



A year after the arrest of the three Warsaw anarchists the first court sitting will take place on May 31<sup>st</sup> 2017. We are asking for your support with solidarity actions and demos in front of Polish embassies and consulates! Wherever you are, please stand in solidarity with our comrades against the state oppression!

The three anarchists were arrested on the night of **May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016** in Warsaw on charges of an attempt to burn down a police car. They were transferred to a remand prison and since they have been qualified as particularly dangerous criminals, **they were detained in isolation cells for over 4 months.** 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 were broadcast on public television.

**The original accusations** were: possession of explosives and the intention to use them by setting police car on fire. They were called terrorists by police and media, despite the fact that the arson didn't actually take place. This accusations were quite serious – they were facing from 6 months to 8 years of prison.

When the first hearings of the accused took place next day after the arrest, **there were visible marks of tortures on their bodies.**

One of them was beaten so severely that police had to select for the media only photos taken from the back.

Thanks to an outstanding support from the international anarchist community, **they were released on bail in September 2016.** They had strict parole rules, had to sing in a police station every day and couldn't meet each other as well as case witnesses or leave the country.

On **January 2017** the three were informed about the change of charges. The fourth (and final) analysis of the supposed explosives they were caught with, has finally proven that the device was not able to cause explosion. The charges were changed to trying to destroy property. All three anarchists pled guilty to the new charges. They are now facing from 3 months up to 5 years of prison. Finally in **April 2017** all the conditions of the parole were removed.

**7<sup>th</sup> February 2017** brought a court decision to reopen a case of the police brutality against one of the anarchists after his arrest. At the moment the tortures of all three on the night of their arrest are being examined by court.

As usual the **mass media in the service of the state reproduced 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.

**The new Anti-Terrorism law**, among many other changes, introduced possibility to create special security zones that are very vaguely described but where strict measures can be applied, such as the use of military force against citizens or shooting to kill. The maximum time of detention was prolonged from 48 hours to 14 days.

Non-polish citizens can also be deported without any reason, and possibility to defend themselves, which is a case of **Ameer Alkawlany**, who spent 5 months in detention after he refused to cooperate with Polish Internal Security Agency (ABW) and was in the end illegally deported. Using the new laws ABW could force jury to detain him without any proofs of his guilt. The same day the court decided that there is no reason to hold him detained any longer, Ameer was firstly beaten up and then immediately deported to Irak, against all standards of the deportation and asylum laws, Since his deportation, more illegal and immediate deportations were made.

Many new anti-freedom laws were implemented last year, among them a so called **“surveillance law”**, which gives cops and all intelligence agencies possibility to collect data and spy on anyone, without ever having a need to announce that or give reason for that. They can also keep the collected data without time limit, even if the person under surveillance is not accused of anything or connected to any investigation.

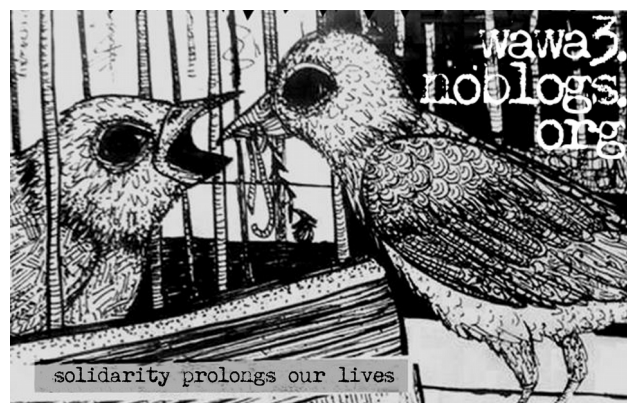
**The wave of repression against the anarchist movement is rising.** On May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016 the police four times raided one of Warsaw's collectives involved in fighting the real estate development industry and empowering the struggle for the food sovereignty. Since then, the collective is constantly 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 many cities information multiply about police trying to force into cooperation people associated with the movement and surveilling the places that are important for the movement. During big protests police (sometimes with military) can be seen outside of the autonomous spaces in Warsaw, trying to stop it's inhabitants from joining the protesters. In February 2017 R10 squat in Kraków was raided by police and closed down.

**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 all the oppressed and against upcoming attacks from the state! There is still hope that they will not become prisoners of the state again.

**We count on your solidarity actions in the day of the trial on May 31<sup>st</sup> 2017. Lets show international solidarity in face of repressions.**



**Freedom for all the prisoners of the State!**

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