International repressive Operation ‘Ardire’ launched against anarchists

At 4 o'clock in the morning of June 13th, 2012, the Special Operations Group (Raggruppamento Operativo Speciale, ROS) of the Carabinieri [paramilitary police] raided about forty homes in Italy, implementing the so-called ‘Operation Boldness’ (Operazione Ardire), a crackdown against people from the anarchist movement ordered by Manuela Comodi, public prosecutor of Perugia.

According to the regime’s media, a total of 10 arrest warrants were issued—eight within Italy, one sent to Germany and one sent to Switzerland—while 24 suspects have been put under judicial investigation. The Italian bourgeois Press did not hesitate to connect the arrested with the “anarcho-insurrectionist FAI/FRI”.[Informal Anarchist Federation / International Revolutionary Front]

The eight comrades, who were arrested in Pisa, Roma, Perugia, Genova, Terni and have been remanded in custody, are Stefano Gabriele Fosco, Elisa Di Bernardo, Alessandro Settepani, Sergio Maria Stefani, Katia Di Stefano, Giuseppe Lo Turco, Paola Francesca Iozzi and Giulia Marziale.

As for Germany and Switzerland, the precautionary measures were ordered against two anarchists that have already been kidnapped by the State several years ago, namely Gabriel Pombo Da Silva and Marco Camenisch.

Among the names of investigated suspects are also those of some imprisoned comrades that are prosecuted for the Conspiracy of Cells of Fire case in Greece.

Informa-Azione has published the addresses of Italian prisons in which the eight arrestees have been incarcerated, and you can find the addresses overleaf.

In addition, according to the independent Radio Azione, it is possible that house searches have taken place against three comrades in Naples, too.

Among the raided houses—where the police were officially in search of explosive materials and electronic and printed documents—was the residence of an editor of Informa-Azione; apart from other items, the cops confiscated the editor’s computers that were necessary for updating the website.

The homes of comrades from the counter-info and translation groups Culmine (who are now under arrest) and ParoleArmate (one of them is under arrest, the other one is investigated) were raided as well.

Letter by Tomo, Member of Parole Armate

Chaos is just around the corner… (about the operation ‘ardire’)

The same story repeats itself.

In the context of a maxi-operation (‘operation boldness’… but what the fuck is that name?) against anarchists and arsonists of social peace, at 4am in the night from 12th to 13th June, my house was raided by the ROS units of Perugia and Bologna, backed by a couple of local carabiniers (unlike the last time my house was searched, now they didn’t find anything). They were looking for the same stuff they wanted to find the other time: computers, explosive material, etc.
This time, however, there was a charming surprise: the gentlemen in uniform, following the orders of the renowned nun M. Comodi, informed me that I’m now under investigation on the basis of the customary Article 270bis of the Italian Criminal Code [“criminal association with subversive aim”].

I would like to clarify that, although I have been currently assigned a duty solicitor, I intend to refuse any legal defense because I do not recognize any authority, be it judiciary or other.

I also want to specify that as an individual at war with society I support the practice of direct action and, therefore, support the actions of the Informal Anarchist Federation (FAI).

In any case, this was a classic raid in grand style which, among others, led a dozen anarchists under pretrial detention and more than twenty people under judicial investigation, including some comrades of the CCF nevertheless, it’s still too early to get a general picture of the situation.

What can one say? Needless to point out that, in spite of all the years of imprisonment under which they can bury us, the fire we carry within us is by now unstoppable.

It’s expanding, fierce, and meets the flames of our comrades in affinity everywhere; those who, in a world like this, accept a single position: that of attack.

These wonderful comrades, whose hatred burns like one thousand suns shining in the sky, are the friends and the brothers and sisters with whom we share rage and pain, tears and smiles, doubts and passions that weigh as boulders and whistle as lead; those that threaten society, its laws and its defenders with their very existence; the indomitable rebels that illuminate the nights and paint the cities with colours of destruction and rebellion.

Even from behind prison bars or inside the courts, their gazes, their words and their thoughts are dangerous weapons and become sharpened handy files for escape, despite the fact that judges and public prosecutors attempt to suffocate any glimmer of individual strength in them.

But these human wastes cannot halt the iconoclastic fury that’s spreading like a virus.

We are the infection... and there is no cure; neither for the ‘masters’, nor for the ‘servants’.

Chaos is just around the corner...

A gigantic, incandescent, complicit embrace of fire to you, comrades.

TOTAL SOLIDARITY WITH THE ARRESTED AND INVESTIGATED REBELS

FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF SOCIETY

MAY THE ROAR OF POWDERS RIP THE SILENCE OF SOCIAL PEACE

VIVA L’ANARCHIA! LONG LIVE ANARCHY!

Tomo, June 13th, 2012, dal mio Nulla
... from my Nothing.

INCENDIARY SOLIDARITY WITH ALL COMRADES PROSECUTED AND REMANDED IN CUSTODY SOLIDARITY IS OUR WEAPON AND WE WILL USE IT

Here are the addresses to send letters or telegrams to the comrades arrested in the operation.

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56127 Pisa, Italy

Alessandro Settepani
Paola Francesca Iozzi
CC Capanne
via Pievaiola 252
06132 Perugia, Italy

Sergio Maria Stefani
CC Regina Coeli
Via Della Lungara, 29
00165 Roma, Italy

Katia Di Stefano
CC Rebibbia Femminile
Via Bartolo Longo
00156 Roma, Italy

Giuseppe Lo Turco
CC Marassi
Piazzale Marassi, 2
16139 Genova, Italy

Giulia Marziale
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Contrada Castrogno
64100 Teramo, Italy

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Words of Solidarity from 325 for Culmine, Parole Armate and all those persecuted in Italy

“And, behold, thusly was the Law formulated:
IMPOSITION OF ORDER = ESCALATION OF CHAOS!”

The Honest Book of Truth

It has been seen, from time immemorial, the force that strikes the individuals who speak out against the reigning dominant order. Those who want to live by their own will in the events of their life, those who talk openly of freedom, and of what it might take to get it, are targets for repression. Those who participate in counter-information structures and networks, those who publically express narratives and forbidden information that run counter to the aggressive positions of dominion will be especially suppressed. Those who act on it, well, they are the damned ones, and a special place in hell is allegedly reserved for them.

“Perhaps you, my judges, pronounce this sentence against me with greater fear than I receive it.”

War against Heaven –
For the black light of chaos.
THE TRIUMPH OF THE DESTROYER GENIUS

Ah! Fragrance and bad smell mix!

In order to climb the peak sharp nails and hands ready for the most painful wounds are needed.

As one climbs the peak of a decadent humanity, the rocks crumbling under the fingers fall down, fall down...

Boldness [ardire]! To dare! Here popular fear is lashing out mixed with ressentiment towards our sovereignty of the individual...

Filippi’s dreams and nightmares are coming towards me...

An indomitable devil rises upon the multitudes born by chance.

A devil who does not accept to be judged by your authority, which is about to end...

From your orthodox churches you issued arrest warrants against us, the vaga-bond of thought and action, we the devils of terror, those who spit and puke over your sacred statues...

We devils of terror, the iconoclasts, the nameless nihilists and revolutionaries...

All that is born is destined to ruin!

Goethe roared from his peak!

Your union of the weak that you call State and Society is not immune to this rule of the things...

The Triumph of the Destroyer Genius is what you deserve...

Excommunications and stakes set up by the servants of nun Manuela Comodi will not be enough...

"A response by the State" was said... a profane laughter echoing from the cells, for each arrested comrade there will be another nihilist revolutionary ready to attack.

Fire can’t burn us, we come from a hottest place and are trained for the inferno.

Greetings to my affinity comrades, those of the Black International without names and those arrested and investigated following operation ‘Ardire’.

Total silence and no delegating.

For Anarchy and the triumph of the Ego.

The Triumph of the Destroyer Genius - Maurizio de mone

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Notes from the translator:

1. Ressentiment is a word taken form Nietzsche’s philosophy.

2. Total silence stands for “omerta”, a word that doesn’t translate in English. Basically it’s: “we don’t speak”. It’s a word normally connected to the mafia but in this case I find it very appropriate.

Between Boldness and Reinforcing...

The following is a translation of a flyer distributed by some Italian anarchist comrades after the raids and arrests that occurred there over the past few days; It was found on the web site of some comrades who helped create the anarchist space Il Trivio dei Tumultuoso in Firenze, Italy. This was one of the spaces raided by the ROS

Anarchists In Upheaval

“It’s the state’s answer”

-Annamaria Cancellieri, Minister of the Interior, June 13, 2012

Although it doesn’t seem that any anarchists have formulated a question for the state, it appears that the state has decided to answer. At dawn on June 13, the Dirty Operations Department of the carabinieri carried out dozens of arrests and numerous searches throughout Italy (and beyond), as part of an operation called “Boldness” (in which sense: courageous impulse or excessive gall?). It is just the latest of the repressive/preventative maneuvers launched in recent times to those who are not willing to adapt themselves to the role of obsequious subject, yet another spectacular warning to potential future insurgents. This means that much more than the particular individuals involved and the specific charges against them, it is the general context that has given rise to this investigation that deserves some attention.

When public debt has reached staggering proportions, the state answer is to increase taxes. When banks and speculators have brought the economy to its knees, the state answer is to give a green light to privatization. When work becomes a privilege and its lack brings waves of suicides, the state answer is to facilitate firings.

More. When functionaries of the institutions soil themselves with the worst infamies, the state answer is to
make their “crimes" expire. When the oil wells risk running dry in international conflicts, the state answer is to take part in the war. If the damned of the earth are forced to flee their countries and disembark on our shores, the state answer is to lock them up in concentration camps called CIE (1).

Still more. When local populations don’t want harmful developments (high speed trains, incinerators, waste dumps), the state answer is to massacre demonstrators and militarily occupy the territory. If the rich keep getting richer and the poor keep getting poorer, the state answer is to protect the luxury of the former and suppress the desperation of the latter.

Considering these examples that could become innumerable, there is nothing surprising when, in confronting anarchists who decide to go into action against the power that shows itself to be more miserable and rotten every day, the state answer is a raid.

It was ordered by a public prosecutor from Perugia, Manuela Comodi, suffering withdrawal from popularity since the end of the “Meredith case," who for the occasion has unleashed the carabinieri of the ROS under the command of general Ganzer (yes, the very one who was sentenced by the very state of which he is a servant to 14 years in prison for narcotics trafficking).

The concocted framework of charges is the usual, the only one conceivable to those who are used to obeying in silence. One takes hold of a few specific actions and proceeds by casting lots. It functions roughly like a backwards lotter, where whoever wins loses: so many numbered marbles get put into a shaker, each number corresponds to the name of someone already known to the forces of order.

A spin of the shaker, an extraction – those responsible are identified and the investigation is quickly concluded. It makes it so much easier, in this case, from the number of marbles mad to spin that over time become fewer and fewer. Those corresponding to the anarchists who, in times like these, refuse to have friends or intermediaries among the municipal councilors and their likes (even if oppositional) or priests (even if of the street), to gather signatures to attest to their innocence or to present them to legitimize their protest, but who stubbornly insist on thinking that direct action us not a strategic variant of politics, but rather its negation. Autism may still be an mistake for autonomy, but political opportunism is certainly an aberration of it.

In any case, the final extraction of “Operation Boldness," trumpeted by the media which has the task of provide the public with its daily distraction, had led to the “discovery" of so many “informal anarchists" – so informal as to be part of the same organization (?)! and at the same time without even knowing each other very well. That then, we say it in passing, we haven’t seen much of all this boldness. You only have to consider that in some cases the carabinieri haven’t even gone to disturb the ones directly under investigation to carry out their search, preferring to drag their parents or whoever had the inauspicious idea of renting buildings to them out of bed. In many cases, the anarchists sleeping peacefully in their homes, the carabinieri playing the bold ones with relativess or tenants to listlessly ransack houses or play Comodi’s pigs in spaces rented to anarchists.

This is all so grotesque as to irritate even the competitors in the field of repression, DIGOS (2) and the like, who in the afternoon of the same day stopped and searched two of those under investigation in the attempt, not successful, to show their colleague-rivals how things are really done. What has opened a competition among handcuff professionals to see who gets there first?

Our ultimate thought to those arrested, our solidarity to all those under investigation.

Our turn next time.

[distributed in Firenze on 6/14/12]

1. Centers for Identification and Expulsion [Immigration detention centres].

2. Italian general investigative and special operations division.