

NEWS[★] FROM THE FENCE AND BEYOND

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A microcosm of resistance

From across Europe activists are converging on a town, for a week of direct actions against the trespasses of transnational capital. This could be next June, but is already happening, in Denmark.

Many of you have probably heard of Ungdomshuset (youth house) – a house, that for 24 years has functioned as a political and artistic creative and autonomous free space. In doing so it has gained international renown and respect. Now the house has been sold off to an obscure right-wing christian sect, and it has been done by means that even under state laws should be illegal.

For seven years the activists from the house have been fighting a legal and political battle to keep the house. Anything has been tried – negotiation, legal action, political pressure, even buying back the house at many times the original price – all in vain. Every route for resolving problems that the system preaches every minute of our lives, has been tried and tried again to no effect.

Now the conflict has turned into a microcosm of resistance against capital and state. Despite public opinion, money, law - everything the state usually hails as sacrosanct, the eviction is going ahead. Only, it would seem, because the house and it's users are brave enough to question a system, that cares for no interest and no opinion, but that of the rich. Denied of all other options, activists are preparing to physically defend the house against eviction, and they have invited us to come.

We are coming. To stand in solidarity with the house and against oppression of the freedoms we have always heard of but never been allowed. We will stand and we will fight – in Copenhagen, in Heiligendamm and everywhere – with any and all means to end the oppressive reign of capitalism and state.



THE GROWTH OF ANGER & RESISTANCE

The official agenda of the g8 2007

Nice words again were found for talking about the sale and domination of the world: Under the header „Growth and Responsibility“ the main topics of the G8 meeting in Heiligendamm will presumably be ‚African Development‘ and ‚Climate Change‘. Probably less useful for brainwash-propaganda, but nevertheless important to G8 governments & companies will be the topics ‚Global Economic Imbalances and the World Economy‘ and ‚World Trade and Intellectual Property Rights‘.

Like we experienced in Gleneagles last year, there is some reason to expect that the public debate on the G8's focus on ‚African Development‘ will be clouded by an atmosphere of deep-drawn sighs, humanistic proclamations and philanthropic placebos. But as soon as you listen to the words of those in power, and turn your head away from media spectacles like „Stand up against Poverty“ („Deine Stimme gegen Armut“) and wristband revolutions, the picture is clear: Investors simply want stable conditions in Africa - an end to which the social dimension of globalisation, the avoidance or suppression of armed conflicts, the restructuring of social security and health systems, investments in worker efficiency, infrastructure and human capital are only the means.

In Heiligendamm the German government will propose to form „reform part-

nerships“ with those African countries that advance social and political reforms and open their countries to private investment. Encouraging private investment will also be the focus of a separate summit to which the German government will invite the heads of state from African countries, supposedly in May.

Whereas it is relatively easy to see and argue that the G8 plans for Africa follow the usual neo-liberal path to a modernised colonialism, the official course in energy politics will be harder to dismantle. Nuclear energy will not be on the agenda, and besides the aim of optimising the conditions on the traditional market for fossil fuels, there are strong commercial interests in ploughing the ground for intensifying investments in alternative technologies. In their internal struggle to get more influence the protagonists of this „reasonable“ economy often recycle arguments of the ecological movements and not seldom their own biographies.

In questions of property rights and market regulations, the G8 won't even consider to invite those affected, or to integrate their ideas. Neither their votes nor their work is needed for these negotiations. It is here that the world-economic-summit, as it has been called in Germany up to the 90s, reveals its old technocratic and economicist do-or-die philosophy most openly.

AUTHORITIES PROMOTE MILITANT PROTESTS

The German federal criminal police, BKA, announced some weeks ago that they expect up to 100.000 protestors against the G8 next year, including a great violent potential from Germany and several other countries. Also German inland secret service, Verfassungsschutz, told the press that the radical left is attempting to „continuously“ attack institutions and persons supporting globalisation in a „militant escort campaign“. More acts of violence and property damage were to be expected. The German newspaper Frankfurter Rundschau even promises that the G8 seems fit to turn into a nightmare for the German security agencies. Many activists mainly see these media activities as legitimising and fundraising efforts by police and VS.

NEWS FROM THE FENCE

On the 7th of December the government of Meck-Pomm decided to invest 12.5 million Euros in a 12 km fence around Heiligendamm. The contract was given to MZS Metall-Zaun-Stahlbau GmbH & Co. KG in Bargeschagen (near Bad Doberan). The fence you can see as a model in the picture will be 2.50 m high. Additional installations shall keep people from climbing over (probably barbed wire) and creeping under (???). The fence will start at Jemnitzschleuse - go along the Mühlenfließ - Großer Wohld - Galopprennbahn - Bollhäger Forst - Hinter Bollhagen - Kleiner Wohld - Kinderstrand. Two checkpoints will be established at the Galopprennbahn and at the waterworks in Hinter Bollhagen.

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23.10. hamburg: the headquarter of DAL, the German Africa-Lines is set on fire to remind of the colonial roots of today's global rule and exploitation, and to demonstrate against the continuities of german colonialism in everyday racism, as well as in the militarist and imperialist policies of the german government - reparations are demanded. the group calls to integrate the colonial background into the campaign and mobilization against the g8 (in german: <http://dissentnetzwerk.org/node/148>) +++ 10.11. coimbatore, india: 200 farmers

ROSTOCK ACTION CONFERENCE THE 2ND

Arriving with a couple of people from the radical left we expected to inform ourselves about the activities of various groups and organisations related to the interventionist left (IL) and see at what points cooperation is possible in next year's protests.

Topics were the preparation of camps, a demonstration, mass blockades and the counter summit. Organisations present in Rostock where party-members from the PDS (socialist party), trade unionists, some NGOs and youth organisations, some internationals, interventionist left and ATTAC, plus people related to the dissent+x spectre.

A lot of small workshops, discussions and informal meetings took place, to name but a few: a workshop about sexual harassment and anti-sexist activity at possible camps and activities, networks of antifascists, global agriculture,...

At the dissent+x meeting in Osnabrück it was discussed and agreed to cooperate in setting up one or more camps together with

organisations like ATTAC - but to have no exclusion of people because of forms of actions, no fences surrounding the area, a non-commercial attitude and autonomy for the groups there. This was discussed at the camp working group at the Rostock conference, but it was quite clear that there are different aims and expectations for the mobilisation to the region, as we discussed about who would register the camp and how to relate to laws and „violence“.

All in all Rostock was a place to meet some people again and to see what other groups are planning, but there were also conflicts, about the counter summit for example, which were quite clearly dominated by some people, and the results were not supportive. Also, to speak for a whole movement, as it is the attitude of some of the organisers, is making a common preparation much more difficult. You can find lots of videos of the meeting on German indymedia.

FROM NAIROBI TO ROSTOCK: Migrationrelated Programs under Preparation...

In January 07 the World Social Forum (WSF) will take place in Nairobi, and a migrationrelated program is already included. The need and interest is given to continue with the „Bamako-process“ from last January, when the cooperation between groups in Africa and Europe had been intensified. In the 7th of October mobilisation (see www.noborder.org) first practical steps could be achieved with simultaneous actions. And during the WSF this process can be even globalized, because the militarization of borders and the „externalisation“ of migration control to countries of transit and origin is really a global issue. You can find similar conflicts and similar struggles of migrants between USA and Mexico or also in Asia. In

this reference the preparations also started to use the Anti-G8-mobilisation in Germany to create more moments of worldwide

transnationalisation. After some particular information-events, the next Euromaydays and a germanwide Caravan/NoLager-Tour in the weeks before the summit, a strong migrationrelated program is under preparation for the actionweek in June 07:

- the participation in the big demonstration at 2nd of June;
- a transnational networking-meeting on migration on 3rd of June;
- a migrationrelated actionday on 4th of June;
- and further participations with migrationrelated panels on the alternative summit.

The whole program will take place of course with guests and delegations not only from Western- and Eastern Europe, but also from Africa, Asia and USA.

More soon under www.nolager.de

FOR A HEALTHY RESISTANCE

In a few months thousands upon thousands of activists from across the world will be converging on a remote area of north east Germany. Some speak of as many as 30.000 activists camped out in the fields near Heiligendamm. Mobilisations like this have happened before, and every time a part of the state's repression strategy has been denying us even the most basic of health care, even though the violent repression from the state greatly increases this need.

So the need for activists to care for themselves and their comrades is obvious. Some of us have chosen to work with first aid at demonstrations and gatherings as a part

of our political work - we are called street medics or demo sanis. We believe every activist should have enough first aid/health skills to be able to care for themselves and those around them. At mobilisations we as a collective seek to aid those injured comrades, who don't receive help elsewhere and also provide knowledge about first aid and health care.

In early December a group of us from many places in Europe met to discuss the challenges of next year. Topics for discussion were such things as the sheer number of activists expected, how to deal with several different camps, many different actions of

DISSENT IN BELGIUM

The Dissent-network which has existed here since early 2005 is trying to expand and get new people involved. The info-tour has helped with that (THANKS!) and now we have two local Dissent-groups which have been set up recently: Dissent-Gent and Dissent-Antwerp. We hope more local groups will get organized in the coming months. Until now Dissent-Belgium mainly consists of Flemish people, we hope we will soon get our southern neighbours (Wallonia) involved! We are working on a website & a local newsletter in Dutch... Lots of other ideas are not concrete yet... The 9-10th december we held a local action-conference in Ghent to get more people involved [stopg8@gmail.com].

MOVING THE MOVEMENT

ActionBikes for a wider range of action and moments of surprise

Cruising through our memories of previous protests it seems that success quite often depended on our ability to suddenly appear at useful places with lots of activists. In the city this surprise effect can be achieved by jumping out of a metro station, while in the anti-nuclear protests the forest often gave us such opportunities. But what to do in the flat and open landscape at the Baltic Sea? Our proposal is: ActionBikes! By bike you can go where cars have to stop, and it still is much faster than walking. Lacking mountains the area around Heiligendamm is all but ideal for biking.

As a simple call like „Bring lots of bikes!“ won't be enough, our initiative aims at collecting as many bikes as possible already in advance, and to store them in certain places where activists can pick them up. While most of the people we ask to repair and provide bikes will come from Germany or regions nearby, it might be interesting for internationals to hear about the possibility to get some ActionBikes next June. And maybe you also have some ideas how to contribute to the concept [actionbikes@nadir.org, emailist: actionbikes@lists.nadir.org].

different types, and how to further educate activists about first aid and health. We are concerned about how to organise and communicate within our group, based on the principles of decentralised, non-hierarchical and participatory structures. Giving the best possible care to the largest number of people, while still keeping ourselves and our comrades safe from repression is never easy.

We will meet again before the G8, but an inclusive framework for increasing the self reliance and independence of us and our comrades from state health care structures, is taking shape.

uproot and destroy plants in a genetically engineered bt.rice field trial of mahyco-monsanto. activists also did direct actions in karnal and gorakhpur in north india [www.viacampesina.org] +++ 10.-13.11 la hague to gorleben: activists stop the nuclear castor transport many times, trying out tactics of blockade for the summit next year [<http://de.indymedia.org/2006/11/161877.shtml>] +++ 18.11. melbourne: stop g20 activists confront the meeting of finance ministers, reserve bank governors and heads of the world bank with a carnival, occupa-

MOVIN' EUROPE - THE CARAVAN VISION 07...

Inspired by the 'other campaign' in Mexico this initiative seeks to facilitate all kinds of local political & cultural struggles against neoliberalism. One idea is to hold a consulta in all the places visited, to start a dialogue „outside of our usual activist structures“. The movin' part of it can be as multiple as the movements - walk, ride, swim, dance... The vision is to have many different caravans connecting many different people/

groups. The caravans would come together at 'stations' which would be autonomous spaces, social centres etc. Besides political exchange „the caravan will try to share culture and develop art & creativity as we use culture to shape our politics and politics to shape our lives“. The planning of the caravan will happen partly through the website which will have an interactive map of europe. [www.vision07.net]



INTERNATIONAL GATHERING 9TH-11TH FEBRUARY IN WARSAW/POLAND TO PREPARE THE PROTESTS AGAINST THE G8 SUMMIT 2007

An invitation to an international meeting of coordination to all those, who desire to build up unbound radical resistance against the g8 summit 2007. The effects of capitalism are global, as is resistance to it. Seattle, Prague, Chiapas and Argentina are only few of the places that tell about resistance, struggles to create experimental spaces and protests in the streets. So many people were fighting for a better life in the past and continue to do so in the present. To us the mobilization is just another step in the worldwide resistance against the transnational institutions of the neoliberal economic system, against the devastating effects it produces every day. we don't only want to block the g8-summit, we want to attack capitalist politics, that is so contemptuous of humankind, and we want to live alternatives to that. To go on creating a continuity of resistance, to strengthen our struggles by networking and cooperation, we invite all of you to participate...

It has been more than a year now that since we first met on the preparation meeting in Hamburg in October 2005. Since then lots of things happened in and around the preparation of the protest against the g8-summit 2007. Concerning international mobilization, too, ideas and inspirations were shared, practical preparations started. So the infotour gave presentations in 20 countries, more infotours in Europe, as well as to Norway, Israel, Palestine and the U.S. are planned. This summer more than 1000 people participated in an international preparation camp, where the international working group was founded. This working group started the newsletter „news from the fields and beyond“ and the international website (www.dissentnetwork.org). This is also the circle inviting for the international gathering in february.

The contents of the upcoming protests had been discussed in various groups, alliances and meetings, some (like dissent!, the revolutionary alliance or the interventionist left) created especially to confront the g8, and others that follow a more general perspective. On an international level the contents of the protests had been discussed at the pga (people's global action) conference this year, a discussion that will continue.

Besides, people work on international protests against the g8 along subject matters. One example is the working group on g8 and agriculture, which among other plans call to support the worldwide actionday of „via campesina“ on the 17th of april and for another day of action against the global agrobusiness at the 3rd of june. One day later, at the 4th of june there will be actions focussed on migration, while on the 5th of june g8, war & militarization will be on the agenda, when the airport rostock-laage will be laid to siege right at the moment when the g8 want to fly in.

Not all of the initiatives come from german-speaking regions. Different antirepression groups try to include the experiences of former summit protests. The street medics as well get organized internationally. The project „Caravana Utopia“ under the motto „Movin' Europe“ has been discussed internationally. In the netherlands & belgium dissent! was founded, which is going to organize infotours, and also in sweden people will do their own presentations. Attac france is publishing a newsletter and in greece there is a website against the g8-summit 2007. In some countries, like in the UK, there are independent mobilizations to Heiligendamm, etc.

The february gathering will be an important contribution to the ongoing mobilization process - aiming not only to call for participation in the protests against the g8-summit, but also to organize the protests internationally, to bring together the different approaches. Here we can interconnect the struggles we come from, we can make plans, develop strategies and get to know each other - to go on walking the ever more far-reaching road of rebellion together.

Contents of the meeting

The different plans, projects and networks of the mobilization will be gathered, the latest organizational, legal and infrastructural information will be given. We will bring all the material we have to distribute, bring yours as well.

There will be space for working groups on all kinds of subjects to share what had been done already and to continue working (e.g. on Camp07, antirepression, fundraising...) Another focus of the meeting will be the reflection of the process, the question of aims and the continuity of joint resistance. How will we go on after the summit? How to get everyone cross the border in the first place? How to best combine our different skills and tactics locally? How to best combine mass mobilizations and decentral actions internationally? Which actions can we take to prevent/reduce repression and to make it very, very expensive for them if we can't keep them from oppressing us?

These are some of the topics for the gathering in february. There will be further work being done on a provisional agenda, as well as on organizational and content preparation during the next meeting of the international working group in Rostock at the 30th/31st of december. More information will come soon....

**To those who want to dominate the world,
the world responds RESISTANCE!**

tions of companies profiting from war and an army recruitment office, as well as militant protests - the arterial bloc celebrated its birthday by smashing a police van [http://stopg20.org] +++ 30.11. many places: global action day for education +++ 29.11. london: immigrants protest being locked up in a immigration detention centre by spilling out of their rooms, smashing parts of the prison and lighting fires to draw attention to their plight [www.indymedia.org.uk] +++ 30.11-2.12. window rock/navajo nation: on the „indigenous world uranium

MINISTER'S MEETINGS BEFORE THE SUMMIT

As proposed in Osnabrück these meetings offer an opportunity to protest against the politics of the G8 in the run-up to the summit. Many of them actually are EU-meetings, as Germany takes over the EU council presidency in January for half a year.

january 15-16 dresden: justice and interior [eu] - 18-20 berlin: employment and social affairs [eu] - **february** 9-10 essen: finance and central bank governors [g7] - **march** 1-2 wiesbaden: defense [eu] - 1-2 heidelberg: education, youth & culture [eu] - 8-9 brussels: eu spring meeting, tops: economy and energy [eu] - 12-13 bonn: development [eu] - 15-17 no place known yet: environment [g8] - 25, berlin: 50 years „contracts of rome“ celebrations (birth of european union) with all presidents and ministers of

eu countries - 26-27 no place known yet: development [g8] - 30-31 bremen: foreign affairs [eu] - **april** 19-20 aachen: health [eu] - 20-21 berlin (fed. ministry of finance): finance [eu] - 26-28 wüzburg: economy with informal „contest-grous“ [eu] - **may** 6-8 no place known yet: labour [g8] - 15-16 hannover: family [eu] - 18-19 no place known yet: finance [g8] - 20-22 mainz: agriculture & fishery [eu] - 23-25 no place known yet: justice and interior [g8] - 28-29 hamburg: foreing affairs plus 16 asian colleagues [eu+] - 30 potsdam: foreign affairs [g8] - **une** 1-3 essen: enviroment [eu] - 6-8 heiligendamm: g8 summit - 21-22 brussels: final summit of the german eu presidency. top: eu constitution process - september 20 no place known yet: foreign affairs [g8]

DAYS OF ACTION PLANNED IN HAMBURG

On the 26th of May the convergence center in Hamburg will open, not only to bring activists together for the preparation of protests in Heiligendamm, but also to use the anti-G8 mobilisation to create and stimulate some activities around Hamburg before the summit starts. Several local groups from the radical left are in discussion about a big demonstration on the 31st of May (as this would allow people to also take part in the Rostock demonstration on the 2nd of

June) or on the 29th of May (when the 27 ministers of foreign affairs of EU countries are expected to hold a summit in Hamburg). Also other activities are discussed to get a frame for days of action - there are a lot of targets available. We invite the passing caravans and groups to join us with activities and to inform and to coordinate via the local mobilisation homepage. (hamburg.dissentnetzwerk.org)

AGENDA

22. December **Day of worldwide mobilisation for Oaxaca**
23.12. - 6.01.07 **G8@JUKSS**
(annual Youth Environmental Congress - www.jukss.de)
in cooperation with European Youth for Action
(www.eyfa.org)
30. - 31.12.06 **Meeting International Working Group in Rostock**
5. -7. January **Meeting in Berlin to plan migration related activities during the G8 summit 2007**
(the meeting will be held in 4 languages)
19. - 21. January **Next dissent+x meeting in Bremen**
24. - 28. January **World Economic Forum in Davos**
Last weekend in January or first in February
Meeting of the Antimilitarist Working Group
in Kassel/Germany to prepare blockades and actions at the Airport Rostock-Laage at the 5th of june 2007
9. - 11. February **International Gathering** in Warsaw/Poland
to prepare against the G8.
9. - 11. February **„Security Conference“ in Munich**,
privately organised international meeting of generals,
politicians and weapons industries [no-nato.de].
24. February **Activities against the „Opernball“**
in Frankfurt/Main will be centered around G8.
The elite-festivity was proposed as one focus in
the run-up to the summit.
17. April **International Day of Peasant's Struggle**
called out by Via Campesina

„CROSSING BORDERS“

Talking about Migration

This newsletter of the no border network is centered on migration in and to europe. While informing about the latest efforts of the european border-regimes to segregate the world, its clear focus on global resistance raises the voice to strengthen the struggles for self-determination and free movement worldwide. As this is an important claim of the anti-g8 mobilization as a whole, we ask you to support the project. Like the fields & beyond you can download this newsletter in form of a 4 page pdf (translated into 10 languages!), copy and fold it into a newspaper. If you print and spread the fields & beyond anyways, why not making some copies of the Crossing Borders as well???

[http://www.noborder.org/crossing_borders/]

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News from the fields and beyond is an autonomous part of the mobilization process against the G8. We do not strive to represent, but to reflect on all the developments within the mobilization campaign.



WEBSITES & MAILING LISTS

- + international mailing list: g8-int@lists.riseup.net [en]
- + general info mail: g8-int-contact@riseupnet [en]
- + dissent website & wiki: www.dissentnetwork.org [ge, en]
- + interventionist left: <http://g8-2007.de> [ge, en]
- + ngo coalition: www.g8-germany.info [en]
- + convergence center hamburg:
<https://hamburg.dissentnetzwerk.org/>
MainEnglish/HomePage [en]
- + on all g8 summits: www.gipfelsoli.org [ge, en]
- + romania: <http://nog8romania.wordpress.com>
- + greece: <http://www.2007-g8.tk>
- + mexico: <http://contrag8.revolt.org>
- + 3x france: <http://anti-g8.effraie.org/>,
http://www.campus.attac.org/rubrique.php?id_rubrique=42,
<http://www.intergalactique.lautre.net/rubrique123.html>
französische mailinglist: g8-heiligendamm@lists.riseup.net
- + usa mailinglist: <http://lists.riseup.net/www/info/g8-usa>
- general info on g8: <http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/>
- articles in german: <http://www.akweb.de/themen/daten.htm>
- official gov't website:
<http://www.g-8.de/Webs/G8/EN/Homepage/home.html>
- anti-g8 poster: <http://gipfel.oopen.de/g8a2.tif>
- anti-g8 trailer: <http://video.indymedia.org/en/2006/08/440.shtml>

summit“ delegates of native communities from all over the world share experiences and speak about strategies to resist the „nuclear renaissance“ promoted by the bush administration [and the G8 in russia this summer, coll.coll.] - and call to put an end to uranium mining, weapons testing, nuclear waste dumps and the whole nuclear fuel cycle [<http://www.sric.org/uraniumsummit/index.html>] +++ 14.12. kiel: solidarity action for ungdomshuset at the danish consulate +++ 16.12. start the riot... [www.ungdomshuset.info]