

Until the demolition of every prison. Always with the anarchy.

Because for those who love life, to react when life and death are at stake is an act of duty.,

Anna Beniamino

Alfredo Cospito, an anarchist prisoner on whom the law of “massacre” was imposed in the “Scripta Manent” case -for the double attack on the carabinieri school in Fossano, signed by the *FAI-RAT (Informal Anarchist Federation -Anonymous Chaotic Rebellion)*- has been on hunger strike against the *41-bis* regime and life imprisonment, since October 20th in Bancali prison, Sassari, Sardinia. Already on 5th May, after ten years of imprisonment, the state has chosen to reinforce the imprisonment of the comrade (who until then had made a significant contribution to the anarchist discourse with letters, articles and interventions) through the regime of article *41-bis (carcere duro)*, a law that, in essence, upgrades the imprisonment to a special solitary confinement even on an intellectual and sensory level. It is a suffocating condition that almost eliminates all communication and contact with the outside world, as a torture of psychosomatic extermination of the political prisoners, with the aim of forcing them into political “repentance”.

In addition, this regime (of *41-bis/carcere duro*) is intended to create a barrier to the revolutionary anti-authoritarian dialogue between comrades inside and outside the prisons. The organised censorship and the attempt to eliminate the very existence of political prisoners reveals the teeth of democracy and the fear of the power towards those who are carrying and spreading the seeds of rebellion and attack for the demolition of state and capital.

Alfredo Cospito, a continuator of anarchist discourse and anarchist action, raises the shield of the hunger strike to repel the vindictiveness of the state apparatus. The Italian state with its fascist practices -through the last elections and beyond- has a long history of warlike tension with their enemy anarchists who over the years have been in cases and files for their actions and beliefs, even at the price of death.

Three political prisoners, members of the *new Red Brigades* arrested in 2003, Nadia Lioce, Marco Mezzasalma and Roberto Morandi, are also under the same regime of extermination, while Diana Blefari -also a member of the *new Red Brigades* and a long-time prisoner in the solitary confinement of the *41-bis* regime- committed suicide in 2009.

With the passing of the new Penal Code and the even more recent passing of the new Penal Code by the Greek state, prisons or “maximum security” wards are now targeting “increased surveillance” of “unruly” prisoners, in addition, of course, to political prisoners, sentenced with the most important counter-revolutionary legal instrument applied in guerrilla warfare, namely *187A*, and this, seven years after the abolition of *C-type* prisons, thanks to the then hunger strike struggle of political prisoners. This latest development in the legal arsenal of the state constitutes nothing but a tendency to absolutize the conditions of detention in prisons, alongside the authoritarianization of the social captivity of surveillance and control (and) outside the boundaries of the prison, and opens up the serious possibility of the introduction of isolation/torture models (type *41-bis*) in Greek prisons as well. The prisoners of Korydallos and Domokos prisons are still engaged in resistance mobilizations against the new, further authoritarianized Penitentiary Code.

It should be noted that in Turkey -also a neighbouring country- the *F-type* prisons have been in place since 2000, with the regime of torture and isolation for the militants. On 23th August, political prisoners were transferred from prisons in Turkey and Northern Kurdistan to the Ereğli maximum security prison in Ikonio, far away from their relatives. In Ikonio, the prisoners were placed in isolation cells and were banned from communication for a month and banned from visiting them. The number of prisoners isolated in solitary confinement increased to 40 in the following months. The 40 prisoners in Konya Ereğli maximum security prison started a “rotating hunger strike” indefinitely on 4th October against the increasing violations and severe solitary confinement conditions, while one of them, political prisoner Yakup Brukanlı from Rojhilat, set his body on fire on 28th October, defending his dignity against the severe solitary confinement conditions. Regarding the motive for his act, Brukanlı writes in a letter: *When everyone covered their ears and kept silent about this illegal arbitrary act, I had come to the conclusion that self-immolation was the way to break this ignorance. Man is a living being with his own identity and social values. Without this, it is not possible to talk about human society and existence. This situation is related to the state of consciousness. [...] In my opinion, every person who says “I am me” must protect his/her identity, sociality and dignity from all kinds of attacks.* Similarly, the prisoners in Dumlu No.1 maximum security prison, on 9th November, also started a “rotating hunger strike” against torture practices, while Ramazan Kaya in *H-type* prison in Erzurum, went on an indefinite hunger strike against violations.

To create networks of solidarity with neighbouring countries and to strengthen international solidarity in all directions. It is no coincidence that the last two years in Greece, too, have been full of major hunger strike struggles of political prisoners. Solidarity constitutes the substrate of every effort to internationalise the struggles of the oppressed and on this basis, the need for organic international revolutionary solidarity constitutes the project of our struggles in the here and now, for the destruction of the dominion and the creation of free anti-authoritarian communities.

Comrade Alfredo, a conscientious objector, has taken responsibility for the shootings (on May 7th, 2012 in Genoa), with the *Olga Nucleus* of the *Informal Anarchist Federation - International Revolutionary Front (FAI/IRF)* at the feet of Roberto Adinolfi, executive and chief executive officer of the nuclear death company *Ansaldo Nucleare*.

The state once again murders, in order to impose its power through coercion to repentance. Comrade Alfredo has made sure to sign a statement through his lawyers from the outset that he refuses “resuscitation”/forced feeding at all costs, as his hunger strike is until death or revocation of the *41-bis* extermination regime.

Alfredo's struggle against the isolation-extermination regime of prisoners is a struggle of all of us.

On hunger strike alongside Alfredo Cospito were the anarchist prisoner Juan Sorroche in Terni prison, the anarchist prisoner Ivan Alocco in Villepinte prison in France and Anna Beniamino in Rebibbia prison in Rome.

Comrade Alfredo has exceeded 110 days of hunger strike, with a weight reduction of at least 45 kg, memory loss, permanent damage to vital organs and no longer taking nutritional supplements, and has been transferred to the Intensive Care Unit (*SAI*) of the Opera prison in Milan, where there is a section in the hospital for prisoners subject to the *41-bis* extermination

regime, and from there to the San Paolo hospital in Milan, in one of the rooms reserved for prisoners under *41-bis*. At the same time, the protest marches and clashes in the streets of Italian cities are intensifying, highlighting the social dimension of the struggle against the murderous extermination of the penitentiary system, which seems to be spreading its restructured moods on a global scale.

Let our solidarity and our collective self-defence against the plans to capture and plunder our lives be universal.

I don't know whether internationalism will prevent us from this descent into nothingness, or whether it will be the lever for the uplift and overthrow of the existing world. One thing is certain, however: in order to oppose this new capitalism decisively, the collapse of the system is required to be global. Factional wars lead to defeat as much as waiting for the right moment for the anarchists to mature.,

Alfredo Cospito, “Which International? Interview and discussion with Alfredo Cospito from Ferrara prison”

Freedom to all prisoners around the world!

**SOLIDARITY TO THE ANARCHIST REVOLUTIONARY HUNGER STRIKER
SINCE 20 OCTOBER AGAINST *41-bis*, ALFREDO COSPITO | FIRE TO *41-bis***

Alfredo stai ai nostri cuori!

Always with the anarchy!

Face and outface – for these are times when “valor is discretion.”,

Voltaireine de Cleyre, *Our Present Attitude* (1908)

We call for a solidarity meeting with comrade Alfredo Cospito, at the Italian Embassy, Athens, Greece, on Thursday 16 February, at 18.30

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