



SEPTEMBER 15th UPDATE

On the night of May 23rd, the police in Warsaw arrested three anarchists on charges of an alleged arson attempt of a police vehicle.

The three were transferred to a remand prison where they are to be held in custody for over three months, awaiting trial. They face up to 8 years in prison. Media frenzy broke out over the arrest in the next few days, with high-ranking politicians and experts on terrorism discussing the matter on TV. Photos and video reruns of the arrested walking with chains around their feet and hands are broadcast on public television.

The accusations are: possession of explosives and the intention to use them by setting police car on fire.

They are called terrorists by police and media, despite the fact that the arson didn't actually take place. This accusations are quite serious – they face from 6 months to 8 years of prison. First hearings of the accused took place at District Prosecutor's Office on **24th May**. Marks of tortures were visible on their bodies. One of them was beaten so severely that police had to select for the media only photos taken from the rear.

On **25th May**, during prosecution session at district court, prosecution decided to hold them in custody for three months (that might be automatically prolonged to 6 months). A few days later whole issue was transferred to the special section of the State Prosecutor's Office for organized crime and corruption. All three have been qualified as particularly dangerous ("N" for Niebezpieczni), detained in isolation and during the first week none of them had access to a lawyer.

On **July 4th** two days after solidarity demo that took place at the prison gates in Warsaw, all three were moved to the city of Radom, away from their lawyers, families and friends.

18th of August, court decided to hold three anarchists next 3 months in custody. All of them are still in single cells and treated as "the most dangerous" prisoners.

On **September 14th** during a court sitting concerning the complaint for prolonging the arrest, a decision was made to release them on bail. A fee of 20 thousand PLN (4600 euro) was set for each of them. If the money is transferred in a week's time, the arrested will be released and kept under police surveillance instead.

How does life in the "N" part of prison look like?

Detainees have no right to contact other prisoners.

They live in single cells and may walk only for an hour a day (in the isolated sections of jail). All letters are thoroughly controlled and often come with a monthly delay, some are just blocked. They can be visited only by the closest relatives once a month for an hour and can see them through the glass, hear by the phone. They are granted two books a week and if they need more, they must apply a paper for it. Same applications are necessary for newspapers, additional pair of socks – just everything needed for the everyday life or what might be useful for killing time. Isolation in cell 2x3 m for 23h per day, limited contact with close ones, necessity to ask for every basic thing... it's being called torture not without a reason.

Were they not being called anarchists would society accept six month torture for them? Or would it be too much for attempted property damage?

Mass media in the service of the state reproduce authorities propaganda.

Witch-hunt begun, creating mass hysteria and the image of the country threatened by terrorism. By doing this, the authorities and their collaborators are trying to justify the implementation of the new Anti-Terrorism Law. Significantly, just before the entry into force of the Act on 10th May, on 23rd May and 30th May in several Polish cities a series of false bomb alarms

took place, leading to evacuation of sites such as the editorial office of the press and television, shopping mall and banks.

The wave of repression against the anarchist movement is rising. On May 23rd the police four times haunted one of Warsaw's collectives involved in fighting the real estate development industry and empowering the struggle for the food sovereignty. Since then, the collective is constantly harassed by uniformed visitors. In Kraków, they searched the apartment and questioned a person who have set up a social media site ridiculing with irony the inflated police accusations. In Warsaw information multiply about police bothering people associated with the movement, and attempting surveillance of places that are important for the movement.

The witch-hunt atmosphere of the campaign against the broad anarchist movement is building consent for repression and surveillance targeting social movements, that are fighting against the most influential interest groups in this country.

The anarchist movement has been active, among other, in workers, tenants, ecological, anti-racist groups and the fight against land-grabbing. It acts without compromise for social justice, against the repression from business and political elites. Lack of social control over the police, for years allowed them to use uncontrolled violence against people fighting the system of violence in various fields.

What we need at this moment is the firm stance of solidarity with the arrested people and against upcoming attacks from the state!

We count on your solidarity actions in other cities. Most importantly at the moment –

we are collecting money to pay for their bail.

Leaving the arrest would mean for the arrested anarchists the end of everyday tortures they suffer after almost 4 months in solitary confinement. However 60 thousands PLN (13 800 euro) is a fortune for the families and friends of the arrested. Gathering these funds in one week time seems barely possible.

If you can – show your support, either financially or by forwarding the call for collecting funds. Every euro brings us closer to getting them out.

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