

NEWS[★] FROM THE FIELDS AND BEYOND

newsletter for a global anti-g8 process

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HELLO

The days of dissent against the G8 are coming closer. The preparation of infrastructure and facilitation of the protests is being coordinated by various networks in Germany, as well as more and more networks throughout Europe (see our list with contacts in the different countries). Right now, another question is shifting to the centre of a hotly contested debate: what will we do? What form will our collective protest take and how will it be most effective? How will we make our radical critique of the G8 and global capitalism visible? And where do we hurt them the most? In Germany and elsewhere, there are various proposals on the table. Mass blockades or small decentralized ones. Shutting down the roads or attacking the red zone. Direct actions in the region against various targets, or spread throughout Germany? Or all these at the same time? It seems clear, that we are not enough to spread our forces widely, but, at the same time, we cannot permit ourselves to be easily manageable. And perhaps we are more than it would seem. We cannot give a full reflection of all the discussions here. But we do want to invite all the global community to think about these strategic questions, and come to the international networking meeting in february in order to discuss them.

The collectors collective

DISSENT PLUS X IN OSNABRÜCK

The latest gathering turned out to be quite productive. Most time was spent discussing the so-called choreography of protests. Before the beginning of the g8 summit Dissent plus X will use the Castor-transport, upcoming meetings of ministers, the war conference in munich and the opernball in Frankfurt to warm up and mobilize. In Heiligendamm our protests will mainly be focussed on Global Agriculture [sunday], Migration [monday] and War & Militarization [tuesday] - preceded by activities against the bombing range in Wittstock [sunday]. By the time the delegations of the g8 are to arrive at the airport Rostock-Laage, the time of blockading and encircling will begin...

Maybe the most ambitious project agreed on is to realize a big demonstration from Bad Doberan and three other places to Kempinski/Heiligendamm on Thursday the 7th of June, which will be the second day of encircling the g8 summit. Concerning accomodations the people on the meeting agreed that they want to have one or more big camps nearby Heiligendamm. There was a tendency to prefer camping together with the other groups involved in the protests to be visible and open-minded - but to preserve autonomy in structure and decision making!!! The dissent part of such a camp has to be uncommercial and free of securities & cameras. There are people searching for good spots.

More than a dozen working groups met in osnabrück, some new groups sprang up; for example the actionbike collective and a working group thinking about how to deal with bourgeois & mass media. Another group wants to establish a contact point in case we have to deal with sexual harrasment, some others introduced the idea of „parents in action“. Parts of the international working group also met, most of the things discussed (action concepts, visas, border actions, legal stuff...) will be in the invitation for the international meeting in the next fields. The protocol of the meeting will be mailed around g8-int@lists.riseup.net soon.



Transorbital Slogan Contest

Confuse the police -

be someone else for a moment!

To make our protests sound as multilingual as they will be next year, we'd like to collect slogans in different languages for a little booklet. Tell us your smash hits!

fabarticles@lists.riseup.net

TELL US ABOUT IT!

Even one month after the fields and beyond has seen the light of day there are still infoshops and squats where you look for it in vain! To get an idea where it needs more efforts to spread it, please give us some short feedback about where you distributed it. We're also happy to hear about translations - please send them to us. We can do the lay-

out then and put them on the websites. But we think that to get more people involved it's even more important to circulate a paper version - please copy as many as you can and spread them!!! If you can't afford to copy them yourself, we can try to send some to you. But maybe you can also use other channels and opportunities...

+++ NEWSTICKER +++

+++ end of september, hamburg: The „unholy dam-bursting alliance“ sets fire to the car of one of the bosses of the hermes credit insurance germany and colours the house of another. hermes organizes financial guarantees that the german government gives to company investment in other countries, often following imperialist instead of social or ecological guidelines. soon it will be decided whether such a guarantee is given for the construction of the ilisu-dam in turkey. the group calls to flood the g8 instead [interim 643] +++ 29.09-4.10. mexico: protests against the meeting of the g8+5 meeting - alternative summit for climate justice & convergence against g8 [http://contrag8.revolt.org] +++ same time, arizona side of the

ANTI-G8-COMMUNITY IN ROSTOCK

We don't want to stay alone – together we'll rock this! Create 1,2,3,4 – more Anti-G8-Projects in Meck-Pomm! We want to show unmistakably:

The left-radical international resistance against the G8 and their politics is now organising on the spot already since september. We can offer infrastructure for other activists e.g. for night stays, getting contacts to locals and to stay and live there for a longer time. There is enough space for up to 6 other people to immediately move to Rostock.

Coming from different backgrounds and regions the project already has good connections to german and international left movements, but we definitely want it to become more diversified and more international.

Feel invited to contact, visit and organize together. Contact: big-8@web.de.

wiki: <http://anarchopedia>



G8 & AGRICULTURE

The working group wants to organize an actionday focusing on global agriculture during the g8-summit. While the issue is not so much anchored within the european radical left, we think that it's very important politically to concern ourselves with the worldwide struggles against the industrialization of agriculture, against the expropriation and expulsion of small farmers from their lands, and against the advance of the big seed multinationals. Despite our weak forces, we hope that we will somehow manage to organize a worldwide actionday on the 3rd of june 2007. Support is very welcome. You find „A Call for Worldwide Actions against Global Agri-Business during the G8 Summit in June 2007“ on the dissent-website [<http://dissentnetzwerk.org/node/8>]. The contact address of the working group is g8_landwirtschaft@yahoo.de

G8 COMES TO THE ANARCHIST BOOKFAIR

On october 21st 2006 the annual „Anarchist Bookfair“ happened in London. Hundreds of people crowding the many stands with books and flyers, information of every kind, and one of the main attractions in the workshop space: The meeting about next year's G8.

The people at the meeting were briefly told about events in Russia and plans for blockades and camps around

Rostock and Heiligendamm next year. Then the discussion went on to what steps to take towards mobilising in Britain.

It was decided that a large scale mobilisation was possible and needed. A working group was created to set up a gathering like during the mobilisation for the G8 2005 in Scotland and people agreed to go away from the mee-

ting and talk to their affinity or action groups. The mood was positive and constructive and we look forward to a lot of British guests in Germany next year.

For more information go to dissent.org.uk or subscribe to the dissent! UK mailing list.

TRANSNATIONAL NETWORKING PROCESS ABOUT MIGRATION

From Warsaw in Poland to Nouakchott in Mauretania, from Glasgow in the UK to Marocco in front of the border-fence of Ceuta: in dozens of European and African cities a simultaneous transnational actionday against migration-control took place on 7th of October. And „crossing borders“, a transnational newsletter about movements and struggles of migration, appeared a first time on the same date (for both see

<http://noborder.org>). After various conferences in the last months the migration-related networking process could obviously gain another level of communication and cooperation. If the inhuman process of so-called externalisation, the EU-attempts to shift and extend migration-control to African and East-European countries, should be practically attacked and disturbed in near future, common transnational activities have to

be developed and intensified. Next opportunities to get public awareness are the World Social Forum in Nairobi next January and the Anti-G8-Protests in June 07 in Germany. Concerning Anti-G8 a provisional migration-related program is meanwhile under preparation: including an entire day of action about migration on 4th of June in Rostock, one day before the blockades against the summit will start.

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL MEDICS GROUP

This group was set up during the meetings at Camp Inski in Germany August 2006. The main purpose of our group is to facilitate exchanging experience and ideas aimed at the creation of a network to maintain a basic level of health care for the participants at the protests against the G8 in Germany 2007. The members of this working group are all trained street medics/demo sanis with varying levels of experience and

training. We are men and women of different ages and hail from different countries all over the world. Our goal is to anticipate and deal with some of the challenges facing anyone wanting to provide activist health care. We aim to organise logistical and communication issues such as transport, medical supplies, accomodation/clinic space, organisation concerning camp sites, legal issues facing medics, and much more.

We also wish to empower other activists to take care of themselves and their comrades. We will do this, by providing them with information and experience for all comfort levels about health issues in general and on actions in particular. Also we will provide several opportunities for activists to be trained as actual medics should they be interested.

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About sanis in general: dissent.org/wiki

border: indigenous groups gather at the „border summit of the americas“ to protest against the border politics of the u.s. government - the planned extension of the fence/wall to mexico will cut through their lands and already militarizes their lives (<http://www.earthcycles.net/>) +++ 3.10. berlin: the no name chaots burn several cars of companies involved in nuclear energy as well as some expensive others to protest against the nuclear transports and the g8 [interim 644] +++ 4.10. oldenburg: the refugees in the local deportation camp start a strike supported by several demos and an autonomous visit of the camp director's house. the refugees still refuse the canteen feeding and 1€-jobs, a low-paid type of forced labour. +++ 5.10.

SOMEHOW THE FOREST SEEMED TO THICKEN AROUND THE GUARD, AND ALSO IT WAS ADVANCING...

A call for massive blockades around the Red Zone

It is not only since Seattle and for sure not only within the globalization movement that we are out in the streets fighting against the destruction of our living conditions and for a self-determined life. But it is here that we do it together. When the G8 meet in 2007 in Heiligendamm to plan the next steps of the belligerent sale of the world, they will hide in a cage, as they know all too well that there are 1001 reasons to attack them for their policies. It is the never-ending expansion of capitalist greed, that sacrifices people and nature for the interests of arms dealers and economical warlords - and last but not least the cynicism to disguise all this bitterness in sweet words - that fills our hearts with deep sadness so often, but also enflames us in rage. Stop it!

We think that the previous summit protests have proved the most successful whenever we managed to interconnect the diversity of emancipatory struggles and forms of action in a respectful way. The cooperation during the g8 protests in Evian 2003 embodied this idea as much as the yellow, pink and blue demolines against the IMF 2000 in Prague, which effectively supplemented each other in transparency for all participating. We will again in this year respect the forms of protest of all emancipatory oriented groups, and we wish to be treated alike.

We are firmly convinced that there is no use in subject-related appealing to the reason of those in power, or to work on building a civil society in the shadow of their escalating warmongery. It is not our aim to have the summit make other decisions - which in most cases only mean a modernisation of exploitation and oppression. Under the primary of plunder there won't be any constructive cooperation with us. In our actions we refuse to be pinned down to forms that demand an affirmation of legality - which means nothing but compelling us to approve the ruling order. We don't want our actions to symbolize submission to an order that kills thousands each and every day. Rather we will hurl our determined NO at those responsible for that organised crime - and a good deal of other things as well!

International mass attacks - Sink the summit!

To get started and to disturb the course of the meeting as comprehensively as possible, we place our bet on a circle of bigger and smaller blockades, massive and massing, multiple and decentral, that in time advance closer and closer to the G8. Besides sg, standing and walking mass blockades this

will include the construction and eventually the defence of barricades. Direct actions of small affinity groups, the appearance of the Rebel Clown Army, creative actions of incalculable activists or the tying down of police units in black block actions will complement the scenario.

Even though the highest representatives of the 8 leading industrial nations meet directly in Heiligendamm, the summit as a whole takes place in a lot of meetings during several days. For the „success“ of a summit in the sense of a smooth course it needs a lot of translators, delegations of political officers & so called experts, security and catering personnel, hack writers and smooth talkers. Last but not least - all of these 5,000-10,000 participants need to be supplied with everything from food and drink, to such banal things as toilet paper.

Through these, the potential field of disturbance is expanded to the places of accommodation of all those mentioned above, and the routes they have to take in the course of the summit. Here everyone is called not only to install big and massive blockades on the central road going from Bad Döberan to Heiligendamm, but on all approaches to the summit as well as on the roads to and from the locations of accommodation. In doing so, activists can easily decide whether they want to do affinity group actions in cooperation with bigger blockades, or if they prefer to erect enduring blockades. The dispersion the places of protest invite, and the diversity of forms of action, leave us in joyful anticipation of a festival of international actions.

In the discussions about the choreography of protests we had so far, the evening before the summit and the first „real“ G8-day appear to be the times of coordinated blockades. Whether the blockades are to be continued the next day, or if the Red Zone is going to be attacked is not clear by now. What we know is that acting effectively during the summit constantly demands timely information - a task that will be covered by infopoints on the camps and wherever we need them to be.

our aim: zero traffic to and from Heiligendamm for an entirely different entity

PAULA [supraregional plenary - antiauthoritarian - uncompromising - libertarian - autonomous]
end of september 2006



CONVERGENCE CENTERS IN HAMBURG AND BERLIN

From 26th of May 2007 onwards there will be convergence centers open in Hamburg and Berlin. The idea behind these convergence centers is to offer possibilities for activists from other parts of Germany and especially for

activists from abroad to gather already some days before the actual summit, to have places to arrive in Germany, to meet other activists from all over the world. These are places to share skills and experiences with people from dif-

ferent backgrounds and to prepare actions collectively, and last but not least to get the latest information.

More information at: <https://hamburg.dissentnetzwerk.org>, or: <http://www.dissentnetwork.org>

berlin: to contribute to the international actionday on migration and to support the idea of an antiracist focus of militant actions before and during the g8 summit, an unnamed group throws colourbottles on the „charity“ organization awo, which runs deportation camps not only in Berlin [interim 643] +++ 6.10. activists climb the floating deportation prison in the harbour of Rotterdam and block the entrance by locking themselves to the gate +++ 7.10. many places: 3rd day of migration related actions [<http://www.noborder.org>] +++ 10.10. barcelona: After hooded activists emphasized their opposition to the restructuring of the city by throwing paint, stones and flares on the museum of contemporary art, the government puts off

BYCICLE CARAVANS TO HEILIGENDAMM

There are already two bike caravans planned. The western Gr8chaoskaravaan will start in Calais at 27. April, pass belgium, the netherlands, and in germany Osnabrück, Bremen and Hamburg. The east caravan, the shake-g8-bikeride starts in Budapest, passes Slovakia, Czechia, poland and goes northwards Berlin towards Heiligendamm. Both caravans will meet in the antimilitaristic camp against the german bombing range Bombodrom, 150 km south of Rostock. The last distance all activists will bike together. People can join in on the whole route or only for some hours, just as they wish. The caravan wants to get in contact with local initiatives, in order to connect local fights with our struggle against the system of the g8. You can also organise a new starting point or a completely new caravan. There are already some people interested in spain, france, switzerland, greece and UK.

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fahrradkarawane07@lists.riseup.net (eastern caravan) Info: dissent wiki

AGENDA

10.-12. November - International Action Conference in Rostock University.
[www.heiligendamm2007.de]

16. November - Meeting in berlin to plan the convergence spaces in hamburg & berlin

17.-19. November - The StopG20? Collective calls for action against the meeting of finance ministers, reserve bank governors and heads of the World Bank and IMF in Melbourne
[http://www.stopg20.org]

26. November - Open Meeting against G8 in Stockholm/Sweden (dissent.goth.info@gmail.com)

1.-3. December - Meeting of International Anti-Repression Group in Utrecht/Netherlands

8.-10. December - Meeting of International Medics group in Leiden, Holland.

(attention: this meeting got delayed one week. this is the actual date)

30.-31. December - Meeting International Working Group in Rostock

23.12.-6. January - G8@JUKSS (annual Youth Environmental Congress - www.jukss.de) in cooperation with European Youth For Action (www.eyfa.org)

6.-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

9.-11. February 2007 - International meeting in Warsaw (Poland) to get ready against the G8. You'll find the invitation in the next fields and beyond.

Last weekend of April or 1st weekend of May 2007 - Meeting of International Medics group.

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, nl, gr...]

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

france: http://www.campus.attac.org/rubrique.php3?id_rubrique=42

anti-g8 poster: http://gipfel.oopen.de/g8a2.tif

anti-g8 trailer: http://video.indymedia.org/en/2006/08/440.shtml

the european summit of housing policy ministers to prevent violent demonstrations by radicals and no-global groups. +++
12.10. moscow: anti-nuclear activists block the german embassy and demand to stop uranium transports to russia. the host of the g8 for sure won't talk about the 400% extension of its uranium enrichment plant in gronau while presenting itself as spearhead of ecology, reason & peace next year +++ after 27.10. many places: solidarity actions with the struggle in oaxaca, where the mexican police killed at least 5 people storming the autonomous parts of the city. [http://www.indymedia.org/en/index.shtml] +++

WANTED: TRANSLATORS!

To make it possible for people from everywhere to take part in and contribute to the mobilization, we need a lot of texts to be translated into all possible languages (and to be forwarded to local websites, mailinglists, distributed as flyers etc).

- If you would like to translate or can make the contacts to some translators you know, subscribe to the g8-translations mailing list: <https://lists.nadir.org/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/g8-translations>

- If you just need some text to be translated, you can also simply send it to g8-translations (at) lists.nadir.org

- To get an overview on texts to be translated and „under construction“, have a look on www.dissentnetwork.org/wiki under „Coordination for translations“.



5 organizational hallmarks

A very clear rejection of capitalism, imperialism and feudalism; all trade agreements, institutions and governments that promote destructive globalisation.

We reject all forms and systems of domination and discrimination including, but not limited to, patriarchy, racism and religious fundamentalism of all creeds. We embrace the full dignity of all human beings.

A confrontational attitude, since we do not think that lobbying can have a major impact in such biased and undemocratic organisations, in which transnational capital is the only real policy-maker.

A call to direct action and civil disobedience, support for social movements' struggles, advocating forms of resistance which maximize respect for life and oppressed peoples' rights, as well as the construction of local alternatives to global capitalism.

An organisational philosophy based on decentralisation and autonomy.

Fieldsandbeyond is a tool for coordination, not an organization.