

Political struggles in the United States have ties to political struggles around the world. We believe that for every dissenting voice that is silenced by the state with murder or imprisonment many more will be born of their sacrifice.

On June 21st, 2003, while demonstrating against the repressive and self-imposed authority of the European Union, seven of our brothers in resistance were arrested by the Greek police. Used as scapegoats to divert attention away from their own use of illegal gases and brutality, these seven have been falsely charged with possession of incendiary devices, resisting authority, and rioting. While in prison they have been tortured, had their bones broken, and have been threatened with rape by the guards. Meanwhile, the Greek press has sensationalized the story and created fictitious accusations of “armed bands” and “international terrorists.”

Today we send a manifestation of solidarity to the imprisoned assuring them that though their captors seek to minimize their impact, their actions and resistance have been an inspiration to political struggles around the world.

To the torturous guards and administrators of Diavata and Avlona prisons, to the Greek state which uses the prison system as a tool of repression, and to the European Union that claims to uphold international human rights laws, we make the following demands:

1. The immediate release of all prisoners.
2. The dismissal of all charges.
3. An end to inhuman treatment while incarcerated.
4. In the case of Syrian political refuges, Souleiman Dadouk, we demand his safety from deportation which would lead to execution by the Syrian government.

We remind the Greek state of their obligation to oppose the death penalty as a condition of their European Union membership.

Resistance will assuredly continue in San Francisco until and after these demands are met.

Solidarity with the Thessaloniki Seven,
Destruction of Repressive Regimes,
San Francisco Anarchists and Anti-Authoritarians