

# ABOLISHING THE BORDERS FROM BELOW

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Anarchist courier from Eastern Europe





**An anarchist courier:** a bi-monthly bulletin with information on different political and cultural anarchist/autonomous activities in Eastern Europe.

**Editorial collective:** an international anarchist collective based around east-european activists living in Berlin. As well as this publication the collective also organises an ABC support group, a libertarian library, organises various solidarity actions and cultural events, and supports local and global struggle against all kinds of oppression.

**Correspondents:** our great idea is to set up a network of correspondents from different regions of East Europe to cover the most current, important and interesting issues. Our correspondent team for today: Pavel (Prague - CS), Mato (Bratislava - Slovakia), Saszka (Grodno - Belarus), Antti (Russia), Ninja (Vilnius - Lithuania), Maya & Tine (Ljubljana - Slovenia), Jelena & Samsane (Zagreb - Croatia), Oliver (Croatia), Soja (Białystok - Poland), Wolf & Rafal (Trojmiasto - Poland), GAS (Poznan - Poland), Michu (Torun - Poland). More correspondents needed!

**Other sources of info:** "alter ee" internet discussion list, "Warhead" - internet up dates of activities in Poland, ABC-Poland - info bulletin, "Avtonom" russian magazine of Autonomous Action Network, "A-zine" - anarchist bulletin from Warsaw.

**Co-operation:** if you operate in Eastern Europe you can send us info about protests, manifestations and other actions going on in your region ... you can present activities of groups, collectives and projects working in your neighbourhood ... you can inform us about up-coming political and cultural events ... you can present statements of your group on local or global issues, you can express your ideas, opinions or criticism ... everything from anarchist perspective. You can join our redaction collective as a correspondent sending regular reports covering different forms of activities in your region. All materials (incl. graphics & photos) send to:

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There is a justifiable need to abolish the borders between nations, societies, cultures and whatever else separates and defines us. In order that the process of their abolition does not lead to the formation of new borders or other types of segregation it has to be done from below, by the people not by elitist institutions such as The European Union, NATO or United Nations.

There is an enduring need to instantly abolish all states, governments and authoritarian institutions so that communities based on common values such as freedom, respect, collaboration and solidarity can be formed. These communities in turn can lead to the transformation of the world order into one based on the above mentioned values.

In an attempt to push forward both of these goals with support for development from the anarchist movement above the borders we have created ...

## "Abolishing the Borders from Below" an anarchist courier from Eastern Europe

There are many reasons why it is necessary to put out this type of publication on a regular basis. There are a large number of anarchist groups in Eastern Europe who could operate much more effectively with a continual exchange of ideas, tactics, experiences and materials with similarly minded groups from all over Europe and the World. It is clear that many western activists are also interested in the ideas and actions of the "eastern anarchists". We believe it to be necessary to tighten the collaboration between east and west in resisting Fortress Europe, the globalization of the world economy, and above all capitalism and its effects on our life. A mutual exchange of inspirations, motivations, and cooperation from anarchist communities all over Europe is needed on a day to day basis not only in times of international protests like the ones in Prague, Gothenburg and Genua. The intent of this paper is to set up a better network of communication between groups and individuals from different parts of this continent. The process of creating an editorial team for "AbolishingBB" was a great step toward this so we appeal to everyone to make the most of the information here as effectively as possible.

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## Issue contents and ...

Where are we now with **ABOLISHING THE BORDERS FROM BELOW** ?

We would like to welcome you to the new issue of our publication. As usual, you will find inside different forms of reports from various regions of Eastern Europe. We start with the update from Ljubljana, where as we write these words, local anarchists with support of comrades from other countries are fighting to save their house-project. We are a bit afraid that call for solidarity with **AC MOLOTOV** which you will find on the next page may reach you too late. On the other hand, we strongly believe that the desperation of our Slovenian comrades will win over the oppressive machinery of the local authorities. Then you will find the presentations of various international campaigns such as **The European Social Consulta**, or one against IOM as well as statements of **Autonomous Action** network (Russia) or **Anarchist Group "Solidarity"** (Poland). Compared to the previous ones, this issue will generally bring you much more information from the region of Russia. This is because a network of "Abolishing-correspondents" grows, slowly but systematically. In the last weeks, we started effective cooperation with Anti (Russia) and Mato (Slovakia). This means that from now we will be able to bring you more updates from those regions. We are also close to establishing new correspondents from regions from Romania and Turkey. Already in this issue you can find an interesting report of the ABC-group from Ankara about the spectacular first in history process against Turkish anarchists which is going on right now - please check it out and do the best you can to support comrades from Usak. As usual, there are lot of Polish anarchists in trouble - details are in **ABC-ACK annual report**. The first European anti-border camp this summer took place on the Polish-Lithuanian-Russian border. Our collective participated in it, so you will find the precise facts from that event as well as an invitation for an upcoming one. Something special in that issue will be a short impression from our comrade from Israel **"Same World Different Realities"**. The rest you know - short-info from various regions of EE, dates of upcoming events, "communities in struggle" - collection of contact addresses to @-groups in EE, and pictures of the actions.

There are a few reports which could NOT appear in this issue for different reasons, especially: Oliver's article about @-movement in Croatia called **"Resistance is Growing"** We received it too late so we have to postpone it until the next issue. Also a report from Belarus (too late for translation), report from Torun (no space to put in), scene report from Hungary (too late) and up date from Gliwice (too late). Please try in the future to send your reports before the 15th of the month. Next deadline is 15 of September. This is the only way to make it sure your report will appear in the bulletin.

Well, we are looking forward to the next issue, which should appear around the 1st of October. Where you will hopefully find much information from Prague where the NATO is going to meet in November. So do not miss that issue and above all - do not let the war-makers feel comfortable in Prague!

So, in the past issue we presented you our financial problems connected with setting up a proper distribution network. It seems like our decisions were right and the deepest crises is behind us. Here we would like to say thank for all proposals of benefits for "AbolishingBB". We are still looking for people/collectives which would have interest to distribute our publication in regions of: Italy, Sweden, France, Ireland, Portugal or Belgium.

During last months we have heard different voices and discussions about character, role, future and possibilities of development of "Abolishing the Borders from Below" coming from various people from eastern and western Europe. It is interesting for us and we are checking all critics, ideas, proposals or visions of how this project could develop. We are discussing them amongst our collective and comparing with our vision(s). We have presented most of these issues during our workshop on the border camp in Wiazyny and discussed them together with activists from Poland, Lithuania, Russia and Belarus. There were some confusions and clarifications which we found important to mention, the results of that meeting and various discussions led among editorial collective ...

We observed (or we believe) that in the moment "AbolishingBB" is helping to weld the anarchist movement in Eastern Europe. We hope this process will continue with our help, but we still see it just as an important step to tighten the cooperation of anarchist groups all over continent. That's why we would rather like to keep our publication as "an anarchist courier from Eastern Europe" and widen our distribution in the rest of Europe (and just partly in EE) instead of (as some people are proposing) to change from the role of bulletin into more of an instrument of communication between basically EE groups.

We have no ambition for creating any bigger anarchist organisation based on our publication or to find ourselves as a centre of any future movement. What we are wishing is that anarchists around the continent/world use this bulletin as a tool for helping to develop their own project, to find inspirations, to network groups, persons, organizations, to spread campaigns and calls for solidarity ... (check our statement on the page nearby). Even if we are sharing similar opinions, have similar goals and the same enemies - do not miss us with the NoBorder network.

We agree with opinions, that until now there is a lack of interesting and progressive theoretical texts, polemics and debates in "AbolishingBB". On the other side we would not like that our bulletin lose its informational, up-dating and networking character. That's why in the future we will try to start with another regular publication twin to the "AbolishingBB". Which will contain much more theoretical texts that will be open for polemics, debates, and deeper criticism. At the end this should help with creating practical alternatives to the present existing structures. Of course, everything from EE anarchist perspective. So we appeal to people wishing to send or write their manifestos to contact us. The theme for the first issue of this "east european anarchists forum (on paper)" would be a wide presentation of history and roots of the anarchist/libertarian resistance in eastern europe and its influence on contemporary behaviours towards east european societies. We will bring you more about the developments of this project in next issues.

We would like to admit that before we began publishing "AbolishingBB" we as a collective didn't have a special discussion about "what do we understand as EASTERN EUROPE". This is probably because we all come from post-communist countries. We took it automatically as a fact that there exists for the last 60 years a region with a shared history. People share a similar contemporary political and social situation as well as many of the same problems. Another thing which we recognized intuitively was a likeness of the anarchist movements of the region. These separate movements share a relative isolation, similar problems and a specific development. That's why, for example, we have automatically agreed on putting into "AbolishingBB" reports from Turkey and ex-Yugoslavia but not necessarily from Scandinavia although from a geographical point of view Finland is much more "eastern-European" than Slovenia. This topic is for us not closed but this is how we see it today.

Many people ask us "And where is your website?" We don't have any website and we don't plan to create one by ourselves. First of all, most information you can find on our pages comes from different internet sources, or goes anyway to others. We are not too interested in travelling with information through virtual reality. We are focusing on giving information to people directly in the hand! Secondly - we don't like the elitist aspects of Internet. When we say elitist, we mean not only a limited access to internet - especially Eastern and poor activists are finding themselves out of the game - but as well the phenomenon which we call "disappearing information" and which is caused by activists which for different reasons are absorbing but not sharing most information. Persisting in newspaper is as well our tiny attempt to bring people back from online-rebellion to the streets. This doesn't mean that we can't see positive aspects of using internet for specific purposes. Thirdly - if you wish to find **AbolishingBB** as a website, then just do it. You may use all our texts regardless of our scepticism.

So you know a bit more about our conspiracy. And now, extending the best greetings to all our correspondants and distributors we would like to invite all of you to check out the contents of 5th issue of **Abolishing the Borders from Below**. Next one in October. ...

## AC MOLOTOV IS IN BIG TROUBLE!

**"Red & black flags on the roof are proof that we are still in control of place ... we appeal for your support !"**

**Squatted place named Autonomus zone Molotov (Avtonomna zona Molotov - ACM) in Ljubljana, which provides place for living, cultural and political activities is in big trouble...**

The first larger action against squatters took place on Sunday, 7. 7., when around 30 policemen came in the building. They came with dogs and criminalists. The action was illegal and violent. Police put severe pressure and repression against squatters and activists. Supporters from outside - students, activists even people from media came in 15 minutes and documented with cameras all the happening in Molotov. We asked police to show us some document, and we asked for the head of this police action. Our friends and media prevent physical violence from police. Police action lasted since 23.30 - 1.20, and then policemen left without any explanation on their arrival and their action and left AC Molotov.

On Tuesday (9. 7.) a concert of Pekatral Attac (FRA) took place in AC Molotov. Police came three times and in the last intervention again with a grate number (more than 15 policemen), criminalists and policemen with dogs. It was another attempt of intimidation of squatters... We call our friends and media again. In the end police found out, that there was no trespass of public peace and order.

On Thursday (11. 7.) in the morning private security service G7 broke in. They closed all entries into the building and secured the area around it. At 7.00 dredging machine excavator was brought in front of AC Molotov and they tried to demolish the building. Activist set in front of the machine and demanded an explanation. Soon the information came, that the owner (Slovenian Railway Company - SRC) has no documentation for eviction and destruction of the house, and dredging machine excavator was taken away late in the afternoon, when all this negotiation plan (to built communication between us and SRC) with

media and other NGO's end. Today the owner (SRC) still ignore the communication with squatters. The security doesn't let anyone into the building, so squatters who are inside are insisting there and are not going outside. Security is preventing to give water and food to those in the building. Meanwhile the other squatters, activists and supporters occupied the area around the house and made a tent camp on the roof. The activists are insisting inside of the house, in front of it and on the roof and the security is still blocking access into the building and preventing supplies of water and food to those inside. Different activities and events of support and protest are going on every day. People are outside AC Molotov and on the roof all the time as a sign of solidarity. Local support campaign is very good and lot of pressure is put upon the state and the owners, which are dictating these inhumane acts...

**Squatters in Molotov are not giving in!**

**Red & black flags on the roof are proof that we are still in control of place although with partly occupation of the opposite forces.**

**We appeal for your support!**

**Come to Ljubljana to ACM where support is very much needed! Write protest letters!**

**Organize action in front of Slovene Embassies!**

**Give your support to political activists, alternative cultural activists, who are fighting for preserving the space for our activities! Let the power of people defeat the cruel force of authority and the system!**

**Solidarity is our weapon!**

**Autonome for freedom!**

### A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR OUR FRIENDS IN KURILNISKA 3, LJUBLJANA

*"We received an information that your company decided to destroy the house in Kurilniska 3. At the moment, this is the only house in Ljubljana that gives free space for several cultural activities, from Food Not Bombs project, concerts, juggling performances, photograph lessons and other work-shops. These people came there, because the house was empty for a long time. They put a lot of work in it, cleaned it and repaired it. There are about 15 people living there, mostly students. They decided to live like this because the place was empty for such a long time and the best and safest way to keep on with the activities is to stay in the house all the time.*

*They know they're going to lose the house one day, but now they don't have enough time to find another place. They are aware that if you will destroy the house, the property will stay untouched for many years, until somebody starts to build on it. What they want is to keep the house for that time. It's not true that you have to destroy the house to sell the property, at least not so fast. This house was empty for maybe 15 years and you didn't care before.*

*Sanitary inspection is just a bad excuse. There are people living in far worse conditions in their private houses or occupied properties (like junkies and bums) and they never got sanitary inspection in their house, but because activities in this house are known and exposed to the public your company feels threatened by the unknown but with no reason!*

*We are giving our full support with the squatters in Kurilniska 3, owned by Slovenian Railway Company and asking you to think again about your decision. Thank you.*

**SIGNATURE - WRITE SOME NAME OF ORGANIZATION, MAYBE IS GOOD TO WRITE ALSO PERSONAL NAME**

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**HOUSING IS A RIGHT, NOT A PRIVILEGE!** After several years, we finally started to develop a real squatting movement in Slovenia. In Ljubljana, there are two squats - Vila Mara and Autonomna Zona Molotov, 1 floor, long house, owned by Slovenian Railway Company, state's property. We squatted Molotov on New Year's day 2002 and house was empty for 15 years before we came. There are about 15 people living there, we have a practise room, library (Info-point), empty space for activities like work-shops, juggling etc. and a concert hall with bar. The last concert was two-days festival with bands like La Fracion, Czolgosz... and on 3rd July is Molotov Cocktail and M.D.C. (Millions of Dead Cops). Concert hall is also used for video-projections and non-profit parties. Living place includes about 12 rooms, kitchen, guest room, living rooms and a yard. When we came, Molotov was in a quite bad condition, and the only people that came there were junkies. Place was full of shit and dirt. A small part of the house is Railway Museum, which is still working, but very rarely. The chief of Museum was very nice to us and said that we can use the place. He even forbidded police to come there without him.

Since about two weeks, there was a rumour that this place is soon going to be destroyed. We called the Company, pretending that we're buying the house, and the last person said the date of eviction is 15th July. They admitted that the real reason is the fact that we live there. Slovenian Railway Company is in big debts and they have at least 30 empty houses around the country. Molotov is a building that they are selling to build a parking lot. Director of real estates Boris Zrimc claims that the pressure is put upon him, because they need to prepare property for selling. We think this is a big lie, because there are buildings in very bad conditions and they are not destroyed until somebody buys it and makes a plan to build something new. But Molotov would stay like these

for about 1-3 years. What we want is to keep the house for that time. Second reason that director B.Z. gave was report made by sanitary inspection. The fact is that the inspector came to the house one day with a chief of Museum and looked the place very fast (she was not even in the kitchen). She said to us that everything is ok and left. B.Z. wrote that sanitary inspector gave a statement that the place is sanitary unsuitable and represents perfect focus for developing and extension of insects, pests, rodent animals and infectious diseases. He sent this statement as an answer to the letter that we wrote. We signed as Collective and D.R.M.K. (Association for Developing of Youth Culture), because they are also using the place. Contact address was a telephone number and e-mail address. The bastard sent letter to D.R.M.K.'s address (where they're registered) and wrote that they have to go out until 5.7. That means he gave a week to go out. We didn't get any notice, even the police doesn't come here. This is the thing that really makes me angry - ignorance. According to the law, they have to get a decree from the judge to evict us. Then we meet them at the court (we will probably get free lawyers, because we have a lot of support from local activists) and that can take a lot of time. We are planning to do this until the last moment. And then is a plan B - a las barricadas!

We suspect all this started because we were on television - it was a small report about living an alternative life. The main activity represented was FoodNotBombs, because it's very easy to understand and supported in general. We thought sanitary inspector came because of that. But they don't have a right to tell us we are not living in acceptable conditions, because we live like every normal poor person in his/her private house (...).



## Initiative for Anarcho-Syndicate IAS New anarchist library ask for help

We want to inform you that local group of Initiative for anarcho-syndicate (IAS) from Ada is starting anarchist library in their town. Economical situation in Serbia is still very difficult and thus we would like to ask help in printed material for them. Every anarchist, anarcho-syndicalist and revolutionary-syndicalist publication, in any language, is mostly welcomed. Please send your donations to:

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## The European Social Consulta (ESC)

The European Social Consulta (ESC) is a project that will allow us to move forward and deepen the analysis and critique of the current system and build concrete alternatives from the widest, most democratic and horizontal social base possible. It will also fill the gap between the mass mobilizations against financial or military summits in the sense of strengthening the local struggles, decentralize our struggle, deepen our contacts and communication, strengthen our networks and connect to the rest of the society. It is ment to be developed collectively from the beginning until the end.

The first step is the Internal Consultation with a questionnaire divided into 6 sections (objectives of the ESC, contents and themes, process, organization, First European ESC Gathering, what are the minimum basic conditions necessary for you to participate in the process?) that is already been spread by the promoter groups from Madrid and Barcelona and the answers will be collected and systematized in the Internal Consultation Report. The report will be the basis for the discussions in the First European Gathering (February 2003). Its main goal is to achieve consensus among all the people involved around the ultimate form and contents of the ESC (process, methodology, organization, themes etc).

## Campaign to Combat Global Migration Management

### THE GLOBAL MIGRATION REGIME

The "Ghostbusters" are haunting the world; they are in search for refugees, migrants, and other new-time nomads. They carefully distinguish between useful professions, much needed cheap workers and "surplus people". Autonomous migration, irregular border crossing, "sans papiers" and their support networks are declared public enemies. Numerous national and transnational paratroopers and migration agencies are set up to fight them. On the other hand, brain drain of medical staff, IT-experts, as well as manpower-drain of young men and women for construction sites, service work and the sex industry is favoured. For some 15 years a global migration regime is emerging and aims to introduce schemes of "migration management": No laissez-faire, no autonomy but rational selection of the useful and the unwanted. That corresponds with the global management of finances and trade by GATT, WTO and IMF. Whilst those agencies promote the unlimited flow of goods and money, another set of agencies aim to manage, to control and restrict the free movement of people. These are namely the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), the Inter-Governmental Consultations on Migration (IGC), and the International Organisation for Labour. The most advanced system has been implemented by the European Union's agencies and task forces, such as the Ad Hoc Group Migration, The Strategic Committee on Migration, and the clearing centres on asylum and on migration. Even a draft for a General Agreement on the Movement of People (GAMP) is discussed in the public domain. Such instruments represent the technology of power and oppression against the free movement of people. It is high time to reveal their true inhuman nature, to bring to public their cruel economic ideologies, to criticise the underlying racism and to promote concerted actions in the name of equality and justice.

### CAMPAIGN AGAINST IOM

In proposing an international campaign against the IOM, we argue in favour of the autonomy of migration, and target one of the most important institutions responsible for the implementation of the global migration management regime. Under slogan "Against Global Migration Management - For Freedom of Movement" the European anti-racist "noborder" network further calls for decentralised

#### international action days between 11 and 13 October 2002.

In this context, some groups from different countries are already planning rallies and other actions in front of IOM representations. We believe that targeting the IOM is the best start in launching a campaign against the international regime of migration control. Not only for political reasons, in which case the IGC or the EU would represent the same importance. But because of their annual meetings, their many offices, their international presence, their widespread net of seismographic stations, the IOM seems the most vulnerable. This is because of their large network of representations which can be targeted but also the crucial role of the IOM's cooperation with other NGOs make it a worthwhile target, with the aim to break this cooperation. One way to do this, is to show that the IOM, in contradiction to the image it portrays to other migrant organisations and humanitarian NGOs, is in fact not a mercenary agency, but acts on behalf of state interests only. Their false image could be efficiently undermined with an image-pollution campaign. We therefore believe that there is a good chance to push back the IOM, at least in those projects, which are heavily and obviously involved in the construction of border controls, or rather, in the construction of an even more repressive border regime.

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### UKRAINE - ARTIFICIAL BORDERS

The Ukraine and its citizens are unfortunate enough to find themselves outside Fortress Europe. Because many people aim to flee destitution international agencies stereotype the Ukraine a "major sending country", or, in other words a threat to world order. Subsequently, it is the IOM which supports the creation of new border regimes, detention camps, etc. The IOM runs pilot projects to install procedures for border control and detention; they arrange journeys to the US-Mexican border to learn about the use of fences, trenches and high-tech equipment to catch migrants. They ensure that Ukrainian authorities adjust to EU policy requirements and to execute EU will. Not only, that the enforcement of a border regime between Ukraine and Poland contribute to an artificial regime that divides neighbours, friends and colleagues. Equally, the West demands the closure and control towards the East to prevent people transiting the country. Such a policy makes both Ukraine visitors to the West as well as travellers from the East staying in the Ukraine "illegal immigrants". In summary, IOM on behalf of the EU promotes a brutal system of exclusion.

# Manifesto of the Autonomous Action

## WHO ARE WE?

Autonomous Action - it is a community of people, for whom "freedom without Socialism is privilege and injustice, and Socialism without freedom is slavery and brutality". We consider that the most important thing in life are not the consumption of goods, making a career, reaching reaching positions of power and making money, but creativity, real human relations and personal liberty. All of us, be it workers and the unemployed people, students and pupils, employees and marginal elements, have one common unifying element - to protest against any power of a man over another man, state, capitalism and officially spread bourgeois "culture". A desire not to be a wilful nut in the mechanism of the System - to collectively resist it, to demand free self-realisation.

## OUR IDEALS AND OUR AIM

Autonomous Action against any form of domination and discrimination, both within the society and in our own organisation. The current system of domination is tightly interlaced with repressive state apparatus, industrial capitalist economical structure and authoritarian and hierarchic relations between people. We see, that every state is an instrument of oppression and exploitation of the working majority for the benefit of the privileged minority. Power of state and capital is suppression of personality and creativity of each and everyone. This is why for us libertarian (free, stateless, self-governed) communism, a society without domination, is the necessary structure of society. The closest aim of Autonomous Action is to create a tradition and basis for a new humanist culture, social self-organisation and radical resistance against militarism, capitalism, sexism and fascism.

## HOW WE ARE ORGANISED

Our goals may be reached only when aims and means meet. This is why our organisation has a federative structure, which excludes leadership and hierarchy, denies inequality of the participants, centralism, strict division of functions, which ruin initiative, destroy autonomy and suppress personality. Our ideals and organisational principles are wide enough not to make us a sect, and concrete enough to allow co-ordination of actions, common tactics and aims and successful decision about tasks we engage in. Our structure, conditions of membership and mechanism of decision-making are defined in detail in the organisational principles of the Autonomous Action.

## HOW WE TAKE ACTION

Members of Autonomous Action support direct action. In order to reach our goals, we do not participate in the fight for power, for a seat in parliament or for arm-chairs of state officials. We realise our goals in direct order, by a wide spectrum of non-parliamentary and cultural action, if necessary revolutionary by form and content.

Autonomous Action is a common front, subdivisions of which, each in their own directions, realise an attack against repressive relations in different social movements, in all spheres of social and individual life - at the same time building new relations, without domination and submission. Autonomous Action recognises the right of society and individuals to defend themselves and to resist against exploitation.

## WAY TO OUR GOAL

We recognise a multitude of ways to reach our goals. The way might be one of revolutionary insurrection self-organised by the working masses, a general strike or a more or less gradual disappearance of the institutions of power and capital in favour of self-governing structures of alternative civil society, and so on. Life itself will define, which of the methods will be most effective and timely. But a society without domination may never be reached through reforms and legislative acts of parliaments and governments, initiatives of inter-state and corporate structures, representatives of the privileged and the ruling class. Our strategy is REVOLUTIONARY in the sense that it comes from below, from the very bottom structures of the society, and does not operate with the mechanisms and resources of the system; in the sense, that it does not demand partial changes in the system, but its destruction and change as a whole.

## OUR ALTERNATIVE

Centralised bureaucratic machine, national and global capital and the consumerist mass culture which they have given rise to, that is the system suppressing us, and it's not only immoral and unjust, but it also leads the present human society to an ecological and cultural catastrophe and to war. Sharp change of direction has become an urgent necessity today. This is why we propose a radical alternative to existing order of things, based on humanism, liberty and equality. Our goal is not to "set up a divine kingdom on Earth", but only to open a road to real social development. In such a society some of the present problems may remain, and some new may appear, but it will in any case be more equal, human and free than the present one, and in certain circumstances, becomes almost the only alternative to approaching catastrophe. Simultaneously, our alternative is not only a goal of the distant future, for which we are fighting for, but a society which we are creating here and now through everyday resistance. This alternative is fixed by the following ideals and directions of our activity, which every participant of Autonomous Action expresses according to his will, whereas her or his actions comply with goals of Autonomous Action and do not contradict the ideas of this manifesto.

## IDEALS AND DIRECTIONS OF ACTION

### ANTI-AUTHORITARISM

Against every form of dictatorship, leadership, authoritarianism, centralised bureaucratic apparatus, police excesses. For right to participate in making decision on any question influencing our destiny. For minimisation of vertical and maximisation of horizontal relations inside the society. For decentralisation of the governance, local autonomy, direct grassroots democracy and federalism. For free federation of self-governed individuals, groups, communes, regions where organs of the co-ordination, when they are necessary, are independent councils or other institutions of social self-governance, formed by assemblies not according to principle of presentation, but according to principle of delegation and imperative mandate - with the right to immediate recall delegates.

### FOR COMPLETE LIBERATION OF EACH AND EVERYONE!

YOUR FREEDOM IS  
SENSELESS  
WITHOUT FREEDOM  
OF THE OTHERS!

### ANTI-CAPITALISM

Human race, undivided in its natural state, has become divided between masters and powerless exploited majority. We stand for liquidation of the class society, wage work, humiliation and exploitation of human by another, power of money, imperialism. Against the dependence of human from the nature of "market relations". Products should not govern people, in contrary people should use products sensibly and cautiously. Society should get over the catastrophic logic of the bourgeois production. Against growing power of transnational corporations and international structures of the capital. For workers' governance and control in production. The wealth and resources of society should be accessible to everyone, not only to the governing elite. For people's self-governance without capitalists and bureaucrats. For organisation of property by the principle "from everyone according to their capacities, to everyone according to their needs", keeping in mind the production limits given by the society and saving the equilibrium and diversity of nature. Capitalism, as a system of all out war, profiting and humiliation has only one historical perspective - death of humanity and planetwide ecological catastrophe. And in the best case, immersion to gulf of "civilised" barbarism. Capitalism may not be reformed.

## ANTI-FASCISM ANTI-NATIONALISM

Fascism, racism and nationalism are means of bourgeoisie and bureaucracy to provoke people against each other, and to divide them to different races and nations, to hide mastership. To create profits and maintain power of bourgeoisie and bureaucracy over the society. We are internationalists. Only organising workers in international scale may not only challenge power and capital, but also give them a decisive death blow. World should be multi-coloured, not brown! For a world without borders and national states, one in it's multitude of cultures and traditions. For a world with multitude of personalities, collectives, communities and regions, no to a downcast world of national and religious hatred, racial prejudices, chauvinism, xenophobia, unified and closed "national culture". For protection of national and cultural minorities against discrimination and fascist terror. For radical counter-attack against neo-nazis and national-patriotist ideologists and organisations. For foundation of anti-fascist shock troops to physically confront fascists.

## ANTI-BOLSHEVISM

Negative experience of "real socialism" in countries like USSR, China, Cuba etc. does not in any case discredit ideas of libertarian communism. It is not possible to create free society and solidarity through authoritarian party structure seizing the state power, with dictatorship of any party apparatus or self-appointed "avant-garde". Against Bolshevik principles of the organisation. For organisational structure, based on libertarian principles of mutual respect, equality and solidarity. Organisational structure should be image of things to come in the society, foundation of which we are trying to reach. We see, that regimes in so called "socialist states" were nothing but rude form of global tendency towards state-capitalism, a system in which bourgeois economical relations, wage labour as well as psychology remain. The only difference was that capitalist was one and collective - the governing party elite. Only difference between "socialist" and "western" capitalism was the form of capitalist accumulation. Libertarian experience of the Makhnovist movement, Spanish revolution, Tolstoyanism, independent labour movement etc. showed with which zeal Bolsheviks try to root out any anti-authoritarian, really communist movement. We are against any ideal and organisational unity with Leninists (Stalinists, Maoists, trotskists etc.). For close co-operation with non-authoritarian socialists, anti-party left communists and libertarian Marxists.

## SELF-GOVERNANCE

Forms of self-governance may be:

- a) means of production seized by the workers to become common property, functioning with libertarian model of organisation;
- b) libertarian communes;
- c) other institutions, founded on regional, functional and other principles.

Such forms of self-governance could be effective method to found the basis of social alternative to the present society.

## ANTI-MILITARISM

Against state army as a system of violence, instrument of governance of ruling class and instrument of integration of young men to patriarchal, authoritarian and hierarchical systems of domination. Against forced conscription. We should not defend state and government, which only exist in order to humiliate us. Boycott military call-ups! Trash all draft cards! For an alternative of general armament of workers and people's militias, without hazing, humiliation of human dignity and prison regime. For full control of the society over military specialists.

## PEACE TO THE WHOLE WORLD !

## FREE PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE TO DIVIDE IT !

## ECOLOGY

Against non-sustainable exploitation of the nature for profit of the few. Against industrial system of organisation and power of the technocrats. For development from all directions and inculcation of the alternative technologies. For foundation of ecological settlements and harmonisation of the relation between human and the nature. For decentralised, humanist, balanced production for interests of the people, with protection of the environment for the future generations, with gradual abolition of the industrial technologies. Active support to social ecologists in their struggle, participation to ecological actions and campaigns.

## NOT MORE, BUT BETTER !

## NOT EXTERNAL, BUT INTERNAL !

## NOT TO OWN, BUT TO BE !

## FEMINISM

Against sexism - humiliation, violence and discrimination against women and men based on their sex. Against patriarchy - authoritarian structure of any class society, where mostly proprietor-men have power in all key spheres of the society. "female" is always subordinated to "male", and family has a function of reproduction and socialisation of the labour power. Against sexist stereotypes, family despotism, homophobia, porno industry and ageism (discrimination on the basis of the age). For active participation of the women to the life of the society, and possibility of individuals themselves to control their own bodies (and reproduction in special). Every human is equal and unique socially, sexually (in her/his gender) and age.

## NEW HUMANIST CULTURE

Against hypocrisy and repression of the official mass culture, commercialisation of the creativity, power of the show-business and "amusement industry". Against manipulation of the conscience and behaviour of any kind and form. Against elitism of the culture and hierarchy of its institutions. Global support to any kind of uncommercial creativity, experimental art and pedagogic. For support of the initiative of people, who already now want to live according to unauthoritarian principles. This kind of initiatives are important not only for

escape from the reality, but also to gather experience of free and sensible relations. For foundation of squats, housing collectives, artist communes, autonomous cultural and information spaces, organisation of mass festivals of alternative culture.

## CULTURE SHOULD NOT IMPOVERISH OUR LIFE

## LIFE SHOULD BECOME BIGGER THAN IT IS !

## ANTI-CLERICALISM

We, without conditions, support full "freedom of spirit", for every man's free search of world outlook and faith. But we should do our best to resist, without using mechanism of rule, those ideological systems which bring hatred, xenophobia, nationalism in society and transfer individual to an authoritarian and dogmatic person. Many religious ideas are connected to such kind of systems. Even more resolutely we are against hierarchical church organisations, pyramidal and authoritarian structure of which may not serve interests of liberation of human individual. Such churches serve only one goal - fortifying human both physically and in spirit. One of the most serious and powerful churches of such kind in Russia is the Russian Orthodox Church, which already long time ago transformed into a powerful capitalist and bureaucratic corporation, receiving from the state both financial and ideological advantages. Against using needs of man for explanations about universe in the interests of business and power.

## HOW TO START RESISTANCE ?

Do not wait, take action yourselves. Concentrate your efforts to any direction you desire and feel close to yourselves. Find adherents among your friends, work- or schoolmates. Start from little, main thing is that you have some real issues to organise, such as publication and distribution of papers, formation of worker's unions, organisation of squats, communes, alternative information centres or participation to a strike, anti-fascist struggle, protest camp, meetings, pickets or rock-concerts. The main thing is to take action, not to be based on the state or bourgeoisie, to take action against them and independent from them. It is necessary to connect other groups and initiatives, maintain informational and organisational connections to adherents in the whole country and abroad. That brings you confidence and power. Send materials about your life and struggle to our paper "Avtonom", which covers struggle in the whole libertarian sphere.

## BE COURAGEOUS !

## LIVE FULLY, FREELY AND STRONGLY !

## RESIST !

## REMEMBER, THAT A SMALL GROUP OF FIGHTERS MAY START AN AVALANCHE !



## New libertarian communist organisation founded in the former Soviet Union ...

## AUTONOMOUS ACTION

Founding conference of Autonomous Action took place 25th-27th of January 2002 in the city of Nizhni Novgorod. Besides from Nizhni Novgorod, there were participants from Krasnodar, Moscow, Samara, Yaroslavl, Tumen, Chelyabinsk and Akсай of Kazakhstan. Besides these cities, Autonomous Action has individual members or contact persons in around 20 cities, in Belarus and Ukraine as well. There were observers from Praxis-collective of Moscow, Confederation of Revolutionary Anarcho-Syndicalists and Rainbow Keepers. Siberian Conference of Labour and Tver anarchists sent their greetings to the conference. Founding process of Autonomous Action took 2 years, first preparatory conference was organised in Nizhni Novgorod exactly 2 years before. Other preparatory conferences were organised in Novorossisk (Black Sea rim) in the summer of 2000, in Kasimov of Central Russia in spring of 2001 and in Sochi (Black Sea rim) in the summer of 2001. Most of the work of the conference was dedicated to developing manifesto and organisational principles (rules) of the new organisation. Conference also made a resolution about globalisation and a number of decisions about practical work of the organisation - against intoxication in the conference, about registration of existing and new members, about e-mail list of the organisation, membership fees and editorial work of the journal of organisation, *Avtonom*, which is currently most widely distributed anarchist paper in the former Soviet Union, with about 1500 copies. A five-member coordinatory council was elected to coordinate work of the organisation until the following general meeting, to be organised in Krasnodar in August 2002, with a strictly limited mandate.

#### Concept and projects of the new organisation

Notwithstanding the name, federalist organisational practice of the new organisation has probably more in common with traditions of organisational anarchism than with the marxist autonomy of the Central and Southern Europe. Term "autonomia" is unknown in Russia, thus this attribute leaves more space for the self-definition, than "anarchism" saturated with meanings, many of them contradictory with our ideals. And participants find it important to build cooperation with marxists with clearly anti-authoritarian orientation. There is already a number of existing anarchist organisations or networks in Russia, so undoubtedly identity of the new organisation is to big extent defined as an alternative, but not opponent to the existing ones. However each of the participants have their own reasons to prefer Autonomous Action, so it is hard to draw general conceptual differences with other organisations which all the participants would subscribe. Most important differences with existing organisations are probably wide program instead of straightforward opposition to state (as in case of the

Association of Anarchist Movements, ADA) or environmentalism (as in case of the Rainbow Keepers), higher level of coordination of the actions and commitment to libertarian communism as the only credible alternative to the capitalist order. Membership of Autonomist Action is overlapping with many other anarchist organisations and groups. The main publication project of Autonomous Action is the *Avtonom*-paper mentioned above, besides it publishes also pamphlets in "library of the journal *Avtonom*", this far library has published books about Zapatista uprising and book about history of anarchism by Petr Ryabov. Moscow group makes website against work with aim to discredit crook employers. Website has also a paper version "radical lazybones", which is free of charge. Groups in South have been struggling against building of "Blue Stream" gas pipeline under Black Sea, founding "Anti-globalist initiative" (this self-definition has been criticized in the movement) as radical wing of the campaign. Many groups have had different anti-fascist and anti-nationalist projects, Moscow group has made buttons and t-shirts with a text "person of Caucasian origin", for people who want to protest against campaign of vilification by Moscow mayor and press against immigrants from the Caucasus area, which has made "persons of Caucasian origin" as number one targets of the nationalist hatred in Russia today. Moscow group has also participated to organisation of Polish anti-racist bordercamps of year 2000, 2001 and 2002. Belorechensk group has anti-racist initiative "Reason", and many groups have been founding movement of Red and Anarchist Skinheads RASH in former Soviet Union, which has already become an obstacle and a source of irritation to fascists. Many groups have their own distros and musical projects, Moscow has musical distro "Rock against the rich", Novorossisk has "Class war records" and Samara has "Music against fascism and racism". Moscow group runs the biggest anarchist literature distributor in the former Soviet Union, *A-Distro*, which has not only 60 different issues of 20 different papers in its catalogue, but also plenty of leaflets, videos, stickers, t-shirts and buttons. Contacts of Autonomous Action ...

#### Websites:

<http://ad-direct.newmail.ru>, federal site - maintained from Novorossisk  
<http://redskin.newmail.ru>, Red and Anarchist Skinheads, maintained from Novorossisk  
<http://antijob.nn.ru>, Site against work, maintained from Moscow  
<http://anti-fa-da.ru>, Anti-fascist project "Black and Green resistance" from Samara  
<http://potok.hotmail.ru>, Website against Blue Stream gas pipeline, maintained from Novorossisk  
<http://www.ad-nn.narod.ru>, Nizhni Novgorod group of anarchists  
<http://www.pocet5.narod.ru>, Website of anar-

chist culture, maintained from Nizhni Novgorod

<http://www.tao.ca/~dikobraz/distro>, A-distro, biggest distributor of Anarchist literature in the former Soviet Union

<http://www.almaty-liberty.boom.ru>, Libertarian communists in Kazakhstan, a group which has individual members in AD although is not affiliated itself.

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## Report on anarchist movement in Slovakia

by Mato - a new correspondent of our magazine ... WELCOME !!!

**General facts.** Because of the fact, that no report from Slovakia has been put out to this date, I find it important to say also few words about past. Slovak anarchist movement created itself in the end of 90's. Social bindings were joint with Czech republic, where modern anarchist movement achieved enough theoretical level in years 1995-1997 and could help slovak comrades. In 1999 was created the slovak section of Czechoslovak Anarchist Federation (CSAF) and in 2000 arose the organization **Priama Akcia (Direct Action)**, the member section of IWA, later transformed into the union.

But situation in slovak anarchist movement could be much better. Although the unemployment in Slovakia has increased to 20% during last five years and about 12% of people live under the border of poverty, primarily 40 years of bolshevist (or state-capitalist) regime has expressively discredited radical leftist thought. In next parliamentary election (September) will get to the parliament perhaps only rightist parties. As the result of this all, anarchist though is propagated slowly, also because of low influence among workers and because of passivity of people joined in alternative scene. Although the theoretical readiness and practically skills aren't bad. We feel the absence of anarchist tradition, but hope, that our work will create many helpful experiences (those we also need).

Another problem is, that organizing of anarchists is concentrated primarily on region of **Bratislava** (capital city), where are the social problems smallest, and economical level comes to the averages of EU. Then, people often seem like everything is O.K. Organizing in others regions is minimal (maybe except east Slovakia), there are only few anarchists, mostly orientated on alternative scene, without contacts with workers. Bratislava is also the place of bulk of actions. Because of this, it is often more simple to co-operate with comrades from Czechia, than with slovak anarchists and local structures are absenting. The level of oppressions from state and its repressive services isn't as high as in adjacent states (for example Poland, or Czechia), also the fascist movement isn't so strong. There are many nazis in Slovakia, but they aren't organized, have no base thoughts, and most of them are only primitive hooligans.

**Anarchist organizations in Slovakia.** There are two anarchist organizations in Slovakia. **Priama Akcia (PA-MAP, Direct action, member section of IWA)** is radical social anarchist organizations, in 2002 transformed into anarchist union. PA-MAP is primarily concentrated on workers, publishes newsletter "**Zeme bohatych**" ("Let's feed on rich", or something like that), co-operates (or impersonates) with **Cierny Kríž (CK, Black Cross)**, **Antifasistická Akcia Bratislava (AFA Bratislava, Antifascist Action Bratislava)** and **Nakladateľstvo Bod Zlomu (NBZ, Point of fault - publishing anarchist literature)**.

As the member of **Czechoslovak Anarchist Federation (CSAF)**, I would write more about this. CSAF is organization with role to propagate anarchist thoughts among wide society and to link various streams of anarchism. Connection of various persons without central doctrine creates more space for related lines, like feminism, eco-anarchism, and also the spaces for discussion about themes of real image of anarchist society (defense, breeding, family, deciding) in CSAF. The slovak section publishes the newsletter "**Zdola 1**" ("From below 1" or something like that) and among CSAF activities belong for example public actions and other forms of communication with people interested in anarchism and local activists. Near contacts has with **Antifasistická Akcia Západ (Antifascist action West Slovakia)**. Marginal activities in Slovakia has also **Organization of Revolutionary Anarchists - Solidarity (ORA-Solidarity)**, Czech platformist organization. There are no anarchofeminist, or eco-anarchist groups in Slovakia, these thoughts are propagated especially by CSAF, in co-operation with individuals. There is also no big coordinating antifascist organization, militant antifascism is actively supported most by PA-MAP.

**Some actions in Slovakia during last two years.** Also the number of big public regular actions is two. Those are **Anarchist Mayday and Street Party (kind of Reclaim The Streets - red)** both in Bratislava.

1.5.2001 - Anarchist mayday 2001 was organized in co-operation of CSAF Slovakia, PA-MAP and ORA-Solidarity. About 200 people and many passers-by were the witnesses of three, social tuned, speeches. Action in the center of Bratislava is conducted with distributing anarchist literature, handing out the handbills and discussions with participants and passers-by.

9.6.2001 - On this date took place the second Bratislava's Street Party. About 1000-1200 people spent four hours at big square in the center. They could choose from offered materials, watch theater scenes and displays, or hear music produced by various groups and sound-systems. Than the crowd started illegal march. During march started the conflicts with police, the result were some injuries, detainees and so on. It was the first case of police violent against so big group.

July, 2001 - Two slovak anarchists (one ex-member of CSAF) were arrested in Italy, as the participants of Black block, during protests in Genoa. With international help and support from PA-MAP, CSAF and CK were released.

9.11.2001 - This date was declared as the international day of actions against World Trade Organization (as the opportunity of session of this organization in Qatar). In Bratislava, one day before, was planned the public watching the documents about protests in Seattle, Washington and Prague. After ten minutes arrived about 30 cops, stopped video and checked up everyone. On the next day happened the protest action organized by **Revolyucny Kolektív 9. Novembra** (The revolutionary collective of November the 9th), collected by members of CSAF and unorganized anarchists from Slovakia and USA. Two anarchists climbed up to the Stock market and unrolled the banner with the sign: "**The capitalism is organized crime.**" Eight people were detained, one anarchist from USA was immediately banished.

1.5.2002 - Anarchist mayday 2002 was organized only by CSAF and was similar with mayday 2001. The part of militant antifascist took part in Bmo, on antifascist demonstration (you can read about it in *AbolishingBB#4*).

14.9.2002 - On this date is planned "**Anti-NATO and anti-Election Street Party**" in Bratislava, one week before parliamentary election, one week before anti-NATO Street party in Prague, and two months before **summit of NATO in Prague**, as the part of the campaign against this institution, including special issues of "**Zdola 1**", lectures, happenings and more and more.

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## ABC ACK POLAND

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### Free Caucasus Committee case after visit of Putin Poznan

During Putin's visit to Poznan in January this year, police brutally arrested participants of an anti-war demo at the entrance to the Poznan International Fair Hall. More than 20 people were detained, among them a few journalists. The police action met with huge criticism in the mass media. The arrested activists decided to file a claim for compensation from the police for unreasonable arrest and brutal treatment. In May, the court in Poznan decided in favour of the activists who are to receive 200 zlotys (50 USD) compensation. A similar demonstration took place also in Gdansk and Krakow where 3 anarchists were detained. They are accused of organising an illegal gathering, refusing police orders and "reckless handling of fire" (which refers to the burning of the Russian flag). As of June there is nothing new in that case.

### Investigation after police attack on charity gig continue Krakow

In January punks organised a punk festival in Krakow which was a part of a nationwide charity action. All benefits from the gig were destined to help sick children. Almost 1000 people gathered in the front of club in which the gig took place. However at least 200 policemen showed up, just to "protect the gig". Policemen behaved in provocative way, which resulted eventually in fights between part of the gig participants and police. Police started to beat punks who then started to resist. Police answered with rubber bullets. More than dozen people got hospitalised with heavy injuries. Many people were stabbed and kicked by angry policemen. Only one policeman was injured - he broke his finger when stabbing a punk. 44 people were arrested and accused of attacking policemen, banditry etc. Some of them are facing even 10-year sentences. ABC started to act immediately. First, we called a press conference, where we presented a film made by an independent operator. The film showed police brutality and some line examples of police provocations. What is more, the film showed the commander of the police operation kicking a person who was lying down. As a result, the media

started to increase pressure on the police and courts. We were also backed by many human rights organisations, some public VIPs etc. Some people were released. The commander was temporarily suspended and the public prosecutor started legal proceedings against him (our sources in the court inform us that his case will be discontinued). After subsequent solidarity demonstrations in Warszawa, Bialystok, Poznan, Lodz and Wroclaw and media publications, the court released the remaining people. However they are still facing serious accusations. Their cases are being monitored by ACK and we will keep you informed.

### Rafal Gorski is free! Krakow

Rafal Gorski, one of the most active anarchists in Krakow, was brutally arrested in February this year. Prosecutor accused him of attacking a policeman during an anti-eviction action last year. Thanks to his lawyer's action, he was sentenced to 8 months of prison but that was suspended for 2 years and he received a fine. ACK made solidarity demonstrations in Warszawa, Krakow, Wroclaw and Szczecin and press conferences in Poznan and Lodz.

### Annual repression during the Anti-Banquet action Krakow

In Krakow anarchists organise an annual Anti-Banquet action, in protest against the Annual Banquet held by local authorities. Ten years of protest resulted in victory this year - city officials decided not to organise the Ball this year. Anarchists gathered in the city centre to celebrate the victory at the end of February. As usual, police reacted in a hysterical way, repressing anarchists. Just before the action, a group of activists were detained for 1 hour. Police also detained the driver who was carrying the meal and alcohol for the celebration. Finally more than a hundred people showed up at the main market in Krakow. More than 150 policemen too. The activists were ID checked. A few days after action, the court accused some activists of various misdemeanours; Marek Kurzyniec was accused of leading an illegal gathering and "consuming alcohol in a public place", the activist who was distributing hot meals is accused of "distribution of food without proper certificates", another activist - of taking part in an illegal gathering. During the action police also detained a 14-year old activist from nearby Sandomierz who was transferred to the Police Juvenile Room, a kind of arrest for children. He needed to be taken back home by his parents...

### Activist fined for solidarity Bialystok

An activist from Bialystok, was fined 100 zloty (25 USD) for taking part in an illegal gathering (solidarity demo) in front of the arrest. Protesters did not submit to the police orders and did not disperse.

### Squatter imprisoned Gliwice

Jan Stolarski, a squatter activist from Silesia, was arrested and imprisoned after breaking parole. He was sentenced a few years before to 2 years of prison for beating a nazi-skinhead. He is to spend the next months in prison.

### Another fine Bialystok

The City Court of Bialystok fined an activist 20 zł (4 USD) after he refused to show his ID to policeman. During the trial a group of 10 anarchists demonstrated in front of the court. The court ordered police and the activist to share the costs of trial 50-50.

### Legal parody after May Day in 2001 Warszawa

One of activist who got beaten by police during the demonstration filed a complaint. The city court decided that this case would be discontinued due to lack of proof. After an appeal from the injured party, the case was appealed and it should be discontinued soon. The Public Prosecutor acts as a police attorney. A fine example of state justice...

### 2 years of trial for insult the Polish President Warszawa

The case against the activist who (according to prosecutor) insulted the Polish President during a political summit in 2000 continues for the second year with no end in sight. Since the beginning of the case the court has performed 16 trials. The witnesses are called from all-over Poland (mostly former policemen). We will keep you informed if something goes on.

### Detentions during anti-NATO demo Szczecin

On 9th March, Szczecin saw an anti-NATO demo organised by local activists in front of an official banquet held by NATO officials on the occa-

sion of commencing "Strong Resolve" exercises. Police started to check IDs. After a few minutes, policemen who were "protecting" the demonstration decided to detain some people. As a result, all the activists were detained. The court started legal proceedings against some of them.

### May Day 2002 Slupsk

More than 200 anarchists from all over Poland and abroad demonstrated against the new Labour Code and the policies of the Polish government, during May Day in Slupsk. Police detained 8 people, among them Janusz Waluszko, a veteran of the anarchist movement from Gdansk. He is accused of resisting policemen and insulting them. Anarchists lead their demo to the official May Day demo held by the SLD, the ruling left wing party. Anarchists succeeded in gaining control over the crowd, making the officials' speeches inaudible. The local court in Slupsk is now interrogating the detained people. So far the accusations are unknown.

### "Lapa" and "Rufik" cases Bialystok

The case of "Lapa", the local anti-fascist who defended the squat "De Centrum" is to be prolonged. Some of the nazis who participated in the fight withdrew their testimonies. Lapa's lawyer is trying to get the charges decreased to "participating in a fight", which is "only" punishable by 3 years of prison. The case of "Rufik", another anti-fa from Bialystok, is being rescheduled due to the absence of the "victims" (nazis) and their witnesses. So far all testimonies are in favour of Rufik's version of the whole occurrence. In April 2001, "Rufik" was arrested and accused of battering a nazi-skinhead. After 3 months he was released. "Rufik" denies his guilt as he was at his home at that time.

### Squatters detained Wroclaw

About 10 squatters were detained during a police provocation near the "Kromera" squat in Wroclaw in May this year. For some time, police agents, dressed as ordinary people, have been trying to provoke squatters and their guests. Offenders are usually waiting in front of the squat and insult residents. In May the squatters decided to deter police provocateurs. As the policemen disappeared, a police car showed up immediately. The policemen detained one of the squatters' guests - the squatters reacted by blocking the car. Police called for reinforcement. As a result, police detained almost everyone. Some of them

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will face charges of resisting police and "disturbing the night silence" even though the whole event took place before 10:00 PM. (The night silence prohibits making excessive noise after 10PM.)

### Another anti-war activist on trial Poznan

On 12th of April, the Poznan City Court started the case of 11 activists accused of organising an illegal gathering against the war in Afghanistan in November last year. Anarchists and pacifists organised a solidarity demonstration in front of the court. More than 50 people attend the trial then. Everyone had their ID checked. The judge ordered all journalists to leave the court during trial. The next trial is to be held on 8th of July. The mass media, as well as a diverse group of pacifists, artists and cultural organisations are supporting the accused anti-war activists. We will keep you informed.

### Detentions of squatters Bialystok

5 people from De Centrum squat were detained for a few hours. They are accused of threatening and battering the frontman of a local nationalist music band on 1st June. The "victim" was accompanying policemen in their car and showed them the above-mentioned people. The detained people are in fact punks, squatters or antifascist but they deny any connection to that case.

### Tomek Wilkoszewski sentenced for 15 years of prison for killing a nazi-skinhead in self-defence

Recently Tomek was penalised by the prison administration. His computer, TV set and radio were confiscated and he was denied his monthly parcel from his family. What is more, he was transferred from a 2-person cell to a 5-person cell. After one month the penalties ended, perhaps due to the huge support that Tomek has received. For example, on 16th of March, FSA-IWA and Czech ABC organised a solidarity demo in Prague. Meanwhile, the "Friends of Tomek" group is preparing another petition to the President of Poland, who has the right to relieve sentences. On 25th of June, ABC and "Friends of Tomek" will organise a Day of Solidarity with Tomek. Solidarity demos took place in Ankara, Bratislava, Gent, Amsterdam, Paris and Berlin. The group acts outside ABC structures (however in strong co-operation); most of their work is devoted to practical support to Tomek. You can read more about their activity on their website [www.tomek.most.org.pl](http://www.tomek.most.org.pl). You can write your letter to Tomek there. You can support them by a small donation transferred to that account: BICBPPLWXXX Owner: M. Barton;

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### Dawid remain in prison

Dawid Hass is punk from Warsaw who is serving a sentence for beating a nazi-skinhead in Warsaw last year. Two of his companions were transferred to other prisons and we have no contact with them.

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## ANARCHIST BLACK CRESCENT ANKARA

### SOLIDARITY WITH USAK ANARCHISTS!

On 1st of December 2001 in the meeting organized by (Usak) Labor Platform named "Meeting Against Economic Crisis" M. Ozgur Kucuktekin, S. Serkan Kazak and Onur Ayaz were taken by the police with the claim of distributing a leaflet titled as "No To War and Capitalism!" and signed as Usak Anarhist Otonomu (Usak Anarchist Autonomy). Later Rahmi Tirl and A. Serkan Tomar were also brought to Usak Security and after spending two days under psychological and physical torture 5 anarchists were forced to sign the testimonies written by the cops including the claim of "illegal terror organization" (!!!). Anarchists were sent to DGM-SSG (State Security Court) with the claim of "illegal terror organization" by the (Usak) Prosecution of Republic. They were arrested by decision of the Usak court on 3rd of December and impelled to Usak E-type Prison. Prisoners spent their first 25 days in single cells. After 2 months they were transferred to Izmir Kizilirmak F-type Prison and put into cells. In the first trial (13th of February 2002) Prosecutor of Republic accused them with the claim of constituting a terror organization standing on the Act 3713 Article 7/1. However the judge decided the release of A. Serkan Tomar and continuity of the arrest of the others with the claim of helping "so-called" illegal terror organization Anarhist Genetik Federasyonu - Anarchist Youth Federation (AGF-AYF) depending on

the same Act (3713) Article 7/2. Reporters from various newspapers and periodicals (*Radikal*, *Cumhuriyet*, *Milliyet*, *Yeni Asir*, *Kara Mecmu*) and observers from various NGOs (KESK/Confederation of Public Workers' Unions, DISK/Confederation of Revolutionary Unions, Izmir War Resisters Association, IHD/Association of Human Rights) and 20 lawyers from Izmir Lawyers Association participated in the second trial in Izmir DGM-SSG on 3 April. Tayfun Gonul - who were claimed to be the leader (!) of the whole anarchists in Turkey - spoke in the court as the witness of the defense. He started: "For years I've been writing articles about anarchist philosophy on various newspapers and periodicals. I do not know these young people. I am not informed about the existence of an illegal organization named AGF. Anarchism is an idea, a philosophy and it is supported by different thinkers for years; and had never been the subject to such a claim. Anarchism is a libertarian idea rejecting centralism. It rejects an illegal organization which is connected to a central authority. Anarchist thought did not organize any terrorist action in Turkey. As a system of thought it is against terrorism." Parallel to the defense of the lawyers, prisoners were released and the case was postponed to 23 of May.

On the third trial (23rd of May) the Prosecutor of Republic defined anarchism as a doctrine aiming demolishing of the state, government, private property, family, religion and as a whole all organization, constitution and structures, and defending the fight to reach this target. Asserting that through this aim some people organized under the name of Anarchist Youth Federation (AGF-AYF), he stated that the actions of UAO (Usak Anarchist Autonomy) should be evaluated under the category of helping AGF and anarchists. The prosecutor offered that the anarchists - except A. Serkan Tomar for whom he wanted acquittal - should be punished according to the Act 3713 Article 7/2, and TCK (Turkish Punishment Act) 36 and 40. The case was postponed to 25th of July-15.

However there is no call of terror or even violence neither in the leaflet which is said to be written by them (as Usak Anarchist Autonomy) nor in the graffiti. In addition according to the "information report" which was prepared by Turkish State's own security forces and which was also sent to the court there is no armed or violent action organized by anarchists in Turkey. In the same report there is no evidence, clue or claim about violent or terrorist acts of the (so-called) related organization (AGF). The most grotesque part is that; as Tayfun Gonul stated none has ever been questioned or judged with the claim of being a member of AGF. It is clearly known by Turkish State that people from Istanbul using this name were only judged with the claim of participating an "illegal demonstration" and in their own declaration they tell that "AGF is not even an organization - it

is their life."

In summary this five young man from Usak are being judged with the claim of helping a (so-called) illegal terror organization which is even not seen as an illegal terror organization by the state itself.

We are in solidarity with Usak anarchists who are judged with the assertion of helping (so-called) a terror organization which is not even evaluated so by the state itself although they had never dealt with terror or violence in their actions and statements. We are protesting the oppression policy of Turkish State and Ministry of Justice against anarchists. We call all anarchist and libertarian individuals and organizations, and NGOs to involve our protest, spread out this declaration and participate in the trial on the 25th of July in Izmir DGM-SSG. In the name of solidarity beyond borders! In the name of a world without prisons!

To send protest messages:

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### Noam Chomsky wrote a letter to Turkish Justice Minister

In his words this letter is "...overly polite, in the standard 'Amnesty International' style, which I think is appropriate for such efforts."

"Dear Minister Sami Turk,"

I have learned with dismay that some Turkish anarchists are facing trial later this month on the charge of supporting an illegal terrorist group that distributed a pamphlet "No To War and Capitalism!" and have been informed that the charges are that anarchism is a philosophy dedicated to elimination of the state, private property, and other institutions listed by the prosecutor, and advocating violence to achieve these ends. The charge is partly accurate: anarchism is dedicated to challenging hierarchic and authoritarian institutions of social, political, and economic life. It has deep roots in the Enlightenment and classical liberalism, and its contemporary form would have elicited considerable sympathy from some of the founders of American democracy, notably Thomas Jefferson. Anarchism covers a wide range of opinion, and one may or may not agree with various of the principles espoused, but it can hardly be denied that it is a highly-valued and respected current of modern libertarian thought. To criminalize such ideas is wholly improper in a free and democratic society. I hope and trust that the plans to prosecute the anarchists will be dropped, and that every effort will be made to secure the essential rights of freedom of thought in expression within Turkey. Noam Chomsky

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## The Anti-Border camp in Wizajny near both the Polish border with Kaliningrad and Lithuania

The 3rd anti-border camp in Poland finished on the 10th of July. It was held near the Lithuanian/Polish/Russian border in a small town called Wizajny. About 200 people took part altogether, including people from places abroad such as Russia, Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, Germany, Sweden, Finland, England, France, Spain, the US and Austria. There was truly an interesting mix of people, especially because there were a lot of new and unexpected faces from many smaller cities in Poland. The first adventure we had was with the police on the first official day. The camp was supposed to take place on a public camping ground and people had stayed there for 2 nights before the camp started. However, when it was about to start, the police decided that the place wasn't suitable for camping anymore. Of course it is judged suitable both for playing football and for having a European Union festival there next week. In short, the police decided to chase us out of town. They did . . . but not the local community! Some of residents of Wizajny were helpful in finding an alternative location for the camp. When people made an agreement to rent a private field, the police scared the owner of the property so much that he changed his mind immediately. This scenario was repeated 3 times in the next 4 hours. The police proceeded to tell everyone we might talk to that we were criminals, murderers and terrorists; each time we agreed to stay somewhere, the police showed up and told the owners of land that we couldn't stay there. Finally an amazing thing happened. We made an agreement with one small farmer. He appeared to be one of the poorest people in town and his place was in rather shabby condition. The police and border guards showed up 10 minutes after us. They talked to him and tried to kick us off again. However, this time the resistance was a little stronger from the radical campers. We demanded that our delegates be allowed to take part in the dialogue between the officers and the farmer. In the end, the farmer told us to stay despite police orders to vacate. We found this to be an incredible act of resistance in the small town where, as we found out later, the locals have some problems with the police and are not used to standing up to

them. So our farmer hosts turned out to be the real hero of the whole camp. He stood by us even when we had continued problems with the police and police cars patrolled his place non stop. During next hours after his decision he had about 5 "guests". They arrived one after another, dressed in different colored uniforms indicating higher and higher ranking officers.

During the camp there were lots of workshops but few actions. One of the

offensive actions from our side. There was a wish to discuss this issue before future camps and similar gatherings.

At the camp there was a lot of networking and proposals for future actions. There were discussions on sexism, racism, further No Border actions; the international No Border action day on October 13, mobilisation to Strasbourg, anti-WEF actions, and coordination of anti-NATO actions in Prague. Some important points for projects brought out from the meetings we had were:

- Polish, German and Russian comrades said they are willing to attend the anti-NATO mobilization and actions in Prague in November. Some Polish people were concrete in their decision to volunteer to help prepare the actions. Another simultaneous mobilization will probably take place in the southern Poland where all these activists who will be not allowed to enter the Czech Republic could gather. With these results, some activists went to Strasbourg in order to get people from Western Europe into the preparations.

- People were encouraged to attend an anti-WEF mobilization in Austria in September.

We talked about No-Border network's planned international action days against International Organization for Migration 11-13 October). There, people from Warsaw, Hanau, and probably from Vilnius and Berlin will make actions. We encouraged people in different countries and cities to join.

- We talked about next year's anarchist gathering project for 2003. It turns out that there is some interest in it, but maybe the dates have to be changed a little because of the imposition of visas. Some people want to to organize a gathering with enough time and space for both the international conference and the border camp of actions. We want to give the 1st of July a new symbolic meaning. It will stand for the erection of a new Wall, a new Iron Curtain and new Fortress Europe border posts in Eastern Poland.

- Polish Indymedia will probably be up

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reason for this is because we didn't want to bring a lot of trouble to our host who was already risking a lot to keep us there. The second reason was to not risk an early escalation, as we found it important to have enough time to carry out dozens of workshops. There were also many who thought that integration and education among local communities should take priority over direct actions and manifestations direct on the border. Nevertheless, many participants in the camp wished there had been more



and running soon.

- There will probably be a project to raise money for an anarchist center in Belarus.

- *Abolishing the Borders from Below* collective presented its' concept of development of its' project. Different activists from Poland, Russia and Lithuania show an interest to push it forward (more about it you can find on page 3).

Daily morning self-defence trainings were lead by activists from "Kopi-Fight-Club" of Berlin, and in last days even local youth joined them. The morning's common cup of coffee, the afternoon's common dinner and the evening's movie projections and escapades to the local pubs were helpful to relax. They were also good to get to know each other better and to continue discussions in much more relaxed atmosphere. One afternoon there was a football game with three activist teams and one made up of local youth. It was similar to last year's anti-border camp in Krynki, in which we lost miserably...

Probably the highlight of the camp was a festival in the park in the centre of town. It went fairly well. The contact with the local people was for the most part positive. There was an info stand with flyers and literature, games for children, fire-shows, etc. At the festival there were also a few nice speeches from people from all over about why they came, explaining our politics. The big attraction was supposed to be open-air cinema but the police cut off our electricity and we were afraid they'd do something to mess up our projector. They arrested someone who wasn't from our group for drinking beer in the park. In the end, we showed films back at the farm on the lake. The police wound up looking like fools again and people were cursing at them for trying to break up the festival. We found out what makes cops more pissed off than anything: some children enjoying our festival were sons and daughters of police and border-police officers. To some people in the town we were scary but to others we appeared to be the most interesting thing they'd ever seen there. A lot of people told us this and one local guy even got up and thanked us for bringing the camp. A few shop keepers and bar people had our posters up in their windows and leaflets there for people to take. Some were even telling passing tourists that they

should visit the camp. This was really the best aspect of the camp. We also found out that some of the local people really dislike the police and always get harassed by them. And the police were telling people crazy things like that they should lock up their chickens because we were chicken thieves. Of course the people in the shops quickly found out that almost everybody was a vegetarian or vegan. The bar made up a vegetarian menu and the shops stocked up on soy products. So they were laughing at the chicken thief stories. Another story spread by police was that we are trying to sell a Satanic Bible (!!!)



**"Police were telling people crazy things like that they should lock up their chickens because we were chicken thieves."**



We found out that local coppers like to fine people for drinking beer. For example, in Poland you can drink beer legally in a bar, but not in public spaces like outside of shops or in the park. We were at one shop that had a couple of tables in front. It looked no different than the bar that also had tables in front a few meters away. However, at the bar you can drink beer, but not in front of the shop. And when the cops came by all the locals panicked and hid their beer because they

were so afraid that the cops would fine them. One of us just drank and told them to tell the cops to fuck off. They were quite impressed by this little resistance...

Two arrests that happened in town while we were there. They were both for beer related crimes. As we mentioned, one tourist was arrested at the park during our festival for drinking beer. The other time they arrested one guy for drinking and driving. It was an ugly scene. They put the guy down on the ground to arrest him. The funny thing about that case was the arrested guy turned out to be the priest from neighbourhood village.

Some propaganda signs were left on the roads and the walls by the borders. Propaganda material was distributed at the border with Kaliningrad. Also somebody left a small piece of anti-fascist advice on the historical monument site of Hitler's Wolf... but that was after the camp.

But before we left Wizajny we decided that we definitely could not disappoint the border police forces which for about one week were suspecting an "attack on the border lines" from our side. For that reason during the last night we carefully spread a rumor about the up coming secret action the next morning. The rumor was that that busses would arrive carrying wild Russian anarchists from Kaliningrad, Black Blok troops from the south Poland city of Krakow and anti-globalist hordes from Germany. The aim of that action was supposed to be a place where the Polish, Russian and Lithuanian borders meet each other. The time and kind of action remained a secret.

Well, we don't know exactly how many tanks and from how many countries gathered the next morning on the border and if they started to fight each other or not, but we realize how nervous the police officers were at seeing us putting down our tents, having last meetings and leaving camp with big groups in different directions. Of course at the end nothing happened but... Let them think that the action was postponed in time and the attack will come surprisedly in any day at any place...

The anti-border camp in Wizajny was the first of a series of anti-border actions happening all over Europe during this summer. More information is available on the <http://www.noborder.org> web site.

*This report is kind of cocktail of impressions from three different persons put together in one story (thanks to Laure and Zarek for their participation)*

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## Russia

### # A VICTORY ! Campaign against KURDIT rocket engine- and fuel reprocessing plant in Votkinsk is finished !!!

A group of campaigners visited the construction site 5th of June, and found it completely abandoned - no guards, nor workers. Of course, as with any ecological struggle, the victory might be only temporary - any negative decision in this field might be reversed, but results of positive decisions last forever. However, this is as much a victory as one may expect to have. The victory caught Rainbow Keepers, one of the organisers of the campaign by surprise, and there will be no time to organise another summer protest campaign this year. Only two weeks before the visit there was lots of evidence that construction is secretly continued although administration of Udmurtian republic made negative decision in March already. This decision of March was generally considered by activists to be a dirty pre-election trick, to help republic administration to replace city mayor with their candidate (in which they succeeded) Votkinsk-campaign in was the biggest Rainbow Keepers has organised since Volgogradsk- campaign against Rostov Nuclear Power Plant 1996-1997.

The article about KURDIT rocket engine- and fuel reprocessing plant in Votkinsk which was published in last issue of AbolishingBB (#4, page 17) was written in April, when it was supposed that construction works are still continued. Needless to say, the promise to organise another summer campaign this year is not in force anymore...

### # Action against deportations in Krasnodar.

From report by Autonomous Action of Krasnodar 3rd of July (extracted): 29th of June a small picket was organised in Krasnodar against deportations of the illegal immigrants from Krai (administrative area, bigger than City but smaller than Oblast - translator). Action was legalized, although soon after we had applied for a demonstration and a picket city mayor announced that all actions, demonstrations, pickets and rallies near administrative buildings will be banned until end of the year, in basis of "threat of acts of terror". They proposed us to organise a picket only, and threatened with trouble if we go for a demonstration. Since three persons had signed an application already, we decided not to risk their security and we only organised a picket. Some 30 persons gathered in the square of Work, more than 20 of whom from Autonomous Action. Anarchists held a 6-meter banner "Down with deportations! No person is illegal. Only government is illegal!". There were black and red flags as well. There was also a person from (anti-authoritarian -trans.) Marxist paper "Levy Povorot" ("Left turn") and 2-3 liberal human rights activists with a religious banner. One of the co-organisers of action, N. Aleshin is coordinator of protestant community of the city and a religious human right activist. He has been lately expelled from (right-wing liberal -trans.) SPS party. Some non-aligned, socially concerned citizens came to meeting as well. Only one journalist came. This was first time when

some people in Krasnodar have shown open opposition to immigration policy of Kuban area. Only minority of inhabitants of the city will learn about the action due to the media blockade. Besides, absolute majority of Kuban residents support repression against immigrants. Nationalist hysteria, created by the Kuban government coincides with beginnings of a serious economic crisis and wage arrears caused by it. Government is not able to deal with problems in agriculture and economics, so they find help from nationalism. The struggle continues!

### # The Police Suppressed a demonstration at the Swedish embassy in Moscow.

Three participants in a protest action against police tyranny were arrested by the Moscow police on the 5th of June 2002 near the building of the Swedish embassy. The protest action was held as a show of solidarity with political prisoners who are serving various sentences in Swedish prisons after the "Antiglobalization" demonstrations in Goteburg in June of 2001. Activists from the radical ecological movement "Rainbow Keepers", the Autonomous Action project and the Moscow Union of Radical Artists demanded the release of the political prisoners, who have been looked up in jail since the protests. Among those arrested in Goteburg was the Russian citizen Artyom Shlyonov, who was held in jail for more than a month. He was accused of throwing rocks at the police on 14 June 2001, which is, at least, strange, since he arrived in Goteburg in the early hours of the 15th. This circumstance permitted suspicion of police misconduct and the attempt to justify police violence against the demonstrators, by backdating the arrest reports. Artyom Shlyonov was subsequently set free, but his case was closed because of insufficient evidence of his guilt, which only supported the suspicions regarding the police. The Swedish government did not undertake any apologies or compensation for the illegal incarceration of Artyom Shlyonov, which lasted more than a month. Of the 240

young men and women were in costumes of the police and arrestees, carried sham wooden guns and cardboard service caps, and on the black tee shirts of 5 participants in the action, bright red letters were clearly written, so that together they spelled 'AGAINST'. They did not succeed in stripping off their shirts to reveal the second part of the message, which was written on their bare skin. Representatives of several militia units fell upon this radical street theatre, among them even some exotic divisions, such as the special division of the Ministry of Internal Affairs which uses sniffer dogs. One of the employees of this last-named service, who did not introduce himself, and whose rank was not discernible, since he had some intricate wrap covering himself above the shoulders, at first tried to seize the press identifications and tried to arrest the correspondent of the Social Information Agency, Vlad Typlkin. Then he attacked one of the photographers, who was recording the events, but who managed to save his film. This same special militia man affectionately turned to one of the protesters, unnaturally embraced him, asking 'Haven't you ever broken any bones?' In spite of the fact that the police had authorized Artyom Shlyonov to deliver the protest papers to the Swedish embassy, they wouldn't let him go without a catch. On some contrived pretense, three of the protesters, Shlyonov among them, were arrested. The rest determined to march to the building of the Internal Affairs division in Michurinsk Prospect, being much concerned that the bones of their comrades remain intact. Yet another small detail: even as the protest was breaking up in Pushkin Square on 28 May 2002, the Moscow police used their dogs against the demonstrators. Actions of the guards were formally coordinated with quiet, scarcely noticed persons in civilian clothing. It is not out of the question, as was the case with Chechen Human Rights work, that the actions of the police and military were managed by the Federal Security Service.

### # Spontaneous clashes between anarchists and punx against fascists and police in Samara.

Here comes a short version of the long story written by anarchists from Samara ... "Everything began from rumours about concert of 'Korol & Shut' (popular Russian pop-punk band - ed.) taking place in Samara 10th of May. These rumours later appeared to be untrue, however already a week before the supposed concert reformally (Russian term which may refer to all youth subcultures except fascists, football hooligans and gopniks - ed.) started to spend time in the river bank boulevard where the concert was supposed to take place.

In 10th of May, around 30 persons from anarchist/punk scene of the city were around as well. Soon we recognized a group of fascists gathering near the place of our convergence. Soon they were around 20-30, and began to harass others shouting 'Get the fuck out from here, Russia for Russians, Samara for Volgiars (!)'. Anarchists started to gather people for a fight, but when enough people were ready, fascists had already disappeared. Someone said that fascists were in Kuybyshev square, so people decided to head



people who were arrested at the time of the demonstrations in Goteburg in June of last year (and after it), many are still behind bars to this day. The intention of the action in Moscow was a theatrical submission to the Swedish authorities of letters of protest against the tyranny of the Goteburg police and the falsified sentences. The



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there. On the way, the crowd kept growing, and suddenly there was for sure not less than 400-500. Atmosphere was more of a party than aggressive, anti-fascist and anti-capitalist slogans were shouted. Some bourgeois shop windows and advertisement was trashed, as well as public phones and other what happened to be around. Police called for enforcements to stop what was going on. More people were joining the march. Obviously there was not much less people than in the mass meeting for free education and against educational reform last year. Finally the crowd met group of bonheads again. About 10 persons attacked nazis. Beaten up nazis sought asylum around group of coppers which had recently arrived. Coppers had began to clear square with batons, most of the crowd head to bus stop. Cops shouted "you prats, you bitches" and beat up anyone equally not taking into account age or sex. A nazi in cop uniform rushed to sidewalk and hit a 13 year old boy so hard that he lost hold from his baton which flew some 3 meters. Police managed to clear the square. They threatened people with a long prison sentences and with a knife. One guy had his rib broken by them, another young punk got a brain crash. Real number of injured was more. In any case anti-fascist action was successful. It is the first time fascists in Samara have been given a real counter-attack. We showed, that in our city there are people who are not ingorant to police brutality rampant in our country, growth of fascist movement, totalitarian tendencies in the society. We showed that bonheads and power may face organised resistance, that in Samara a new generation ready to fight for their rights and freedom is growing, who might not be afraid by KGB-Gestapo methods of government machine. **VIVA LA ANARCHIA! Group of anarchists from Samara.**

**# Incident in Tyumen, Siberia - reported by anarchists from Tyumen 16th of May.** In the evening of May 15th 3 peaceful jews left synagogue of Tyumen, among them one member of Autonomous Action and RASH (Red & Anarchist Skinheads) of Tyumen. A group of 20-25 fascists were around, coming from a rock concert. Some fascists slowed down and started to shout to jews. Latter ones answered with a hail of bricks, but soon they had to make a tactical retreat to Lenin square due to uneven numbers. Plenty of punks and skinheads were as usual hanging in the square, and when cops recognised that some disorder was going on they started to arrest people indiscriminately. Most active fascists managed to escape, but a group of nazis who had not originally participated to incident was taken to police station, where they properly spent the whole night. Anti-fascists were let free around one o'clock in the morning.

## # Mayday actions in Russia.

In Irkutsk about 10 anarchists from Anarchist Federation of Irkutsk joined Mayday actions, selling fourth number of their "*Pryamaya Rech*" (Direct Speech) paper, and information about new labour codes.

In Izhevsk Rainbow Keepers planned to join main Mayday action with banner "Against authority and capital". In half way there,

they were surrounded by superior police forces, and arrested with charges of "minor hooliganism". Some press arrived to police station and arrested were freed after one and half hours, without any charges or explanations. Arrested were released in time to make it to main demonstration, where they guillotined a doll symbolizing global capitalism in behalf of all the people of the world.

In Kazan 6 persons attended to traditional mayday picket of Alliance of Anarchists in Kazan (AKA). Picketeers raised banners "Do not trust, do not be afraid, do not ask" and with ecological thematics "freedom to Kama" and "Destroy NPP". Some 50 copies of "Kazanskiy anarchist" and "Noviy Svet" were sold. The meetings of communists and trade union activists went as usual.

In Krasnodar Mayday circus was organised by City mayor Priz together with mainstream trade unions, under main banner "People of work - we are all together!". Besides Priz, first lines were attended by former mayor of krai anti-semitic Kondratenko, current mayor of krai, man behind ethnic cleansing against immigrants Tkachev and leader of Kuban region trade unions Chumakov. Nice "people of work" we have here... Meeting was a big nationalist-patriotist show off, there was a lot of speeches about Great Russia and conspiracies against motherland... some outright nazis were around as well, not to forget nazi-punks from the Nationalist Bolshevik Party. Anarchists had decided not to participate to this circus, and decided to be more clever than cops this time. Anarchist converged after the main event, when there were no more cops around. Some 50 persons, including militants of Autonomous Action from Krasnodar, Novorossiysk, Sochi and Perm came to participate illegal action. People raised red and black diagonal flags and banners "Down with power and capital - for self-governance and libertarian communism!", "Trash nationalism!", "No to police state!" and "Down with the patriarchy!". March went on

participants managed to sneak near police car with one arrested, he opened the door and liberated the arrested comrade. Another arrested was taken to police station, and let free later the same day. Policed tried once again arrest people in end of the action, they caught one person who was taking photographs. People surrounded police and their victim, and began negotiations. Police agreed to let victim go if he gives film, but he was shown that film had been taken away a long time ago and hid by other demonstrators. This demoralized cop, and he let his victim go.

Moscow anarchists decided to organise an illegal action this year, since attempts to legalize Mayday actions in past few years have ended up in a fiasco, and then anarchist Mayday actions got not organised at all due to lack of alternative plans. 1 PM 25 anarchists converged to statue of Lomonosov in front of the University. At first police arrested only 4 persons, but when march was later continued 5 more persons were arrested. Arrested were set free around 9 PM. 3 PM some 60 bicyclists and marchers participated to demonstration - this action was somewhat apolitical, organised by activists close to anarchist scene. Political content was limited to preferring bicycles and public transports against cars. In end of the march there was a concert and various performances.

In Nizhniy Novgorod militants of Autonomous Action distributed leaflets with theme "Today Argentina, tomorrow Russia" in the Lenin square, when main demonstration was passing by. They also distributed stickers with RASH and anti-work thematics, and sold Avtom. When loudspeakers of the demonstration passed by, militants raised black flag with red star in the middle.

In Omsk this year official trade unions ignored 1st of May demonstration, instead trade union bosses organised a banquet in their central office, where city and regional government elite was invited. However 1st of May actions were as sizeable as before, around one thousand persons. Militants of Omsk Confederation of Labour joined action with red and black diagonal flags, distributing leaflets about history of 1st of May. After meeting militants moved to their office, but were stopped by FSB agents on the way. These demanded to pull down the flags. Militants decided to submit, as demonstration was already over anyway.

In Voronezh some 40 persons gathered under red and black flags. Demonstration had banners "Global resistance against global capitalism!", "Stop McDonald's!", "Fuck Capitalism!" and "Capitalism is shit!". Leaflets were distributed. When demonstration passed construction site of McDonald's which has met a wide local resistance campaign, some smoke bombs were thrown. Occasional smoke bombs landed also on police column and to some KPRF bureaucrats. Surprisingly, no-one was arrested.

In Saint Petersburg around 11.45 about 30 anarchists with unwrapped banners "Down with the regime of robbers", "Rights are not given, rights are taken" and "Anarchy is the mother of order" and four black flags moved out from metro station "Dostoyevskaya" to join traditional Mayday demonstration. They were ambushed by police. 7 persons from Saint-Petersburg



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**League of Anarchists (PLA)** were detained. Cops beat people during arrest, 3 of the arrested were lightly injured. Police did not bother to justify arrest on the spot, in interrogation protocols they claimed that arrested had been causing trouble when intoxicated, which is a poor lie. Two of the arrested refused to sign interrogation protocol. This is first time in 13 years when first of May action of anarchists has been sabotaged by police in Saint Petersburg.

In Tyumen few anarchists with red and black diagonal flags and one black flag with white encircled 'A' joined the traditional Mayday action in the convergence point of beginning march. They distributed leaflets about history of Mayday with portraits of executed anarchists, materials about anarchist websites, Autonomous Action and RASH. Police intervened, and anarchists could not join the columns of the march.

In Yaroslavl some 30 anarchists and others organised an alternative meeting against KPRF, which consisted some 300 persons altogether, mainly pensioners and trade unionists. Anarchists had banners "Capitalism is shit" and "All states are concentration camps". Reality in the Caucasus: oil to bourgeoisie, death to soldiers. Meeting made a resolution against war, globalization and communist party.

## # Second general meeting of Autonomous Action will take place at 16th-18th of August in Krasnodar, Russia

Second general meeting of Autonomous Action-federation will be organised in city of Krasnodar, regional capital of Kuban region near Black sea. Goal of the Autonomous Action is to found libertarian communist front to area of whole former Soviet Union. In second conference, list of topics includes amending manifest and organisational principles, approving new members, discussion about effective functioning of the movement, practical cooperation and information exchange between groups and activists. All guests from abroad are welcome to participate. Travelling costs and food will be compensated neither to guests, nor to members. Meeting will be under open sky, take tent and other camping gear with you (if you have). Please announce your intentions to arrive beforehand. Contact us by e-mail for local telephone numbers. Exact site of the meeting will be announced only upon arrival to Krasnodar. After meeting, many of the participants will head to spend days in Black sea beach to have good time in a good company. Contact: P.O. Box 3472 350001 Krasnodar, Russia (please do not indicate name in the envelope) dikobraz@lists.tao.ca, fak-kr@mail.ru http://ad-direct.newmail.ru

# Drunken FSB agent attacked on a local activist I At 25th of April in Voronezh drunken FSB agent attacked one from the local activists, and tried to steal 20 roubles (=80 cents) from him. Comrad sprayed FSB agent with pepper gas, and retreated successfully.

# Saint-Petersburg Anarchists co-organised weekly pickets against war in Chechnya.

# Against importing nuclear waste to Russia.

In Yaroslavl at 26th of April anarchists participated to meeting against importing nuclear waste to Russia with black flags and a banner "Minatom, give up to greens!".

# At 22th of April activists of AA in Kaliningrad participated to a meeting against rising the prices of the community services. After meeting people headed to city mayor without a permission, and militants of Autonomous Action raised a banner "people before profits". March was stopped half a way to the mayor.

# Storm on city administration building in Voronezh. In Voronezh at 11th of April city authorities, as part of all-Russian "Communal reform" decided to multiple communal payments about 5 times from the former level. (People who inherited their houses from Soviet times, pay only often symbolic compensation to city for living in them). This sparked a mass movement, and more than 11 000 people came to a meeting. Meeting went on as usual with boring speeches of FNPR (main yellow trade union, pro-government) and KPRF leadership, nostalgizing soviet times, and weak shouts of pensioners... When meeting started to disperse, a group of people decided not to give up that easily. Comrade Oleg invited everyone to storm building of the city administration by shouting "attack!", running against the chain of police. Number of young people raised banner "capitalism is shit" and joined the attack. Police chain was broken once, but soon police reoriented and managed to stop the wave. You were lucky once, but not another time... resistance continues!

# In Krasnodar at 7th of March activists of Autonomous Action organised an illegal picket to commemorate International women's day, 20 persons demonstrated in the front of regional administration with banners "Down with the patriarchy" and "Freedom to Evgeni Novozhilov". Point



of the action was to show solidarity of feminists to political prisoner Evgeni Novozhilov, locked up to a mental hospital in Krasnodar. Police tried to arrest participants of action, but they failed. Later that day anarcho-feminists organised seminar about real meaning of the 8th of March, which is a popular apolitical celebration and free day from

work in the former Soviet Union.

# At 17th of March in Krasnodar, from a letter of comrade Uragan: "There was a hardcore concert in movie theatre VICTOR with groups 'Shtrikh-kod', 'Shandarakh' and others. There were lots of punks and skins around. Concert was closed 8 PM by administration, and we were kicked to the street. With comrade B we decided to revenge against administration by trashing few windows. We headed to tram with some other anti-fascists, and found some boneheads in the tram. Fight broke out, nazis who had not expected that all other anti-fascists join battle had to make a quick escape in the next station. We caught them up and one nazi pulled a knife, but lost his guts and hide it. We headed back to tram, fascists head to their hang-around in Doma Knigi. We decided to meet them there, picking up some chains and bars on the way. We figured out that number of nazis had grown meanwhile but they got another round of beating that day, and we went home without further incidents."

# At 10th of April in Krasnodar two anarcho-buddhists from Autonomous Action bomb city with graffiti for political prisoner Evgeni Novozhilov and for anarcho-feminism among other themes.

# At 7th of March in Makeevka there was a strike in a metal combine, supporter of Autonomous Action broke in to factory and sprayed around slogans "Pay wages to workers", "Bankers, gave to people what you own to them". Security caught the militant, who tried to escape by spraying them to face. Militant was beaten up and had his money stolen by the security.

# At 24th of February in Moscow Autonomous Action organised another picket against cops and racism with some 20 participants. This time participants announced that with a small sum of money demonstrators will provide a police who will beat everyone up, giving in exchange document which will prove that a person was beaten up already, to be shown to cops in case of next arbitrary arrest. Masked police officer beat (somewhat symbolically) up about all participants of the picket, and few voluntary passers by as well.

## # Moscow - 12th of March, "Green February cardboard revolution"

"Green February February cardboard revolution" was called by Rainbow Keepers and Union of Radical Artists, to commemorate 85 year jubilee of the February revolution. Armed with firecracker - shooting rifles and cruiser Aurora made from cardboard and running on wheels, big enough to carry three angry seamen, 30 revolutionaries dressed in the style of Kronstadt rebels and Makhnovists stormed Moscow, attacking various hostile targets and staying continuously on the move, thus confusing government officials who failed to stop the revolution. First target was ministry of nuclear energy, Minatom, which was targeted to revenge for importing nuclear waste to Russia. Then revolutionaries marched the whole boulevard ring which took several hours, to attack the American Energotech company who was until



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lately involved in project of building a missile engine and fuel reprocessing plant in Votkinsk, Udmurtia which was targeted with a mass movement and a radical protest campaign. Protestors marched down to centre by Tverskaya street, to quickly storm Duma from which shocked security guards rushed to save the state structures about to get ruined. After several blasts from cannons of Aurora, insurrectional army marched quickly forward to avoid defeat. Tired but full of class-hatred, revolutionaries headed to Lubyanka, center of FSB, and raised banner "send Grisha to home", to show solidarity to ecological political prisoner **Grigory Pasko**. However it seemed that monopoly of violence was this time prepared to make a decisive counter attack (cops threatened with calling OMON), so revolutionaries decided to leave Lubyanka intact and to head to their secret revolutionary headquarters, tired but content after a battle which had been continuously going on the last 5 hours.

# At 16th of March Autonomous Action - Moscow organised another picket, participating the International day against police brutality which was organised the day before. Some 15 persons demonstrated for political prisoner **Evgeni Novozhilov**, locked up to mental hospital in Krasnodar due to his anti-war activities.

# Anti-militarist action in Rostov na Donu. At 23rd of February in Rostov na Donu members and supporters of Autonomous Action tried to organise and anti-militarist action during a meeting of KPRF (main communist party). Activists failed to raise banners, since cops intervened immediately. One militant was arrested, and also invited to FSB (former KGB) interrogation.

# Anti-fascist actions in Rostov na Donu. As at 6th of March in Rostov na Donu nazi boneheads beat up one guy, 20 persons headed up to a fascists meeting place shouting "Fascism - no pasaran!", "Putin is shit, we will win!" and "Dump all military call-up forms!". The house where nazis were meeting was protected by iron door, so militants failed to break in for an encounter. Nazis refused to come out to set the record straight. Cops showed up, so meeting with nazis had to be passed to another day. Anarchists have information, that local boneheads have an active supporter in the ranks of the FSB.

# At 18th of March in Rostov na Donu militants distributed anti-fascist posters all around the city. Medical institute, favourite nazi meeting place was covered with posters and graffiti as well. Nazi slogans in the walls of the student dormitory were painted over, and "death to fascism" was sprayed around them.

# In Kaliningrad on 28th of January Militants of Autonomous Action took part to a demonstration for **Grigory Pasko**, after which there was an action to clean up one of the city parks.

# In Moscow at 20th of January Autonomous Action organised a picket in Pushkin statue against racism and hysteria against people of Caucasian origin in the capital. Some 20 activists held banners "down with the police state".

"Against racism and police excesses", "No war between nations, no peace between classes". Leaflets were distributed, and anarchist literature was sold. Activists sold also buttons with text "A person of Caucasian origin", which everyone may carry to show solidarity to those victimized by tabloid press.

## # Avtonom #18 English summary.

Avtonom is quarterly (well, almost quarterly) paper of Autonomous Action, which developed from network to libertarian communist federation January 2002, after two years of existence. Currently Autonomous Action has 7 collective member groups in Kaliningrad, Krasnodar, Moscow, Nizhni Novgorod, Rostov-na-Donu, Samara and Sochi, and we have contacts in 23 other cities of Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russia and Ukraine. You may contact Autonomous Action or Avtonom by writing to P.O. Box 3472 350001 Krasnodar Russia (please do not indicate name in the envelope) [ak-kr@mail.ru](mailto:ak-kr@mail.ru) or P.O. Box 13 109028 Moscow Russia (please do not indicate name in the envelope) [dikobrazi@lists.tao.ca](mailto:dikobrazi@lists.tao.ca) Our webpage is <http://ad-direct.newmail.ru>

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## Belarus

# The end of a "Pahonia-process". On Monday 24th was finished the process of the journalists from "Pahonia". The result of the process is: **Pavel Mazhejko** to the prison on 2 years and **Mikola Markovich** on the 2.5 years (III). To remind the case: "Pahonia" is the oppositionary to belarussian government newspaper. The criminal case against them was started in november of 2001. **Pavel Mazhejko**, journalist, and **Mikola Markovich**, main redactor of "Pahonia", were claimed in the antipresident's agitation after the articles, which were published before the last president's elections in that newspaper. The process was started and continued with the large number of "breaking the law". That criminal process is the first clearly political process in the newest belarussian history. The journalists want to make the appealation to the court and start the company against injustice decision. Journalists need every help to spread this information and organization of every pressing on belarussian authorities. Freedom for all political prisoners!

# Police closes concert in Minsk. Anarchists from Minsk ([anifa@mail.ru](mailto:anifa@mail.ru)) report 2nd of June 2002: 30th of May we, group **Ekosoprotyvleniye** (Eco-resistance), made hardcore-punk festival "Zelyony shabash" (Green sabbath), where groups **Deviation**, **Vytri Anus**, **Basta Basta**, **Antiglobalizer**, **May be**, **Pet nihil**, **Kalyan**, **Tyazhelye posledstviya**, **Golaya Manashka**, **NKVD**, **Selshit**, **Skvot**, **Parafin** and **Kozhi Von**



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were supposed to play. There was also a video-show about illegal loggings of near park, photo-exhibition of Danik, childrens drawings and posters with ecological themes. Concert began 4 PM as planned, everything went normally, but around 5 PM a police car and cop with video camera appeared in the club. 6 PM more cops appeared, and OMON (special forces of ministry of interior) showed up. 7 PM they announced that concert is illegal and must be closed, but since no-one left the concert they announced that club is mined with explosives and must be evacuated. First people among the 500 participants began to leave the concert. Then (what a coincidence!) also some 30 fascist football hooligans showed up. A fight began, someone got his hand broken... Police did not react to the fight. To escape further escalation everyone went together to the railway station. KGB car with video camera followed us, as well as some police cars and OMON. Around railway station some most active people were arrested, rest were let go. Everyone of the arrested was released in three hours. Organisers are charged with "organising an illegal concert", although they have organised concerts for years. Club will most likely be closed. Thats how we are living over here".

### # Mayday action in Belarus.

In Brest 11 anarchists decided to join Mayday actions with black and diagonal red and black flags. Police arrested two anarchists "for having not previously agreed symbolics" (in Belarus all banners and flags must be agreed with police before actions), but rest managed to hide flags and sneak to communist action. After march was over, anarchists distributed leaflets. KGB (in Belarus they have not bothered to change name) arrested 5 anarchists with police backpack, arrested were let free the same day.

In Svetlogorsk, anarchist mayday action was not legal, but that did not stop 20 anarchists from organising action with banners "For free health-care and education", "Fuck off capital", "Be realists, demand impossible" and "No any power to anybody".

### # New movie made by belarusian and russian anarchists - "It happened to a lad" (Navinki Home Video).

This shortfilm has been done by a team mostly consisting of Belarussian and Moscow anarchists and "post-anarchists", publisher Navinki is a well-distributed political satire-paper from Minsk which is made by anarchists and post-anarchists. You may order film from A-distro of Moscow, maintained by Autonomous Action of Moscow, in CD-R AVI format with English subtitles, or without subtitles on VHS. CD-R costs 6 \$ or euros with posting costs included, and VHS 8 \$ or euros with posting included. Check the money sending orders from our webpage, or write to us. Contact of a-distro: P. O. Box 13 109028 Moscow Russia (no name of the group to envelope, please!) dikobraz@lists.tao.ca <http://www.tao.ca/~dikobraz/distro> Russian original version of this review by D.B. has been published in #18 of Autonom-papper, published by Autonomous Action. (You can read a review of that movie on the page 18).

## Poland

# Children's Day anarchist celebration In Poland. For the 1 June children's day, the Anarchist Group "Solidarity" (GAS) from Poznan organised an action "Nihilists for children", and the FA-Szczecin made an "Eat the prime minister" festivity for children.

# Protest demo at the Swedish embassy in Warsaw. About 30 anarchists from Warsaw made a solidarity action in front of the Swedish Embassy. No incidents were reported and no reaction from the embassy. A certain anarchist who was invited there to watch the World Cup slipped away from the football fans and found the embassy relatively unprotected. The whole area inside the embassy was plastered with stickers which had solidarity statements and info about the prisoners in Swedish, including a report from Amnesty International.

# Reclaim the Streets in Warsaw. A squad of riot police has attacked brutally a Reclaim The Streets demonstration in Warsaw at 21 of June. There were about 300 participants in the "Warsaw Car Killers Championships". When the bikers started blocking one of the main round points in the city, riot police attacked and forced to the ground several people. Police armed with rubber-bullet guns and batons beat the demonstrators. The demonstration dispersed and the police was chasing lone bikers and arresting them until late evening.

# In Warsaw on 3rd June, there was a picket of the Belarussian embassy in support of the freedom of speech campaign initiated by Grodno anarchists. The picket was organised by "Black Eyes" (some sort of free-masonic organisation).



Squat De Centrum in Bialystok - famous for permanent protests with fascists and police.

About 100 anarchists marched on 7th June in Bialystok in a demonstration against the European Union and against nationalism and catholic fundamentalists. Several people were arrested later on by police, with probable charges of assault and threats to local nazis. They were released, but one person might have a more dif-

ficult situation as he was convicted before for the same charge and might be treated more harshly as a recidivist.

# A dozen people from FA-Krakow have been arrested during a blockade of an office construction in the city at 13 of June. They are currently in police custody. A protest is scheduled to take place at the police station in case their arrest would be longer than a few hours. The construction in question is located in a green space which caused protests of the local population. On the previous day, members of FA intruded on a meeting of the local city council in protest against the corruption which enabled the developer company to build on space legally reserved as a public green area for recreation.

# At 20 of June activists from the FA and FA-Workers'Initiative in three cities, Warsaw, Poznan and Szczecin took part in workers demonstrations. The demonstrations were coordinated on the same day to have a bigger effect.

# 3 members of Workers' Initiative took part in a conference held by workers from places which are having mass layoffs. The group decided to hold two large nationwide protests in next weeks. People from Poznan are organizing financial help for workers from "Bizon-Bial" plant in Bialystok.

## Croatia

### # AFA solidarity with GAY PRIDE parade in Zagreb on the 29th of June.

From the beginning we planned to go to the parade to break through narrow-mindedness and intolerance of any kind at least a bit. Our participation and cooperation was a sign of support and solidarity. We helped them by pasting about 500 hundred posters around the center, and making banners. At the parade gathered about 200 people, most of them unfortunately heterosexuals.

Police gave a strong security, which looked like a security during antiglobalistic demonstrations. Soon it came out that this force they have brought wasn't so functional when it comes to violence from extreme rightists.

Meeting was taking place in one of Zagreb parks in the center, and across the road is a police station. Parade was surrounded by special police, and right after that was a line of security. Police itself demanded from organizers to rent security service, because they were aware of seriousness of problem, and they didn't want to repeat Belgrade's gay parade, where participants were literally run-over by radical rightists. But Zagreb was unfortunately just the repetition of Belgrade. Behind of cordon of the police, enormous amount of citizens gathered around. In a moment they were louder than the rightists, and praised the courage and strength of gathered people, what made great impressions to organizers, for which they were offered thanks later. For me reality was much darker, because the first information about the parade was that already in the morning a man who was



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supposed to host the whole event was beaten by skinheads. And also there were hundreds of radical rightists and their sympathizers, who shouted parables full of hatred and anger. Without police protection they could never wait till the end of parade, not to mention victims, which would be hundred times bigger. Parade went through the center pretty quite, off course from our side, while extremists didn't save curses, lighters, coins, eggs, even stones, melons, and for the end they saved a tear-gas. Parade came back to the starting point without bigger incidents. Through the stage went different speakers, and during that time on the left side of the park, where was one of the entrances, skinheads started to gather around. Everyone who wanted to go out through that gate, soon would get beaten in one of the side-streets. From the right side soon was thrown a tear-gas, what made people to run to the left gate, where about 100 skinheads were waiting for them. They thought that cops will let people through the gate, to run away from the tear-gas, and they will beat them in that chaos, but luckily, people were asked to stay calm and gather around so that meeting can be finished. A lot of people left meeting and we got the information that some of them were beaten. We were recording with camera, so we possess pictures of the loudest fascists, and some of them are identified. Couple of us, who were previously well-known to them, left the parade by police van. At least two hours later skinhead patrols went wild through the city and beat everyone whom they suspected to have anything to do with the parade. They barged into internet club MAMA, where discussions and projections were going on for the whole week before the parade, beat two people there, and they didn't forget to make a mess in Mocarica, the local alternative bar. Off course that police took in custody about 20 from about 200 skinheads, and probably none will be punished nor will be responsible for the thrown tear-gas, which wasn't used for the first time by croatian radical right wing to interrupt the meeting and make chaos. When that happened for the first time, I wondered what would it be if it was a bomb. Same came through my head and this time, who would take a responsibility for consequences? Probably none. And who can take responsibility in a civil war, and that was exactly what the whole event reminded one woman of - a civil war.

**# Solidarity with activists in Sweden.** On the 14th of June in front of Swedish embassy in the center of Zagreb gathered around about 15 people in order to express support and solidarity with the activists which were convicted after demonstrations in Gothenburg last year. To the ambassador was given in the protest letter in which is stressed injustice and unjustified treatment of Swedish police and jurisdiction, abuse of power during demonstrations and manipulations with proof materials in judge trials after that. It seems that ambassador was previously informed about what might happen, because he was prepared to answer to ours and press questions, denying any violation of rights, e.g. about manipulation of video proofs - "It was not manipulation, it was compilation" (!), or about that why the policeman who was shooting on demonstrators...

Nevertheless, he must inform his government about our protest, which was our goal after all - to let them know that whole world is watching!

**# International refugee day.** On the 20th of June was International refugee day action. About 10 activists on the main square in Zagreb built a wall from bricks, on which were written names of those who died trying to emigrate into EU. On the top was written "Fortress Europe - more than 3000 victims...", together with a banner "Solidarity and freedom". A wall was association on the similar wall, which built families of people who disappeared in a war, so that people can experience refugees as human beings who suffer same as they and their closest till recently. About 400 leaflets was given away. Police didn't intervene during these actions. Newspapers published short articles.

## Armenia

**# Free public concert in Yerevan.** Anarchist group in Yerevan will organise a free public concert for friendship of people in Caucasus in the square of Freedom of Yerevan. Armenian, Georgian, Azerbaijani and Russian collectives are expected to perform in the concert. For more info, contact [vaga@freenet.am](mailto:vaga@freenet.am) or [m\\_eduard@freenet.am](mailto:m_eduard@freenet.am). Website of the anarchist group of Yerevan is available at <http://anarch1.ru>. All materials in the website are in Russian language.

## Serbia

**# On Wednesday, 26. of June, Initiative for Anarcho-Syndicate (IAS) organized solidarity demonstrations against G8 meeting in Canada.** We called our members and friends to show its protest in front of Canadian embassy in

embassy for 30 minutes, than we left, in front of embassy, wreath with the note "Last farewell to G8 from IAS" and an non-lighten Molotov cocktail with "Next time it will be lighter" note on it. After that we blocked Kneza Milosa street, the main street in Belgrade, for 20 minutes. Also we have spread 1800 leaflets explaining what economical globalization and capitalism are. During that time police didn't do anything. When we finished blocking the street we started going to the center of the city, and in that moment police started following us. But as they didn't make any problem we didn't take much care about them. After we finished handing out leaflets we left to the public park to rest. In fifteen minute time police car arrived and took one of our members "as organizer" to the police station "for information talk" telling all of us that he is not arrested and that we should wait for him until they bring him back. In the first police station where he was taken he was jelled at by policeman but as he jelled back his mobile phone was taken from him and he was denied his right to call lawyer. After police found his police record he was transferred to another police station, know for aggressiveness against prisoners, and there he was questioned about demonstrations, about our newspaper ("Direktna Akcija" - "Direct Action") and about the group. After two hours he was released and charged for offence of "organizing illegal demonstration", he will be prosecuted in a short period of time. It is possible to see pictures from protest on Serbian anarchist news service web site: [www.kontrapunkt-online.org](http://www.kontrapunkt-online.org). We urge international anarchist, anarcho-syndicalist and revolutionary-syndicalist community to send protest letters and/or emails to Yugoslavian embassies and consulates around the world, asking that no charges are taken against our member. You can find details about closest Yugoslavian embassy or consulate on this web site: <http://www.mfa.gov.yu/Worldframe.htm>. We would like to receive copies of your protest emails at: [Initiativa@Initiativa.org](mailto:Initiativa@Initiativa.org). Details for protest letter: IAS member: Ratibor Trivunac from Belgrade. Arrested where and when: On Wednesday, 26. June, AFTER demonstrations against G8 in front of Canadian embassy in Belgrade.

This time the pictures on pages 14-19 presents:

page 14 - Mayday'2001 in Prague (Czechia)

page 15 - anti NATO action in Zagreb (Croatia)

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page 19 - No to EU - Zagreb



Belgrade.

Because it was a work day and work hour (2 pm) and because of media blank (which is a new moment in our actions, because all other demonstrations we organized were announced by local radio stations etc.) only around 30 people appeared. Despite that we protested in front of the

## SAME WORLD DIFFERENT REALITIES ...

Abby Bakovic \*

The hour was 7 o'clock while I arrived at vine central station. Many people were around, from all colors and many different countries.

I haven't seen dark people, not talking about black people for some months now. And from that reason I feel more comfortable... (and I must say that I feel a lot more Easy here, because now one is staring at me because of my own color.)

The floors in the station are so clean and everything around me seems so sterile, even the people, in some way...

the shops are full of objects which seems so un needed, people are busy running to the trains and buying all sort of very expensive things.

And I, am still here, sitting on the bench, situated between reality my thoughts and total confusion.

I am in Austria, I still don't believe, the fresh memories of the smell and the dirty station in Warszawa Centralna are still with me.

A station that comes to life at night, perhaps a life that I prefer to observe but not to be a part of.

I am trying to situate all the homeless people which sleep in Warszawa Centralna every night, here, in Austria, in this clean sterile place...

Fool of expensive objects that most probably those homeless people or just Normal polish people or other people in the east were not able to have or afford themselves.

With every thought and moment which passes I find myself even more confused.

I took only one train from Warszawa to Wien, and I am in such complete reality.

When you go out of the Polish train onto the Austrian train you can feel exactly what I am saying...

My mind is thinking of all sort of theories, about the differences between the people which are facing me now and the people in eastern Europe from yesterday.

They are so different from each other because of all those full shops, full of un-needed stuff, because of money and the way of living because of how both sides were grown up, how they grew up, where they lived and what they saw in life...

Some few months have past now, I came back from Europe and I went back again, now for a month I am here in Israel, sitting in front of my computer, near the holy city of Jerusalem, the place which all the world is talking about, as for now, until something more interesting will appear, on the screens.

I learnt so many things about life in Poland, I learnt about people and most of all I understood many things that I didn't understand at all.

From simple daily things to more important and powerful things.

Most of all I learnt is that no matter where I will be if its in Israel or Poland or were ever, people are different and the same all over the world, its not only the reality their born into which creates their wishes, behavior and how their lives look like, but also the system in the country they were born in.

Its just a train ride an auto stop or over the road to another reality, people must travel and if they don't have the money to travel people need to be open minded and wonder about other cultures, behaviors and people, because that's the only way people can get along. (with an open mind, of course).

In my opinion that's the way that Jews and Arabs will get along, if they meet and talk and visit each other houses, know where they came from, when you know the back round of a person and then you know why he behaves the way he does, and all you got to do is accept him or not.

But at least theirs no fear between people, perhaps because of open minds ?!!!

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## Grupa Anarchistyczna 'Solidarnosc' / Anarchist 'Solidarity' Group

We are different in our views on anarchism. We don't have any special manifest. Instead of this such values are important for us as: **friendship, solidarity, mutual help and tolerance for each other defects...** Main activities: - Publishing - among more quarterly "Kurier Anarchistyczny" - "The Anarchist Courier", a magazine which doesn't promote any particular way of anarchism, concentrating mainly on social critic. We lead also small publishing with pamphlets and a free paper for students "Uczni i uczennice"; - Cultural - we organize (or actively take part in) cultural activities -socially engaged (or not)- like: concerts, exhibitions, discussion club, film projections etc. We lead also own club at Rozbrat squat in Poznan - "The Losers Club"; Our biggest event ever was the organisation of the 1st Anarchist Press and Bookfair in Poland in May '02 in Poznan. - Resistance - we carry anti-army service in our city; **Anarchist Black Cross**; also organize or take part in different street activities as acts of civil disobedience; - Autonomist - we are a part of anarchist Rozbrat Collective existing in Poznan since 8 years. We co-lead also an **Anarchist Library at Rozbrat** which has the biggest collection of anarchist/alternative press/literature in Poland. CONTACT: g.a.s. - anarchist group solidarity (Michal Wojcieszak), p.o. box 12, 60-975 Poznan 61, Poland. email: yyanek@poczta.onet.pl or gas56@interia.pl

## Movie review

### "It happened to a lad"

(Navinki Home Video)

This shortfilm has been done by a team mostly consisting of Belarussian and Moscow anarchists and "post-anarchists". The publisher Navinki is a well-distributed political satire-paper from Minsk which is made by anarchists and post-anarchists.

This is actually a shortfilm, not a full lenght movie. At first, you feel like watching one of those tasteless avantgarde-films from the Perestroika era, but soon that impression disappears. Main hero is definitely sympathetic, simple guy, but not a prat. T-shirt, sport clothes, always a bottle of beer or a cigaret in hand, well-meaning comments and feelings. Impression in the face of the actor tells about professional talent - always realistically according to the situation in question. This is a political movie, with not-explicitly declared anarchist theme. The storyline is that main hero Yurok (the lad) has an argument with his girlfriend and goes looking for a work. However he refuses to work in both Lukashenko's special service and opposition (????????). In the end he has not developed anywhere, no work, no new girl and only difference with the first scene is his beaten up face. Guy does not care much about politics, however he got smacked by Belarussian secret service. Anarchist alternative is not expressed here very explicitly, just as in the everyday life. Hope of the libertarian movement is definitely in such fellas from the hood. Those honest ones who do not sell out to pigs for money, who have some quality. Maybe planning to make it to a gang, to have decent living, but no any serious contacts to get into criminal business and to do it yourself is too hard. One minus with the film is that it is maybe not really meant to everyone, but only to people who understand something about politics and are interested about it. In some sense, a movie made to editors themselves and their circle. In another hand, someone who just concentrates to animated parts and chansons will enjoy. Film has also more than a few immortal punchlines.



## Polish border police in action

"It seems like the border police are trying hard to close the point on border management that the EU isn't satisfied with"

Report prepared for the anti-border camp in Wiazajny (5-10-07)

The border police have been extremely busy. They not only catch people trying to cross borders but make raids in houses and markets. They also confiscate millions of zlotys worth of goods which were "illegally" imported. I tried to check out what they've been doing and I was really shocked at the scale of their operations. These are some statistics from data from 19-27 of June, not including the weekend. (Which was presumably busy but I couldn't find data on it.) It doesn't include people handed over to foreign border police (for example to Germany), nor is it probably complete data, but still..... 114 people were caught trying to cross borders illegally. Only 64 were foreign. As it turns out, an incredible amount of Polish people are actually arrested by the border guards for either helping migrants, sheltering them or trading with them. 390 people were caught for non-border related offenses. 226 were foreign. 157 people were deported. 1162 people were prevented from entering Poland, most getting some notation in this passport and won't be allowed back in. 8 Chechens were caught trying to go to Germany to claim political asylum. On one day (the 25th), there were sweeps in Silesian homes and farms and in Chelm markets. 48 Ukrainians were detained in Silesia as were 3 Belarusians, 2 Romanians, 5 Bulgarians, 4 Vietnamese, 2 Russians and an Armenian. In the Chelm market they were looking for good without a Polish stamp and also were checking people at the train station and so on to see if they had enough money. Poles, Ukrainians and Russians were caught. In all, 106 people were detained - 87 were foreign, mostly Ukrainians. 13 Romanians and 5 Ukrainians were found in a Warsaw apartment sweep as well. 21 Chinese people and 4 Vietnamese people were caught crossing the border with Slovakia. So it seems like the border police are trying hard to close the point on border management that the EU isn't satisfied with!

## A call to the No Border - Camp on Russian - Finnish border Imatra, Finland 9th - 11th of August 2002

The Finnish No Border-group organises a border camp in Imatra during the August. The Finnish-Russian border, on the eastern border of the EU, is also one of the steepest welfare gulfs in the world. Merchandise and money travels to and from across the border, but movement of people is tightly controlled, and free mobility reserved to the select few. One example is that during the last few years Finland has systematically refused to give visas to Chechens or other residents of the Caucasian region. This is a clear violation of the Geneva refugee convention - nobody should be denied access to a country on the basis that she or he might seek asylum. There has been problems in the camp organising, so it has been decided to organise only a weekend camp, from 9th to 11th of August. The program will include working groups / discussions on European NoBorder-network, asylum right in Finland, Schengen Information System and registration of people, Chechen refugee question, detention centres in Finland, anti-deportation actions and networking in Finland. There will also be practical work to change the local attitudes towards the border by cultural activities. The camp offers a chance to build cooperation, action and understanding. Introductions to working groups will be published in a booklet before camp. If people are interested to organise other working groups that would be great. There will be two concerts - rallies in the center of Imatra, Friday and Saturday evening. These include speeches and music, at least 3 Russian groups will be invited to play from Moscow and Volgograd. Food is planned to cost 3 euros a day for westerners and sleeping place in school 2 euros. For people from East both will be free. Indoor program will take place in the same school. There will be a common transport with a feasible price from Helsinki Friday evening, which will return in Sunday evening. All in all we expect a few dozen Finnish participants and maybe 10 from Russia. Interest in other countries has been small. More info: <http://fin.no-border.org>

## The European NoBorder Network - (private) an attempt for practical resistance

With the increasingly restrictive harmonisation of asylum and immigration policy in Europe, there have been several attempts in the last few years to improve the networking between anti-racist grassroots organisations.

Under the slogan "more control, more exclusion, more deportations", different European groups appealed to demonstrate against the meeting of heads of EU governments in Tampere/Finland in October 1999, where the coming into force of the Amsterdam Treaty was discussed as another stepping stone towards Fortress Europe. In 8 different EU countries, demonstrations and direct actions were organised against the European project of deportation and exclusion. On the basis of this common practical experience and due to the increasing interest in cross border cooperation, the first noborder meeting was held in Amsterdam in December 1999. Activists from France, Italy, the UK, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Denmark, Belgium and Germany took part and groups from Poland, the Ukraine and Spain joined this attempt of grassroots networking at the second noborder meeting in Poznan/Poland, in June 2000. A common [English speaking] mailing list has been set up in the beginning of this year and many grassroots groups, even from outside Europe, are actively using this networking project to exchange information and discuss migration and borders.

Two practical campaigns are central to these cross border activities:

1. **Deportation-alliance** [ <http://www.deportation-alliance.com> ]. This common web site connects campaigns against airlines that take part in the deportation business. During the past few years, there have been a plethora of successful actions against Martinair in the Netherlands, Air France, Swissair and against the Belgian airline Sabena. From these experiences, and from long-lasting aviation cam

paigns such as the Lufthansa and KLM campaigns, the resistance against deportations has gained a new impetus. At the moment, new initiatives are starting to target British Airways and Iberia in Spain. This exchange of experiences and the development of common bases for action have on the one hand proven to be an effective tool in disturbing the EU's deportation machinery. On the other hand, this new "alliance" has served as a mutual encouragement at a time when prospects of resistance seemed bleak.

2. **Border Camps** [ campsites ]. During the last three years, activists have created new forms of resistance against the brutal and often deadly border regime of Fortress Europe with different actions and border camps. This new approach has been taken up and developed further in the noborder network and this year (2000) has seen a chain of border camps. The first was held at the Polish border to the Ukraine and Slovakia, followed by camps in Germany [at its external border to Poland], Sicily [representing the "blue border" to Italy] and at the US-Mexican border. These border camps, which are characterised by diverse interventions and discussion groups, have been documented on the first European noborder web site [see above], and an expansion, to include groups from the UK and Spain, is being planned for the upcoming year.

Furthermore, many calls for actions in the individual countries circulate on the noborder mailing list and attempts are being made to coordinate common activities, particularly in resistance to official European summits. This practical approach, to coordinate actions as an expression of a fundamental critique of EU migration politics, is central to the noborder project. This involves continuous networking and information exchange. Because our aim always remains not only to criticise, but to create European-wide structures for practical and effective resistance.

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# Communities in Struggle

The never complete list of anarchist groups, project and collectives from Eastern Europe.

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**"A-Kontra"** - anarchist magazine and collective, po box 223, 111 21 Praha 1; a-kostra@csaf.cz

**CSAF / Czechia** - (CSAF - Czech-Slovakia Anarchist Federation), po box 223, 111 21 Prague 1, intersec@csaf.cz www.csaf.cz/english

**"Feminist Alliance of March 8"** - @-feminist group; fs8.brezn@centrum.cz

**Info-Shop** - Sochanska 6; Prague.

**"MILADA"** - squat in Prague; milada.sq@volny.cz

**ORA "Solidarity"** - organization of revolutionary anarchists; L.K. po box 223; 111 21 Praha 1; oras\_intsec@another.com www.solidarita.org

**"PAPIRNA"** - squat in Prague.

**PH** - international secretariat of CSAF intersec@csaf.cz

## Slovakia

**Antifasisticka Akcia Bratislava (AFA-Bratislava)** - lack of contact adress.

**Antifasisticka Akcia Zapad (Antifascist Action in west Slovakia)** - lack of contact adress.

**CIRNY KRIZ (CK, Black Cross)** - lack of contact adress.

**CSAF / Slovakia** - (CSAF - Czech-Slovakia Anarchist Federation) Poste Restante: 85106 Bratislava 57; csaf\_sk\_vychod@hotmail.com

**Nakladatelstvo Bod Zlom (NBZ, Point of Fault)** - publisher of anarchist literature; lack of contact adress.

**PRIAMA AKCIA (Direct Action)** - radical social anarchist organization / anarchist union.

**REVOLUCNY KOLEKTIV 9 NOVEMBRA** - Poste Restante 851 06 Bratislava 57, Slovakia.

## Croatia

**AnFemA** (Anarcho-Feminist-Action) - anfema@zamor.net

## Hungary

**GONDOLKODO ANTIKVARIUMBAN** - book-shop run by anarchists; 1066 Budapest O.u.40; www.ainfok.int.hu; slmintaka@yahoo.com

## Lithuania

**"BARBORA"** - squat in Vilnius; EVICTED !!! EVICTED !!!  
**"KABLYS"** - anarchist squat in Vilnius; po box 790; Vilnius 2050; nindze@hardcore.lt

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**Autonomous Action / Grodno** - Grodno P.O. Box 38 230015 Grodno; Belarus.

**Autonomous Action / Minsk** - Minsk P.O. Box 34 220030 Minsk; Belarus.

**"Navinki"** - anarchist newspaper; navinki@user.unibel.by

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**C.A.E. (Craiova Anarho Front)** - anarchist collective from city of Craiova, libertatea@yahoo.com

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**Autonomous Action** (antiglobalist initiative project) - po box 3472; Krasnodar 350001, anti\_hs@mail.ru

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### Websites of groups linked to Autonomous Action:

<http://ad-direct.newmail.ru> - federal site maintained from Novorossisk

<http://redskin.newmail.ru> - Red and Anarchist Skinheads, RASH, maintained from Novorossisk

<http://antijob.um.ru> - site against work, maintained from Moscow

<http://anti-fa-da.ru> - Anti-fascist project

"Black and Green resistance" from Samara

<http://putok.hotmail.ru> - website against

Blue Stream gas pipeline, maintained from



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<http://www.ad-nn.narod.ru> - Nizhni Novgorod group of anarchists

<http://www.pocet5.narod.ru> - website of anarchist culture, maintained from Nizhni Novgorod

<http://www.tao.ca/~dikobraz/distro> - A-distro, biggest distributor of Anarchist literature in the former Soviet Union

<http://www.almaty-liberta.boom.ru> - Libertarian communists in Kazakhstan, a group which has individual members in AD although is not affiliated itself.

## Other groups and projects:

**A-Distro** - distribution of anarchist publications; po box 13; 109028 Moscow; [dikobraz@lists.tao.ca](mailto:dikobraz@lists.tao.ca); <http://www.tao.ca/~dikobraz/distro>

**Anarchist group of Nizhni Novgorod P. O. Box 25 603104 Nizhni Novgorod Russia** [ad\\_nn@mail.ru](mailto:ad_nn@mail.ru)

**ANTI-FA Samara** - [anti\\_fa@mail.ru](mailto:anti_fa@mail.ru)

**Association of Anarchist Movements ADA** - lack of contact address.

**Confederation of Revolutionary Anarcho-Sindicalists** - lack of contact address.

**RAINBOW KEEPERS** - lack of contact address.

**RASH** - Red and A

**"Victor Serge's Library"** - anarchist & communist library; Balaklavskij Prospekt, d.6 k.4, room 365; subway station "Tshartanovskaya"; Moscow; open: Tu 18-20, Sa 12-17.

## Serbia

**RRR (Radical Resource Room)** - political/cultural project in Kraljevo; [kontra@ptt.yu](mailto:kontra@ptt.yu)

## Slovenia

**AFA LJ** - Antifascistična Akcija Ljubljana; [free@volja.net](mailto:free@volja.net)

**"VILA MARA"** - squat in Ljubljana; Smoletova 4; 1000 Ljubljana; [c\\_squat@hotmail.com](mailto:c_squat@hotmail.com); [barriade13@hotmail.com](mailto:barriade13@hotmail.com)

## Ukraine

**Autonomous Action / Lugansk** - [com\\_act@mail.ru](mailto:com_act@mail.ru)

## Poland

**ABC/ACK** - [www.ack.most.org.pl](http://www.ack.most.org.pl)

**ACK Warszawa** - po box 30; 02-741

[Warszawa.121.biuletyn@ack.w.pl](mailto:Warszawa.121.biuletyn@ack.w.pl)

**ACK Poznan** - po box 5; 60-966 Poznan

[31.sanche@poczta.wp.pl](mailto:31.sanche@poczta.wp.pl)

**ACK Bialystok** - po box 43; 15-662 Bialystok 26.

**ACK Slupsk** - po box 65; 76-200 Slupsk 12. [bifa@polbox.com](mailto:bifa@polbox.com)

**ACK Trojmiasto** - Bartek Pomierski; ul.Wiewiorka 72; 80-126 Gdansk; [pomierz@frikio2.onet.pl](mailto:pomierz@frikio2.onet.pl)

**ACK Wroclaw** - S.A.K.A. ul. Jagielonczyka 10D; 50-240 Wroclaw; [pbn@poprostu.pl](mailto:pbn@poprostu.pl)

**ACK Lublin** - Piotr Hiller; ul. Cwiklinskiego 2/30; 20-067 Lublin; [ekijer@poczta.onet.pl](mailto:ekijer@poczta.onet.pl)

**ACK Lodz** - Lukasz Pieczara; ul.Switezianki 23/7; 91-496 Lodz 88; [lukasypieczara@box43.pl](mailto:lukasypieczara@box43.pl)

**Anarchist Library** - ul.Pulaskiego 21a; Poznan.

**Anarchist Library** - ul Jagielonczyka 10D; Wroclaw.

**"A-zine"** - an anarchist publication in english contains articles of polish anarchist groups; L.Akai; po box 227; 00-987 Warszawa 4; [cube@zigzag.pl](mailto:cube@zigzag.pl)

**"BLACK FROG"** - anarchist squat and centre; ul.Sw Wincentego 6; Warszawa.

**"BUNKIER" ("B 65", "NAGAKAKA")** - underground concert/party space; ul. Wschodnia 65; Torun.

**"C-4"** - alternative culture centre in Lodz (ul.Weglowa 4).

**"Czarny Blok" ("Black Bloc")** - anarchist publication in polish; po box 43; 15-662 Bialystok 26.

**"De Centrum"** - anarchist squat in Bialystok; address: ul.Czestochowska 14/2; tel:+48 608082442

**EMANCYPUNX** - anarcho-feminist group; po box 145; 02-792 Warszawa 78.

**FA (Anarchist Federation)** - some of FA-sections you can contact by local ABC/ACK groups.

**FA-Praga (Warsaw)** - J.Gawlikowski; po box 227; 00-987 Warszawa 4.

**Food Not Bombs / Gdansk**

- po box 118; 80-470 Gdansk 45.

**Food Not Bombs / Olkztyn**

**Food Not Politics / Gliwice** - "S.E.K.W.

Krzyk"; po box 2;

44-101 Gliwice, [jedenieciamiastopolityki@poczta.onet.pl](mailto:jedenieciamiastopolityki@poczta.onet.pl)

**"FREEDOM"** - Centre of Animation and

Alternative Culture / Anarchist Centre & Collective; ul. Jagielonczyka 10D; Wroclaw; [freedom69@go2.pl](mailto:freedom69@go2.pl)

**Grupa Anarchistyczna "Solidarnosc"** (Anarchist Group "Solidarity") po box 12; 60-975 Poznan 61.

**"INFOSZOP"** - infoshop / anarchist & feminist library / info cafe; ul.Lotewska 11; saska kepa; warszawa. Open: Monday-Thursdays 18"-20" - Saturday 13"-17" - Sunday 14"-17" - [www.alter.most.org.pl/infoshop](http://www.alter.most.org.pl/infoshop) (tel. +48 503676482).

**Inicjatywa Pracownicza FA (Workers Initiative of FA)** - federation of groups linked to FA focusing on support for workers; Dominik Sawicki; po box 53; 70-474 Szczecin 34.

**KOLEKTYW AUTONOMISTOW (Collective of Autonomists)** - group of activist po box 13; 87-116 Torun 17; [michoo77@poczta.onet.pl](mailto:michoo77@poczta.onet.pl)

**K.U.R.W.A.** - Anarchist Revolutionary Coeducative Feminist Group; [www.alter.most.org.pl/kurwa](http://www.alter.most.org.pl/kurwa); [ptite@go2.pl](mailto:ptite@go2.pl); [cube@zigzag.pl](mailto:cube@zigzag.pl)

**"KROMERA"** - squat/culture centre; ul.Kromera 6a; Wroclaw.

**LETS** - Local Economy Trade System in Krakow; [tecyf@kr.edu.pl](mailto:tecyf@kr.edu.pl)

**LETS** - Local Economy Trade System in Poznan; [lets@poland.com](mailto:lets@poland.com)

**"LITTLE MARY"** - anarchist squat in Czestochowa; ul.Warszawska 249/25;

**"Mac Pariadka"** - monthly anarchist magazine in polish; [pariadka@polbox.com](mailto:pariadka@polbox.com)

**"PILON"** - underground bar/cafe open Mo-Sa from 6pm; address: ulica Bulwar Filadelfijski - Torun (under the only one car bridge in the city).

**RAAF (Radical Anti-Fascist Action)** - po box 43; 15-662 Bialystok 26; [pkropotkin@wp.pl](mailto:pkropotkin@wp.pl)

**"Radical Cheer Leaders"** - anarchist female cheer leaders team based in Warszawa. Contact through Emancypunx.

**"ROZBRAT"** - squat / anarchist centre, ul.Pulaskiego 21a; Poznan.

**S.E.K.W. "KRZYK"** - squat / anarchist centre; po box 2; 44-101 Gliwice (ul.Sienkiewicza 25; tel:+48 504878370).

**SZWEJK** - anti-military service; ul.Pulaskiego 21a; po box 5; 60-966 Poznan 31

**"TEKNO COLLECTIVE"** - underground techno crew from Torun; [sadi@poczta.onet.pl](mailto:sadi@poczta.onet.pl)

**WIEDZMA ( the WITCH )** - anarcho-feminist group; [www.wiedzma.w.pl](http://www.wiedzma.w.pl)

**"YA BANDA"** - anarchist samba band Milanowek/Warszawa; [olga23@go2.pl](mailto:olga23@go2.pl)



**Educate - Organize - Protest**

## **NoBorder Camp**

on Russian-Finnish border

Imatra - Finland

9th-11th August 2002

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## **Second general meeting of Autonomous Action network**

Krasnodar - Russia

16th-18th August 2002

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**Anti-NATO & Anti-Elections**

## **STREET PARTY**

Bratislava - Slovakia

14th of September

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## **International Action Days against the IOM**

11th-13th October

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"War makers are going back to Prague ... What about us ?"

## **NATO - SUMMIT**

Prague - Czechia

21th-22th November 2002

**Analyse - Resist - Create New**