

Garfield Gabbard imprisoned

Anarchist activist, Garfield Gabbard, has been sentenced to 21 months in prison. During an animal rights demo against Covance he jumped on a car and then kicked a security guard who tried to pull him off the car. In an unrelated incident Garfield was charged with threatening to kill a member of the British National Party)

For those who don't know Garfield, he is an anarchist punk (in his 40s now) who is involved with anti-fascism, trade unionism, squatting, earth/animal lib, hunt sabbing, etc. Garfield was last jailed for setting fire to a police riot van during an anti-capitalist/anti-globalisation protest (1999 N30 protests) Garfield was masked up when he set fire to the police riot van, but another so-called protester decided to take a dislike to Garfield's action and removed his mask, allowing the police to clearly identify him.

Garfield is an outspoken anarchist/activist and someone who is well worth supporting. His prison address is:

Garfield Marcus Gabbard
TB4271, HM Prison Moorland
(Closed), Bawtry Road, Hatfield
Woodhouse, Doncaster, DN7
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News from Italy

Eleven eco-anarchists in Italy were arrested on charges relating to alleged involvement in the magazine 'Terra Selvaggia', and accused of forming themselves into a direct action group known as COR (Revolutionary Offensive Cells) and carrying out a number of actions including acts of arson, targeting right wing politicians and targeting the construction site of a police station. There was practically no evidence against the 11, other than the fact Il Silvestre had published a COR press release in their magazine Wild Earth. However despite the lack of evidence, six of the eleven defendants were found guilty and have been handed sentences of between 3½ years to 6 years imprisonment. Two, Benedetta Galante and Costantino Ragusa are also awaiting an additional trial accused of using explosives to damage power lines carrying nuclear energy.

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Solidarity needed for anarchists in The Philippines

On February 14, 2006, a group of eleven anarcho-punks from across the Philippines set out on a trip to Sagada, a well-known camping and hiking spot in the mountains of Northern Luzon. They knew each other through groups like Food not Bombs and Earth First, and were anticipating a nature trip in one of the most beautiful and remote parts of the Philippines. They never arrived.

Instead, police stopped the truck they were hitching a ride on, and ordered the group to get down at gunpoint. Without any explanation, the police detained the 11 travelers, kicked, beat, manacled and blindfolded them, and confiscated their belongings. None of them had any idea why they had been detained, until hours after their arrest, when a paramilitary officer

arrived at the station. He identified the punks as members of a guerilla force that conducted an arms raid on a military outpost on Feb 10, which resulted in the deaths of four soldiers.



This was the first they had heard about the attack, and they denied the charges, pointing out that they were in a different region when the attack occurred, and had no involvement with guerilla groups like the New People's Army.

In response to their denials the police, joined by military personnel, brutally physically and psychologically tortured the detainees. They were beaten, electro-

shocked, stripped naked and had water poured over them, had water forced down their throats to simulate drowning, were suffocated with plastic

bags, told their companions had been shot, made to stand in holes the size of graves and subjected to mock executions, and forced to sign false confessions. On the night of Feb15 one of the prisoners, Rundren Lao, was able to escape, jumping into a ravine and fleeing police fire, and alerted people to their whereabouts before being turned back in to the police.

On Feb16, the prisoners were formally charged with arson and murder, and transferred to Benguet Provincial Jail in La Trinidad. A charge of arson was later added to the case. In April, a change in national law shielding minors from prosecution led to the release of the two youngest, Lester Mendoza, 16, and Francess Ann Bernal, 15. The other 9 remain in prison. Their trial has been indefinitely postponed.

Support

All of the prisoners read at least some English, and they are very interested in connecting with other anarchists, learning about punk and activism, as well as daily life, around the world. Gig posters and photos, flyers, stickers, patches and shirts would also be very well received. Bear in mind though, that they are accused of being communist guerrillas and overtly political material could be used against them. The solidarity actions that have happened in the

past have meant a lot to them, and more would make a big difference in morale, especially if they could be sent photographs. Also, funds are needed for basic necessities, transportation and lodging for friends and family to visit. For info on how to send money or other items to Manila, contact Solidarity South Pacific at solidaritysp@lycos.com

Please spread information about this case as much as possible -- they have been in prison for months now, and have received very little international support.

Darwin Alagar, Cell 1 (age 21)
Rundren Lao, Cell 3 (age 24)
Jefferson Dela Rosa, Cell 3 (age 22)
Metro Villegracia, Cell 4 (age 24)
Neil Russell Balajadia, Cell 5 (age 25)
Ronron Pandino, Cell 8 (age 23)
Arvie Nunez, Cell 8 (age 23)
Aldous Christian Mafosa, Cell 9 (age 19)
Anderson Alonzo, Cell 12 (age 18)

Mail can be sent to:
(name and cell number), c/o Jail Warden James Simon, Benguet Provincial Jail, Justice Hill, La Trinidad, Benguet 2601, Philippines



Latest on Eco-activists in US facing life imprisonment

The FBI have launched a major operation which has resulted in the arrests of several people in connection with Earth Liberation Front /Animal Liberation Front actions that took place over a period of years, as well as others accused of planning to carry out ELF actions. One of the first arrested, Bill Rodgers is now dead, having apparently committed suicide in prison. Bill, 40, was a long-time community activist from Arizona where he ran the 'Catalyst Infoshop' book store out of his home.

The others are facing extremely serious charges (some with possible life sentences). However, several of those arrested are reportedly now cooperating with the US authorities, and so have been removed from prisoner support lists...For all the latest information in this case and for links to the individual defendants support campaigns, please check out the following websites:

www.ecoprisoners.org or
www.greenscare.org

Polish anti-fascist needs support

Tomasz Wilkoszewski, anti-fascist prisoner from Poland has been refused parole, despite already spending 10 years in prison out of his 15 years sentence for killing a Nazi. The next opportunity for an early release is this October, and he needs funds to pay for legal support, and to get him started after his eventual release. He seems to be coping ok given the circumstances. At least his treatment in prison is quite good as the screws are treating him as some sort of mafia boss or celebrity with so many people from all over the world interested in his case. He is waiting for letters (not heavier than 2 KG!) CD's with music (reggae) and films (no DVD's!).

Letters and postcards are, as he put it, "his only window on the world". He can understand some English, but finds it difficult to write, so don't necessarily expect a reply...His address is as follows:

Tomek Wilkoszewski, Zaklad Karny, ul. Orzechowa 5, 98-200 Sieradz, Poland

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