

Letter from Carlos Martin (CNT militant from Spain)

To the Assembly of Thessaloniki

Dear comrades,

Thanks to your persistence and willfulness, you give us hope to continue with firmness and dignity for the case of our imprisonment. A big salute to all you comrades and especially Celina, Antonia, our lawyer Haris, my father Juan Carlos, my brother Ignaki and my girlfriend Nerea, who are probably with you these days. I am sending you one more letter if you want to read it at the manifestations. It is not anything important, but if I don't manage to take something outside of me I will explode. In the beginning, I thought to tell you by the phone, but I am sending it with post. I don't know if it will come in time.

We know your interest in us and the international cooperation that is realized this moment. For all these, and for many more, I thank you.

Here, in prison, or to say it better in this floor, since you can't see anything else, time passes very -but very- slow, and the color of the walls and of the ceiling is grey, pale and everywhere the same. Often, I see Kastro who is in the same floor with me but in a different cell. With Fernando I communicate some times in the yard that is full of people and there is sun all day long. For the others I have no idea, they separated us and scattered us. It is the most they could do to hurt us and they did it.

It would be good for us if you fight not only to get us out of this hole, but also to get us out all together.

We eat two times a day, even if I force myself to eat, and only to prepare for the possibility of an indefinite hunger strike. This prison is full of immigrants, the majority is from Albania, Russia, Turkey. It is obvious from this example what the Greek state is preparing for the immigrants. Until now, all I know and can tell to my comrades is that the more excluded are those who have the best attitude towards us. The first day, the guards have beaten Kastro, the moment he got in prison, because he refused to cut his beard and his hair, while they were threatening him at the same time. Also, I know that none of us has received the things we asked for. Kastro hasn't got the money you sent him and many other things didn't reach their destination.

Without any other words, I send you my revolutionary greetings.

Carlos.