankrác, PO Box 5, 140 57 Praha 4, Czech Republic, Phone: +420 261 031 111, Email: vvpankrac@vez.pan.justice.cz
Address for Igor's prison: Vězeňská služba ČR, Vazební věznice Praha-Ruzyně, Staré náměstí 3, 161 02, Praha 6, telefon: 220 510 000, e-podatelna@grvs.justice.cz

→ **Organize solidarity protests** such as those organized by Solidarity Group in St. Petersburg.

→ **Abroad,** you can apply political pressure on the Czech embassy as our friends in Edinburgh have.

Support can also be expressed through creative actions or good old benefit concerts, skate sessions, graffiti, banners, squatting, composing songs. All power to the imagination. Creativity has no limits, same as our will to help. However, think about what sort of events/actions to choose so you are not making the situation worse.

→ You can disseminate information and a link to it to ANTIFENIX.noblogs.org or support any of the scheduled events with your presence, spread informations or distribute materials.



★ Convicted in another 'witch' hunt, where the same fate could befall to any of us. Convicted for expressing disagreement with domination and inequality.

The functioning and necessity of a prison does not have our support and legitimacy regardless of whether the "Fenix 7" are found guilty or not.

For Aleš, Martin, Petr and Igor support from the outside is the most important thing at this moment. While in prison, time passes differently, and while we are enjoying the summer, the four of them are sitting in complete isolation, without vegetation, birds singing,

swimming in the river, bicycle trips, sitting by the fire with friends, kind words, hugs, love, possibilities of free motion, seeing the sun, or even almost without food.

Solidarity is for us, as anti-authoritarian-minded individuals, the basic idea and also one of the most powerful initiators, because it is impossible to destroy it with just physical strength.

Martin's sister: "If they know we're here for them, determined to do whatever it takes to support and encourage, they will be stronger and become harder to break. They must know that we are here for them..."
Call to share!

