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Argentiniens strike back as capitalism kills

In Argentina thousands strike and take to the streets in protest after two are killed in cold blood.

On Wednesday 26th June during demonstrations at Pueyrredon Bridge in Buenos Aires, two young men Maximiliano Costeki and Dario Santillan, were shot in cold blood in an execution-style killing with shots to the head.

Both were part of the piquetero organisations (unemployed workers' movements), and had stopped to assist an injured person when the shootings happened. Not only were these two brave piqueteros killed but more than 160 were

injured (many with bullet wounds) and hundreds were arrested. On the day of action there were many road blocks (piquetes) up and down the country, but the centre of the action was at the access roads to Buenos Aires, here police repression was particularly brutal. Tear gas was also used against the anti-government protesters in the worst riots since the government was toppled in December.

The following day thousands of angry and shocked people took to the streets in a mass mobilisation at the Plaza de Mayo, to protest over the deaths, calling on President Eduardo Duhalde to resign. Meanwhile teachers and state workers also went on strike, in protest against government repression and Argentina's worsening economic crisis brought on by the austerity measures which is being insisted on by the IMF. The governor of the state of Buenos Aires ordered the arrests of two policemen and suspended over 100 others after a newspaper published photographs, showing the extreme levels of violence, repression and state direction used by the police.

A statement from IMC Argentina said "We just received notice that one of the murdered piqueteros is Daro Santillan, Continued on Page 2



The only party worth fighting for... UK free-party revival

The helicopters hover overhead and the countryside is once again closed off with police roadblocks - it can only mean one thing, it's time to party...

The beginning of June saw the 10 year anniversary of the legendary Castlemorton Common free festival, where tens of thousands of people came together to party, and which was largely credited with prompting the draconian Criminal Justice Act (CJA), targeting free raves, political protesters and travellers. The anniversary coincided with the Jubilee weekend, so while the royal family celebrated their outdated institution, the state used its power to try and stop the people partying in their own DIY style. But despite a large police operation which saw helicopters, horses, dogs, riot police and roadblocks over a 5 mile radius to stop the anniversary

celebration, the party went ahead at Steart Beach, just south of Bristol, where thousands of people danced the weekend away with around 30 sound systems (see www.dubb-it-up.com). Several other large parties also went ahead up and down the country mostly unhindered by police who had concentrated on the Bristol party. Many Anti-Jubilee protesters were not so lucky however with over 40 being 'preventatively arrested' in a clear move by the state to stifle dissent.

This year's Summer Solstice at Stonehenge (June 21st) saw around 23,000 people gathering in the third year of 'controlled open access' to the stones, in the past the scene for bitter and bloody confrontation with the police. The event passed off pretty smoothly with only around 11 arrests, despite this police surveillance units were out once again

videoing and photographing as many people as possible. Tension was high after reports of the police obstructing attempts to secure a 'legal' site for a post solstice gathering, made even more significant by the almost impregnable new fence and heightened security at the increasingly commercial Glastonbury Festival. In the end several attempts to find a free festival site were scuppered by the police, although several smaller gatherings went ahead. Avebury, the site of another large stone circle was almost completely sealed off by police road blocks after many people gathered there after Stonehenge, before heading to several other free parties, which went ahead in other counties. A few days later and the Glastonbury Festival seemed almost empty at times as the new security measures kept the majority of

gatecrashers outside. An alternative free festival did go ahead with several thousand people partying at a disused military airbase.

More recently as 200,000 people attended a free legal (and commercial) beach party in Brighton put on by DJ Fatboy Slim - leaving behind a devastating amount of rubbish and broken glass, another beach party went off in London. The 'Reclaim The Beach' party attracted around four hundred people to the sandbank beach revealed by the river Thames low tide. In a perfect example of DIY culture, people spent the night on the beach with music and projections, all rubbish was collected, sorted for recycling, and taken off site. Police arrived just as the party was ending, took a quick look around, talked to folks removing the rubbish, and quickly left.



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21 years old, a friend from the La F Neighborhood. Daro, part of the MTD (Unemployed Worker's Movement) in the area, was a bricklayer who worked every day in a factory making bricks for a new community hall. He lived on land taken a few months ago, on a vacant farm. All of us participating in Indymedia had the fortune of sharing with him several pickets, assemblies and unforgettable conversations. In these moments we don't have words to express our pain and our anger. His murderers will pay for having stolen from us this beautiful friend."

IMC Argentina condemn the media coverage, which sang to the tune of those in power. "The crisis has caused two new deaths" was the title in the local media as if trying to make us believe that the crisis shoots lead bullets, without resorting to the services of the police. Adding to an intimidation campaign, the same daily said that today "They will try to march to the Plaza de Mayo, as if this were an exploit, rather than a right." Reports say that the Argentinian government had led a vicious media campaign to demonise the piqueteros for repression because they had been at the forefront of the struggle against the mismanagement of the Argentinian economy and they had become a pole of reference for thousands of workers and the youth.
For updates and reports see:
<http://argentina.indymedia.org>

And Paraguay

Meanwhile, protests against neo-liberal economic policies are erupting in other Latin American countries. Thousands of people took the streets of Paraguay in early June, to protest the process of privatisation of state companies. On June 4th a large mobilisation by the peasants ended with the murder of Calixto Cabral by a police officer. The Central Command of Workers (Central Nacional de Trabajadores CNT) met on June 5 and summoned the workers from all over the country to go on a general strike without an expected end date in response to the privatisation process and the police brutality. However, the announcement of a general strike caused the government to suspend the auction of the state telephone company Antelco.
[More info: www.brazil.indymedia.org]



Local Newswire

Simon Jones Campaign - Film Tour

The anti-casualisation film and speaking tour by the Simon Jones Memorial Campaign kicked off in the UK at the Glastonbury Festival. If you missed it there, the film will be showing across the country at the Earth First! Gathering, cinemas and social spaces near you. For more information and screening dates: <http://www.simonjones.org.uk>

Selling Bristol by the Pound

As Bristol's council estates and inner city communities are torn apart by drugs and crime, the regeneration of the city centre and harbourside is booming.

The announcements of huge profits being made by such businesses, however, sit uneasily with the latest announcement from Bristol city council concerning their Corporate Plan for the city, where they envisage Bristol as being "a place where diversity is valued and prosperity and a good and sustainable quality of life is enjoyed by all citizens".

The problem being that while Bristolians suffer under a 77 per cent increase in crime - as disclosed recently by Chief Constable Steve Pilkington - this "prosperity" and "good quality of life" appears to be only enjoyed by an exclusive, non-local, business elite whom the city council show nothing but deference to and those actually born and bred there can only watch in dismay as the 'have and have not' divide widens.

For original article see:

http://bristol.indymedia.org/front.php3?article_id=1240

Successful Mobilisation Against he governments 'Snooping Charter'

On June 18th the UK home secretary David Blunkett abandoned plans to extend the electronic snooping powers given to the police (under the RIP Act) to a huge range of local authorities and public bodies. In what must have been the shortest privacy campaign ever around 1600 people sent faxes to their MPs through the FaxYourMP website.

The anti-RIP website stand.org.uk which itself only relaunched a couple of weeks ago, led the fax campaign and now says "there are dozens of other bits of legislation hanging about with vast technological idiocies contained within - the RIP Act draft Code of Practices; the EU's Copyright Directive and Data Retention orders; laws against reverse-engineering; software patents and who knows what"

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It really is that easy! There are some guidelines covering what type of reports should be uploaded on the publish column, where to post announcements, current debates and a mission statement in the making.

Anti RIP Campaign Archive: <http://www.fipr.org/rip/>
Background and Schnews feature:
www.uk.indymedia.org/front.php3?article_id=33860

12,000 Lobby Parliament For Fair Trade

12,000 campaigners from NGO's, church organisations and student groups ringed parliament on wednesday 19th June as their queue to lobby their MPs on Fair Trade issues stretched across the river. Throughout the day people spoke to over 300 MPs and a special FM radio station relayed news and interviews. The event comes just two days after the UN released a report rejecting claims that globalisation is good for the poor. The UN report argues that the international trade and economic system is part of the problem, not the solution. For more info: <http://www.tradejusticemovement.org/>
http://www.uk.indymedia.org/front.php3?article_id=34226

The Pink Castle protest stops GM trial

After seven weeks, a GM crop squat in Dorset is over. Protesters had occupied the field with a 20ft tall pink castle since April 25th. The castle residents hoped to obstruct the farmer and prevent further GM contamination.

On the 16th May, three weeks into the occupation, farmer Charles Foot with seven tractors and a massive police presence, entered the field and succeeded in planting the Aventis GM maize, resulting in four arrests.

As only two thirds of the field was planted, the pink castle remained to defend the rest. By early June, the entire crop of GM maize had been pulled up by visitors to the pink castle. The GM maize crop has now been completely destroyed and the trial written off. Protesters celebrated over the weekend then packed up and left the site.

Pink Castle Website: <http://www.say-hi.to/thecastle>

Talk & projection:

'Stencil Graffiti by Tristan Manco'

Weds 24th July, 7.30pm free entry

Exhibition: 'Irak's embargo through its children's art' (July)

@ Easton Community Centre Kilburn St, Easton, Bristol

London Underground - the direct action monthly meet-up for London Groups

Every first Sunday of the month 2pm at LARC

London Action Resource Centre (Ask for details)

62 Fieldgate st. E1 (near whitechapel tube).

For future events see: <http://www.londonarc.org/>

We'll give you Summit to worry about

KANANASKIS June 26-27 2002 - G8 SUMMIT - protests mobilise across-Canada against G8 and all they stand for

On June 26th and 27th two days of action took place in Ottawa as the leaders of the G8 countries met in the secluded mountains of Kananaskis, Alberta. Protesters took the streets of different Canadian cities to oppose the destructive agenda perpetuated by the G8.

The leaders of the G8 nations represent a

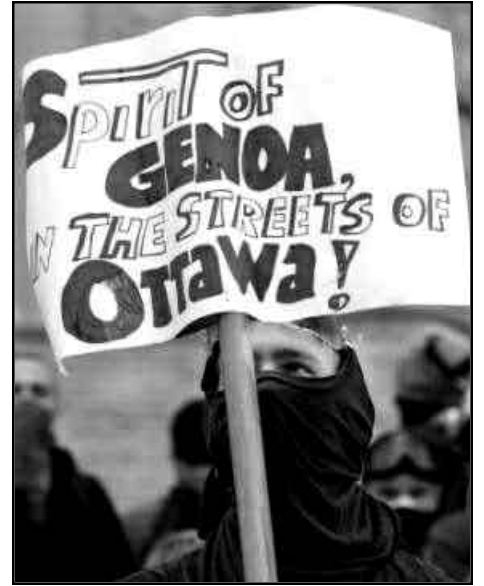
small proportion of the world's population, but control the majority of the world's economic resources. This is a form of neo-liberal imposition veiled as development, which benefits the rich and powerful elites, leaving the rest behind. The G8's support of FTAA, the IMF/World Bank, and the WTO, results in the privatisation and corporatisation of the planet, with Africa being one of the continents most affected through the G8's sponsored NEPAD. The self-serving "war on terrorism", orchestrated by the leaders of the G8, continues to militarise and brutalise countries and communities in every continent, while cynically appealing for civilisation and freedom.

In Ottawa, Calgary and Alberta thousands of protesters loudly declared their opposition to the G8, and showed their solidarity with the people criminalised and marginalised by its policies. The days of action, titled Take the Capital, involved various forms of demonstration, popular education, a freedom festival, civil disobedience, squatting, direct action, caravans, a Critical Mass and a 1000 flags of Resistance demo under the banner "No One is Illegal!".

On the 23rd in Calgary, the closest city to the summit, five thousand people marched through the streets. On the 26th and 27th thousands again took the streets of Ottawa despite heavy

police and army intimidation and culminated with soccer games taking place in two of the city's busiest intersections.. The government spent more than \$300,000,000 security costs to protect the world's leaders from dissent,

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www.Ontario.indymedia.org, www.Alberta.indymedia.org,



Protests against the World Bank academic conference, Oslo

ABCDE IN OSLO Jun 20 2002: Monday 24th was the start of the World Bank academic conference (ABCDE) in Oslo, Norway. At the same time a counter-conference called 'South meets North' took place in the city. During the "Open Forum" of the counter-conference, former Zambian president Kenneth Kaunda and Philippino organiser Lidy Nacpil were amongst the speakers. Their criticism aimed at the very existence of the Bank, as well as its policies was strong and factual, specially taking into account that they represented two countries that are directly affected by the WB's programs. A counter-festival was also held in a relaxed

atmosphere with stands, music and workshops. The Norwegian Adbusters network launched their 'VB' spoof newspaper, plagiarising the country's largest tabloid ("VG") with critical articles on the World Bank.

Along side the counter-conference, the Oslo2002 network of organisations and communities demonstrated against the World Bank in a colourful, carnival protest with a pink bloc and samba band, fireworks, juggling, banners, balloons, slogans, dance and music was attended by over 10, 000 people.

The protests opened on Sunday evening with a party and concert at the

Oslo YaBasta! collective centre. After Mondays main demo, there was a very successful, independent Reclaim The Streets party that ended with the squatting of two disused houses in central Oslo. "Our message here is that people need houses and houses need people", said one of the squatters. The day before the party a debate between Attac & RTS emerged. One of the organisers Attac tried to prevent its members from attending the RTS party, citing their political stance! This was met with strong criticism from members of the 2001 parents network, who's children were among those arrested for protesting against the EU in

Gothenburg in June 2001.

The diversity and creativity of the protest encouraged many curious citizens to join the protesters. The police were almost invisible during the entire, non-violent demo, although police had used scare-mongering tactics in the media to frighten off potential protesters and repression and surveillance had increased in Norway during the days prior to the WB meeting. Immigration officials checked people's identities when arriving at Oslo airport, and those registered in the Schengen Information System were arrested and some immediately deported. [For more info: <http://indymedia.no/>]

Rome Food Summit - Indigestible and Stomach - churning

Whilst over 800 million people starve in poverty, suffer endemic hunger in structural adjustment programs and demise as their land is stolen in the name of development, The World Food Summit in Rome, organised by the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), was dominated by the corporate pursuit of Genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

As the summit closed on Thursday 11th July, and officials and activists began leaving, they saw little evidence of renewed political will to deal with controversial issues such as the agricultural subsidies that developing-country leaders here

said kept them poor and their people hungry, and reflected the double standards of industrialised countries who otherwise call for free trade.

An international code of conduct on food rights was attempted, a declaration that everyone had the right to safe food, but this was watered down amid concerns by countries like the United States about the legal implications of such language such as 'the right to food', ie, the US feared it would leave them open to legal claims by famine-stricken countries.

Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) holding parallel meetings here decried as a

disgrace the triumph of the biotechnology industry in pushing its agenda at the conference. "We will fight to stop genetic engineering and the patenting of life and demand an immediate ban of terminator and similar genetic use restriction technologies," said Sarojeni Rengam of the Malaysia-based Pesticide Action Network (PAN).

Brazilian activist Flavio Luz Schieck Valente added: "The agreement to increase research on biotechnology shows the pressure the United States put on the summit. In this way, the summit serves the industry, not the people." [For more info: <http://italy.indymedia.org/>]