

On October 31, 2024, an explosion occurred in an apartment in Ampelokipi, Athens. The anarchist comrade Kyriakos Xymitris lost his life and with him we lost a passionate comrade-in-arms.

Kyriakos fought tirelessly against all forms of oppression, always striving to bring people and struggles together. In the words of Marianna, who lost her partner in his death:

"With a strong sense of solidarity, he always stood by those who needed it regardless of the repression, the fact of being targeted himself and his own comfort.

(...) Full of respect for his loved once, he gave vent where others were suffocating by speaking out for unity in the struggle for the revolutionary cause, confrontation, militancy and counterattack. This is how he lived, at least by my side, militant and persevering, hopeful and smiling."

The anarchist comrade Marianna was seriously injured in the explosion. After she was taken to hospital, the cops took her fingerprints and blood for DNA samples while she was unconscious. Under strict isolation and surveillance, Marianna was not guaranteed the slightest privacy, the cops did not leave her unobserved for a moment 24/7 - even during intimate medical examinations. Just one day after the second operation, she was transferred to the "Korydallos" prison, which is severely overcrowded and has terrible hygiene conditions. In addition, there is no infirmary and not even the most basic medical care is guaranteed.

In the course of the investigation into the explosion, four more comrades were detained (as of January 2025): Dimitra, Dimitris, A.K. and Nikos. All five are now being investigated on the grounds of a so-called "terrorist organization" under section 187A.

anti-terror law allows the authorities to use harsh repression on the basis of nothing but vague suspicions and evidence. They construct "terrorist organizations" to which they assign people at will who are close to each other or, in this case, share an anarchist and anti-state attitude. Once again, friendships, solidarity and resistant ideas are being criminalized. The circumstantial evidence used in the case of the four defendants who were not present in the apartment is flimsy and a clear indication that the investigation is not based on any evidence.

The state and the media conjure up the narrative of "terrorists" who pose a danger to society and present the arbitrary power of the state as a protective hand. But while our comrades are in prison, the state continues to murder migrants on the Mediterranean sea, it promotes colonial wars, it profits from the genocide of Palestinians, it arms itself militarily and dismantles social structures, it drives an entire social class into poverty, it remains silent on feminicides and covers up whitewashing and scandals.

The state constructs of "terrorist organizations" can be found all over the world in the attempt of the powerful to break and delegitimize resistance struggles. But our solidarity is stronger than their repression!

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