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## About the Switch Off! Attack Campaign

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A year ago in Europe, an attack campaign against companies and infrastructures that fuel the ecological catastrophe around the world, entitled *Switch Off!*, which in Spanish means *Turn Off*. Large and small actions have positioned themselves on the offensive out of concern and the need to confront an evident ecosystem collapse caused by the global capitalist machinery that destroys everything in its path.

The intention of the campaign is to “attack the system in a sustainable way”, placing *direct action* in a common context through anonymous communication with each other, inviting people to arm themselves with their own means and go on the offensive against the infrastructures. productive and with it property, without falling into false discursive, institutional and/or technological illusions, “making it clear that there can be no capitalist green alternative, nor peace with existing conditions.”

In a first presentation statement we can see more exactly what is the background and objective of why to invite the use of the slogan “Switch Off!”:

***Switch off – Aufruf zur Revolte***

***(Turn off – Call to revolt)*** [\[1\]](#)

*The certainty that the current system will cause the massively damaged ecosystem to collapse has already moved countless people and led them to resist. Tens of thousands of people take to the streets against the "advance" of the capitalist machine, people are resisting large-scale destructive projects en masse, the infrastructure of the system is being blocked and brave fighters set fire to the machines they steal from their livelihood.*

*What we need in the fight against the destruction of nature and the resulting social misery is the common struggle for a true revolutionary rupture and freedom for all. An initiative that rejects all the commitments and cosmetic corrections of the State and promotes a transformation of our social relations.*

*Because the destruction of the planet by the neoliberal economic system is inextricably linked to patriarchal thought patterns, racism and colonialism. The initiative for this must necessarily come from below. Of the struggles of the marginalized. Of the struggles of those who oppose the state's promise of rescue*



*through self-organized and supportive cooperation. Of the struggles of those who see that there can be no compromises in the fight against the systemic destruction of the biosphere.*

*At the same time, we must also be aware that we cannot completely prevent the progressive collapse of a massively damaged ecosystem. Nor the loss of biodiversity. Nor the depletion of resources. We will not be able to avoid the climate catastrophe, because we are already in the middle of it. Admitting it - without any catastrophic pathos - does not paralyze us. On the contrary, it should open up for us and our contexts the question of what our lives and our revolutionary struggles could be like in the future.*

*We will hardly be able to block and sabotage it as radically and uncompromisingly as climate change caused by capitalism requires. But we must not let that discourage us. In the fight against exploitation, let us sustainably question, sabotage and attack the infrastructure of capitalism. So that another world is possible! Let us cooperate with others in solidarity to live a dignified life. Let's make our ideas come true in the here and now and within our struggles and actions. We will not be lulled by the government's attempts at appeasement.*

### **Against their technological solutions**

*The solutions offered by those in power for the now evident effects of the ecological crisis are mainly technological. Obviously, this is also driven by pressure groups ("lobbying"), but above all it is a self-legitimization strategy. The development, control and application of the "technologies of the future" that aim to make growth capitalism "sustainable" are in the hands of the State, industry and science and are inextricably linked to them. If we are sold the illusion that climate change can be stopped technologically, then this is based on the confidence that those in power simply have to take the right steps, the right measures, to save this world. On the one hand, they have no interest in ending the expansionist capitalism that ensures their position of power. And, on the other hand, technological reform, with the new dependencies it creates, is also doomed to failure. As examples, electric mobility or technologies to generate so-called renewable energies could be used. The necessary raw materials are often obtained in the course of neocolonial environmental exploitation. The transportation of these raw materials and components in turn depends largely on fossil fuels. This makes it unthinkable in any case to convert the current industry towards renewable energies before the world's oil reserves are depleted.*

### **We can no longer afford their wealth**

*Who are those who have always known how to take advantage and ensure their supremacy from the crises and wars of recent years? Who is responsible for most of the emissions of gases harmful to the climate? They are not the already excluded, the refugees and the poor. They are the energy companies, the banks and the arms manufacturers. They are the rich, whose decadence can only exist at the expense of others. And it is the mass consumption and resource waste lifestyle of societies in the global north, which is based on exploitative assumptions and relationships, that we must reject and combat. Therefore, it is clear that a fight against the destruction of nature must also aim at the destruction of property. Let's destroy the infrastructure of wealth for a world in which everything belongs to everyone.*

### **Attack the system sustainably**

*In our struggles, we encounter contradictions that affect our own habits and thought patterns. Can we imagine projects and worlds that break with our patriarchal roles, gender oppression and racial continuities? It remains important that we develop ideas about what solidarity can look like in turbulent times.*

*Those in power, whether they have a coat of green paint or not, will respond to attacks on their plans with increasing severity in the face of the climate crisis. They are stuck with fossil fuels and the dinosaur of the nuclear industry. They cling to the lie that renewable energy will save the world. They get caught up in their greenwashing propaganda and the more reality challenges their promises, the more authoritarian they become.*





*We believe that militant action and direct attack in all possible forms is an important means, although by no means the only one. Many of the protests, demonstrations, sabotages and blockades that have taken place so far point in an exciting direction. We think we can only become a serious threat if we seek to communicate with each other. We propose the motto “Turn off! – the system of destruction” (Switch OFF! – the system of destruction) between us and thus put our struggles in a common context.*

*Our actions must make clear that there can be no capitalist green alternative, nor peace with existing conditions. Let's dismantle the shiny façade of (green) capitalism! We ourselves choose the means and none is above another in a hierarchy. We would love for many people to take up this idea.*

*This is not intended to be an attempt at cooptation, but rather a call to go on the offensive and strengthen existing struggles. Let's ignite a wave of long-term action towards revolt! Take good care of yourselves and be brave.*

*Switch Off – attack the destruction system sustainably.*

*For a solidarity fight in catastrophic conditions – all over the world!*

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### **Some attached actions**

Since this campaign, dozens of actions have already been carried out and claimed; among them, scratches, breaking glass, arson attacks on companies, construction machinery, trucks, municipal vehicles and sabotage of “critical” infrastructure such as hydroelectric plants, high voltage lines, railway lines, mining pipelines and gas pipelines. Without making an extensive chronology of all the actions, since we recommend visiting the Switch Off! website, let's see just a few with excerpts from their communications:

#### **-Sabotage of a hydroelectric plant in Berlin (June 12) [2] :**

*Our action is a powerful greeting in support of indigenous struggles in Colombia against coal mining and sabotage of German climate and industrial policy.*

*(...) Here in Germany the supposed end of coal is celebrated as an example of ecological sustainability, while in Colombia death and destruction is exchanged for energy for German industry - that is colonialism today - in green.*

*“El Cerrejón” in Colombia was a crime against people and nature even before the attack on Ukraine. The coal mine occupies almost 70,000 hectares in a semi-desert area of Colombia. The Yukpa and other indigenous groups are no strangers to forced expropriations, expulsions, threats and murders of indigenous environmental activists.*

*(...) Every day!, the mine, popularly known as the “monster”, swallows more than 30 million liters of water and contaminates groundwater. All the coal extracted there is destined for export to Europe, China and the United States. Even before the Ukrainian war, 30 million tons of coal were exported to Germany and burned every year to satisfy our energy greed. According to rbb, a phone call from Chancellor Scholz to the Colombian president on April 6, 2022 led to the expansion of a controversial coal mine in Colombia. On the same day as the conversation between Scholz and President Duque, the indigenous communities were “informed” by the “environment” ministry, according to rbb, that they would now have to leave to make way for the expansion of the “monster.” Germany secured coal exports with agreements during the Ukrainian war and is accepting a new increase in CO<sup>2</sup>. The indigenous, Afro-Colombian and peasant communities, on the other hand, are between a rock and a hard place, for example, in their fight for water and the protection of the Bruno stream, in La Guajira.*

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#### **-Sabotage of electrical systems of mining companies in Hambach and Garzweiler (July 5) [3] :**

*The attacked cables supply, among others, the coal bunkers of the Hambach and*





Garzweiler open pit mines and the Fortuna coal bunker. The aim of the action was to interrupt the supply of coal to the Neurath and Niederaussem power plants and, if necessary, force their closure. Unfortunately, according to the press, we did not have enough accelerant to cause serious damage. Next time we will take more. However, this action shows that fossil fuel companies like RWE are vulnerable. And who knows, we may have indirectly contributed to the transformer fire on July 11 at the Hambach open pit mine, which paralyzed the entire open pit mine.

Coal plants, in particular, are a very important infrastructure to supply power plants. Most of the electrical cables between the substations and coal bunkers run above ground and are easily accessible.

(...) The "Turn off the destruction system" campaign offers inspiration and publicity for actions against the destruction of nature.

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#### **-Arson attack on BMW electric cars (July 9) [4] :**

In recent months, the repression against climate activists in Germany has continued to intensify. In media coverage, the Last Generation (LG [5]) has received the most attention. Investigations by the Munich Prosecutor's Office into the formation of an alleged criminal organization, house searches, preventive detentions for sit-in blockades [6], etc... Now the Berlin Prosecutor's Office has announced that in the future it will try street blockers in so-called proceedings summaries. The Code of Criminal Procedure allows the judicial apparatus to adopt this approach if the allegations against the accused are "suitable for immediate trial due to the simple facts of the case or the clarity of the evidence."

(...) With this action, we also send a warm greeting to the activists who have been taken to court in recent months for blocking power plants and who have been sentenced to several months in prison. We call on the LG to once and for all open his eyes and put an end to useless appeals to the federal government. There is no reason to believe that everything will be fine once the €9 note and the Tempo 100 have been put into effect and freely elected "citizens' councils" have been established as the backdrop for the Punch and Judy show [7] of fossil fuels. The problem is not the wrong or overly hesitant climate decisions of a national government. The problem is the whole damn system!

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#### **-Arson attack on electric charging stations (June 15 and July 14) [8] :**

The development of new sources of raw materials, mines and factories to implement the so-called energy transition and the move to electrified private transport are in full swing: gigafactories exploiting groundwater; new lithium mines in Portugal; nickel and gold from stolen indigenous lands in Indonesia; the development of vanadium deposits in Norway and rare earth deposits in Sami territory in Sweden; Congo Cobalt... the industrial extraction of copper, cobalt and nickel at the bottom of the ocean; the acquisition of hydrogen on artificial islands in the North Sea or through neocolonial import strategies from Namibia and Chile... the costs of this energy transition and of continuing as before with a clear conscience are already well known. The shift towards green capitalism is inevitably accompanied by an intensification of the exploitation of people and nature!

(...) We have decided to attack an infrastructure that is currently expanding rapidly and is present almost everywhere: electronic charging stations. They are a necessary component of the Green New Deal mobility transition and therefore an ideal low-threshold goal.

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#### **-Arson attack on Senator Mäurer's car (July 19) [9] :**

It seems that Mäurer has always been a senator of the Interior, but for at least the last 16 years his job has consisted of the unscrupulous application of murderous European and German refugee regulations on the territory of the Hanseatic city of Bremen. He has recently been named the city's chief executive officer for another four years. During this long period in office, he has been responsible for thousands of





deportations, arrests and imprisonments with every imaginable consequence for those affected. He has always supported killer police officers, such as Qosay's killers *Sadam Khalef* and *Mohamed Idrissi*.

*Mäurer* had so-called “danger points” created in order to be able to carry out “independent controls of suspicion.” Twice a year, he and his colleagues at the Interior Ministers' conferences joined in the chorus: “more guns, tougher laws, more prisons...”.

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– **Golf course sabotage (July 24) [\[10\]](#) :**

(...) *the fight against climate destruction is inevitably also a fight for class issues. The richest 1% of the population emits much more CO2 than the poorest 50% of society. While the city warns us to conserve drinking water, the golf club has its large lawns watered. While they enjoy their leisure activities in a well-watered green, we observe an area of the city that could be a park, a nature reserve or a residential area for affordable housing. We are not surprised that this is not of interest in Blankenese's parallel society. That will only change when fear changes sides. Let's work on it!*

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**-Armed attack on Deutsche Bahn (July 27) [\[11\]](#) :**

*There are many reasons why Deutsche Bahn was chosen as a destination. With this attack we specifically want to take up the ongoing protests that are directed against the so-called “Mayan Train” in southern Mexico and take them to where those responsible are located in this country. Deutsche Bahn, owned by the German state, acts as shadow operator of this infrastructure project through its subsidiary DB Engineering and Consulting and earns millions from it.*

(...) *The cynical name “Mayan Train” alone obscures what is really behind it. Because this megaproject is not “just” a train. It is a neocolonial infrastructure project. An ecocidal corporation that means the destruction of the last tropical forests of South America. A counterinsurgency project against the indigenous and Zapatista communities of southern Mexico, their expulsion and seizure of colonial lands. A wall of concrete and rails that isolates the rich global north from migration from the global south, administered by the Mexican army and co-responsible by the German state through the DB.*

(...) *German companies are involved in neocolonial structures around the world. They benefit from an orientation towards progress and growth that seeks to destroy the earth and the basis of all life. This builds its walls on a colonial basis consolidated for centuries and from which societies in the global North benefit. Our prosperity here, the lifestyle of mass consumption and waste of resources, is based on the exploitation of “others.” This means that the catastrophic effects of the prosperity of a few must disappear from local view. They are visible to those who work for it and whose livelihoods are destroyed by it. This can also be seen in the climate crisis. While the increase in the share of so-called renewable energy is making the air cleaner here, in Colombia mines are being expanded for German coal-fired power plants. While electronic cars roll on European roads, the extraction of lithium, cobalt and other minerals in Guatemala, the Congo, Bolivia and many other places is destroying the ecological balance and turning living flora and fauna into dead and diseased zones.*







#### **-Arson attack on transmission tower (August 3) [\[12\]](#) :**

*Actions often occur that are reported on by the media and are planned accordingly. We do not know why our action has not been echoed in the press until now. This is striking and it would be interesting to find out if there is some type of information blackout imposed by the police or politicians (?) to prevent the spread of this type of actions (?). It is doubtful that acts of sabotage will generate any interest in the media. However, we can only speculate in this regard.*

*However, the real motivation for our project lies not in media attention, but in attack and concrete destruction.*

*(...) Our thoughts are with Mónica and Francisco, who probably face a long prison sentence. The prosecution has requested more than 150 years in prison for Francisco and 25 years for Mónica. Her resistance and firmness, even in such a situation, has driven us in our actions.*

#### **-Arson attack on Züblin car (August 10) [\[13\]](#) :**

*As we walk around the city, we repeatedly come across the signs of a handful of companies that want to use them to mark who owns the city. Among them is Züblin, a construction company that is adding cement to the explosive increase in rents. Züblin has long been dedicated to the capitalist attack on our living spaces and for this reason he was already attacked forty years ago, when construction machinery was burned for his participation in the construction of Runway West in Frankfurt. During the Nazi regime, Züblin used forced laborers at Frankfurt Airport. Thanks to his connection with Strabag, Züblin has become one of the main tree destroyers; see the extension of the A49 across the Danni or the A66 through the Fechenheimer Forest.*

#### **-Sabotage of merchandise traffic in one of the largest ports in Europe (September 7) [\[14\]](#) :**

*Every year, millions of tons of goods and raw materials are transshipped in Hamburg, increasing the wealth of exploiters in the global North at the expense of the so-called global South. We wanted to put a real brake on this machinery. At the same time, we are also showing our solidarity with communities affected by industrial destruction around the world and with those behind bars for fighting capitalism and the state. We also join the growing fight against the "Mayan Train" infrastructure project in Mexico, in which German companies such as Deutsche Bahn participate, whose infrastructure seems to us an appropriate objective to show our solidarity here as well.*

*(...) Hamburg is a capitalist metropolis where numerous logistics chains converge. If we want to end capitalism, why not attack the infrastructure that supports it here? With the simplest possible means, which sometimes have surprisingly large impacts on a network that can hardly be protected everywhere? We see sabotage as a real attack on the system of exploitation, as an experiment, but also as a proposal to intensify local struggles against neocolonialism and climate destruction. Global capitalism will continue to destroy this planet, whether with fossil fuels or with the*





new “green” exploitation of the earth. He will continue to defend the injustice of his wealth with weapons and barbed wire against the excluded. As revolutionaries, we consider it our responsibility to attack the wealth of the global North. We must sabotage the advance of capitalist industry at its core, wherever possible.



#### **-Arson attack on a car dealership in Gerresheim (September 10) [\[15\]](#) :**

For some years now there has been a lot of talk about the change in traffic. Despite this, the number of cars in Germany increases every year (as the statistics for 2022 also show). Therefore, it is obvious that fossil capitalism is far from over. And anyone who sees an alternative in the growing number of electric cars obviously does not care about climate change, biodiversity or workers' rights. We must overcome private motorized transport. The increasing number of cars, the increasing emissions of greenhouse gases, the continuous extinction of species, the dramatic increase in ocean temperatures... show one thing very clearly: in the not too distant future, there will be a transition from a relatively stable global climate to an unstable global climate. It may not yet be entirely clear how far global problems will go.

Different parts of the climate justice movement have worked hard to draw attention to what is coming and have ensured that the environment and climate debate is on everyone's lips. No one who doesn't want to know continues to believe that (auto)capitalism is okay. However, people continue to sell, buy and drive. Given the disasters we are heading towards, it's time to stop the car, get out and burn it! The emerging global conditions make the need for a social revolution unquestionable.

A deep break with our way of producing, consuming and living is necessary. But what to do with this finding? If we compare the need for a radical break with what is or seems possible at this moment, resignation and even depression and agony are not far away. This is precisely what can most forcefully disintegrate the necessary movement. Against resignation, it is important to set perspectives and strategies, no matter how small they may be. We must be honest with ourselves about our possibilities, but realize what is possible with determination and joy in our resistance.

In the actions that are being carried out against cars (leaving them without air, blocking roads, rendering them useless) we recognize the possibility of a somewhat greater strategy. Since the mere realization that (auto)capitalism is crazy doesn't make the madness stop, we should make sure that buying, selling and driving cars becomes annoying. And as often as possible. Last generation campaigns have shown how effective this can be and our campaign won't win any popularity contests either. These campaigns are not about that. We propose to continue/reintensify very different actions against cars. In the case of personally owned cars, we think it is smart to choose newer and especially expensive cars for campaigns because of the mediation. In the area of large dealerships, it can be more indiscriminate. If we manage to put 1001 punctures, this strategy can have a certain effect.







#### **-Arson attack on 15 Tesla cars (September 11) [\[16\]](#) :**

*Tesla is one of our most prominent enemies. This company represents better than any other the ideology of green capitalism and the pursuit of global and colonial destruction. Electric motors are constantly presented as the clean alternative. This is a cynical lie. Like other companies, Tesla mines resources around the world. The raw materials necessary for electric car batteries, such as lithium and cobalt, are extracted in Latin America or Africa under miserable conditions. Despite their beautiful green paint, fossil fuels are used to transport and extract them.*

*All of this is linked to the oppression of indigenous communities, whose resistance should inspire us to act.*

*(...) Tesla is part of a conglomerate of groups owned by Elon Musk. His patriarchal fantasies seem inexhaustible. She is one of those people who wants to dominate the Internet, space, new technologies and artificial intelligence, and she seems to know no limits to his domination fantasies.*

*SpaceX, for example, is a company that wants to create more resources, rockets and spacecraft to make space a vacation destination for the richest and advance the idea of one day inhabiting Mars. The appropriation and subjugation of territories by capitalism continues, now to Mars. A dystopia that says it all.*

*As for the neurotechnology company Neuralink, its goal is to connect the human brain with machines. Therefore, we are experimenting with animals how the flow of thoughts can be read. In the long term, this should be used to cure diseases.*

*(...) Some may claim that your electric car is not responsible for the destruction of global ecosystems, exploitation and displacement of populations. Some claim the right not to see their privilege of colonial and ecological destruction. We must destroy these patriarchal and colonialist conceptions of the future. They are enemies of a world and an ecological and united way of life.*





**-Arson attack on two Strabag company excavators (September 18) [17] :**

*It is good to see that attacks against companies and infrastructure that fuel the ecological catastrophe are currently increasing. Although they are nothing more than a drop in the ocean, they are nevertheless an expression that not everyone is content with making requests to the political sphere or resigned to watching the world go away.*

*(...) Strabag, one of the largest construction companies in Europe, is involved in every infamy imaginable on earth and any new construction project means the advancement of the destruction of nature, in favor of the concrete deserts that are already almost endless. Therefore, every interruption in our daily routine is a small satisfaction for us.*

**-Attack on arsonist on radio tower (October 19) [18] :**

*Attacking the structures that sustain this technological nightmare world opens opportunities to unleash the instinct of rebellion. It is not so much the analyzes and theories, much less the ideologies, that move us, but the desires and desires, among other things, for something that even we, as anarchists, sometimes omit to say, or speak in a low voice, because we are afraid of sounding pathetic. We talk about freedom. Of our individual freedom and that of our fellow human beings with whom we want to live. If there is something that prevents us from experiencing freedom, it is not only material conditions, borders or heteronomy, but also the widespread smartification of life in favor of technologies that unleash bloody wars for resources and claims to power, while leaving to people paralyzed in front of screens. All of this serves to maintain domination and social order, which has many beneficiaries. But we have found the Achilles heel of the very technology that is supposed to subjugate us and is the rulers' greatest tool yet, and we are attacking it specifically.*

**-Arson attack on CEMEX concrete plant (December 27) [19]**

*The wasteland of concrete and asphalt continues to spread. In Germany alone, up to 30 hectares of living soil are buried every day under the most coveted building material. Roads, squares, commercial areas, industrial plants and homes; Huge parts of the earth's surface are already sealed and infrastructure projects such as dams, highways, bridges, airports, etc. They consume several billion tons of concrete each year.*

*All this is not without consequences. Concrete is considered the climate killer par excellence. Almost 10% of the carbon dioxide that this system currently expels into the air comes from the cement industry. That is, almost three times more than air traffic. At the same time, concrete production consumes enormous amounts of resources. In particular, sand, essential for production, is already in short supply, so coastal areas and sometimes entire islands are dredged around the world. With*





devastating effects for the surrounding ecosystems. (...)

(...) Concrete has come to symbolize an entire era. An era in which capitalism celebrates its expansion to the most remote corners of the earth and has captured this victory in concrete in the power centers of the metropolises in the form of monumental buildings. The monster called "civilization" has made its way across the planet through a growing network of roads that has paved the way for the exploitation and utilization of people and nature on an industrial scale.

(...) In addition to the usual environmental destruction that is part of the daily work of this industry, CEMEX has another especially bloody history in relation to the Middle East, which we would like to mention now that a devastating war once again ravages Gaza. In 2005, Cemex absorbed the Israeli company Readymix Industries, which supplied concrete for the Israeli wall and was involved in the construction of military checkpoints in the West Bank, including Hawara and Azun-Atma. CEMEX makes money by building illegal settlements and outposts in the West Bank and operates cement plants in Mevo Horon, Atarot and Mishor Edomim, as well as in Katzerin in the Golan Heights.



### Thinking about environmental campaigns and perspectives

Analyzing which campaigns have had the greatest impact, the scope they have and the ways in which they are presented, with all their nuances and factors, is an important task of polishing to enhance others in the future and so that they do not remain in the emptiness and disappointment of not being responded to with enthusiasm and intensity.

Campaigns provide a fairly dynamic communication space when they are composed - in the best of cases - of analysis, illustrations, posters, websites, public interventions, street agitation and large-scale actions (incendiary and explosive). This composition takes shape both by its instigators and by those who respond to it. But the first ones are the ones who have the greatest responsibility for a starting point and its respective development.

The paths of anarchy have been expanding from anti-capitalist, anti-authoritarian and anti-prison positions, to anti-speciesist and anti-extractivist positions, giving today a comprehensive approach as if none were isolated or independent of each other. A quality when proposing and disseminating campaigns is the strategy of reading the context and the ties that arise in the recognition of a much more extensive history regarding said positions.

Called for the departure of the 41 bis prison regime to which Alfredo Cospito, who was on a hunger strike, was imposed, and the departure of Marcelo Villarroel to the streets who is serving sentences dictated by military justice, are examples of anti-prison campaigns carried out during the last time and that respond to a specific context. In the first, the internationalist concern of anarchist comrades to end the torture applied by the Italian State towards Cospito was notable, holding meetings outside the embassies, marches with street fights, solidarity fasts by imprisoned





comrades, documentaries, reflections and a variety of attacks.[\[20\]](#) , causing a great similar impact, media, judicial and frightening, affirmed among ourselves by expansively mobilizing an urgency for the serious tortures applied to the comrade, and also reaffirmed by the powerful in the sayings of the Minister of Foreign Affairs Antonio Tajani of that “an international anarchist campaign has been orchestrated against private and public institutions and property in Italy and abroad.”

The memory of dead comrades has also been a reason to raise campaigns, often framed by coloring the month in which a comrade died in black. In Black May, for example, -in memory of Mauricio Morales, who died on May 22, 2009-, there is a considerable increase in anarchic agitation. In 2021, “Exante”, a right-wing media controlled by Channel 13, asked: “Why is May the month in which the bombings reappear (and the concern in the government about anarchist activism)”, after having occurred? two explosive attacks, three buses burned and street fights from some central high schools. The same for the year 2022 in which a news headline said: “Anniversary of the death of 'Punki Mauri' reactivates the placement of bombs and arson attacks in the RM.”

In 2008 in Exarcheia (Greece), the murder of the anarchist student Alexandros Grigoropoulos by the police became one of the strongest reasons for starting a revolt. Grigoropoulos' death was claimed years later in a campaign for a “Black December”, raising with this case the importance of the death of a comrade for the reading, identification and propagation of a campaign. Nikos Maziotis shares an interesting reflection on this point:

*(...) That fighting campaigns such as Black December may have as their theme invoking the memory of our dead comrades does not mean in any way that they attempted the resurrection of past insurrectionary events. Subversive collective memory was, is, and will continue to be a vital part of the polymorphic anarchist struggle. The blood of our comrades will never dry on the pages of dusty books, which form the ideological alibi for the inertia of the official intelligence of the “radical” aristocracy, but will continue to flow through the veins of fighters currently arming their minds and hands. on countless occasions to express in every way, possible and impossible, his hatred against the world of power and its minions.* [\[twenty-one\]](#)

Another view and form of the campaigns are those that propose the creation of a network in which it is possible to exchange experiences of urban guerrilla fighting, expand the circles of communication and debate between action groups, and coordinate attacks at the local and regional level. international, with the objective of providing blows of small or large magnitude, either with the placement and sending of devices and bomb packages or armed attacks on officials and companies of the domain, among others; all this, without the condition of direct knowledge between groups, since a broad reproduction is required connected only by the acronym and slogan of the proposed campaign. The informal Anarchist Federation (FAI), Project Phoenix and Project Nemesis[\[22\]](#) , are some of the most notable examples, both for the number of actions adhered to and the continued flow in communication between groups, and for the reception they have had until today.

In the Nemesis Project, the definition of a campaign was “an international proposal to create a list with the names of the people in power, so that we can attack them where they feel safe, on the sidelines... that is in their own homes.” In a similar vein, when entering the Switch Off page, we find a list that exposes the companies responsible - not people - for the multiple forms of extractivism, divided into categories such as Energy Suppliers; Raw materials for the “energy transition”; agricultural, chemical and pharmaceutical industries; Infrastructure and large construction projects; Banking and investment, deducing the importance that the exposure and vulnerability of the domain has in the effectiveness of a campaign through the action. Let's take a look at the list:

#### **-Electricity and energy suppliers**

RWE

RWE – Associated companies





Wpd AG

Wintershall Dea

Stade LNG Terminal

Wilhelmshaven LNG Terminal

### **-Raw materials for the «energy transition**

Deutsche E-Metalle (DEM)

ACISA

Aurubis AG

### **-Agricultural, chemical and pharmaceutical industry**

Bayer/Monsanto

BASF

### **-Infrastructure and large construction projects**

Strabag / Züblin

### **– Banks and investments**

KfW IPEX-Bank

At the beginning of the year, the Office for the Protection of the Constitution of Germany, the institution in charge of protecting critical infrastructure, issued an alarm signal as a result of the verification of the immense amount of detailed data and sabotage techniques on digital, electrical, gas, etc., which can be consulted through the internet. The Office's words were not just smoke-selling or scaremongering. The collaborative contributions of comrades from around the world have forged a space of knowledge that surpasses and annihilates the barriers of exclusive knowledge regarding techniques for war.

*The autonomy of informal knowledge is reflected in part on the Warrior Up website.* [\[23\]](#), which in the words of its creators “is a research project open to any anonymous contribution, which directs its gaze towards the infrastructures and extractive industries on which the capitalist economy depends: how they function and how they are vulnerable to Direct action”.

The Switch Off! campaign transforms the anthropocentric and positivist precepts and legacies of ancient materialist struggles to prioritize the fabrics of ethical complicity and vital awareness that the earth is elemental matter for our subsistence and that therefore it must be defended at all costs, arising from there sensations and insurrectionary projections of ending the capitalist, racist and patriarchal infrastructures that cement dominance over nature and humans. Reading each document of the demands we can quickly observe that although this campaign is being promoted mainly in the North, there is a global criticism of ecocide and the role that first world capitalists have and the devastation in other latitudes (and of course in the same place where the comrades attack!).

“Green” or “sustainable” alternatives have been a soothing discourse and a euphemism when addressing the socio-environmental destruction of capital. They have no solution, neither based on international treaties, nor on ministry protocols, nor on definitions of the companies themselves; Those alternatives are only “cosmetic corrections.” Switch Off!, it's not for that.

Switch Off is one of the many experiences - active - that campaigns offer a space for communication and forceful action to confront dominance, even more so when those who propose to promote it, with the constant diversification of their objectives, take charge of it and They stimulate other colleagues with valuable materials such as ideas-debates, methods and data on targets to attack.

This writing aims to socialize what is happening in other latitudes among colleagues





who are interested in the defense of the earth. We recommend that you read the full announcements of the actions, since they mostly give details of what tools and means they used to carry out the actions.

**For more equally dangerous campaigns,**

**May the system that destroys the planet be turned off in all corners of the planet!**

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**Grades:**

[1] Appeared on January 1, 2023 at <https://switchoff.noblogs.org/>

[2] <https://switchoff.noblogs.org/post/2023/06/26/anschlag-auf-steinkohle-kraftwerk-berlin/>

[3] <https://switchoff.noblogs.org/post/2023/07/06/heisse-sabotage-an-kabeltrassen-rwe-den-strom-abstellen/>

[4] <https://switchoff.noblogs.org/post/2023/07/10/switch-off-the-system-die-repression-gegen-klimaaktivistinnen-soll-nicht-unbeantwortet-bleiben/>

[5] Letzte Generation. Movement originating in Germany that, using “civil disobedience,” seeks to put the climate crisis at the center of public and political debate. On their website they express: “We are the last generation that can stop the collapse of our society. Faced with this reality, we fearlessly accept high fees, criminal charges and imprisonment.

[6] Term referring to a massive protest action that consists of sitting on the ground preventing passage. (N. of the E.)

[7] Characters from a puppet theater. (N. of the E.)

[8] <https://switchoff.noblogs.org/post/2023/07/24/hb-von-den-kosten-der-energiewende-und-brennenden-ladesaeulen/>

[9] <https://switchoff.noblogs.org/post/2023/07/19/hb-brandanschlag-auf-das-auto-von-bremens-innensenator-maeurer/>

[10] <https://switchoff.noblogs.org/post/2023/07/25/hh-switch-of-the-system/>

[11] <https://switchoff.noblogs.org/post/2023/07/27/angriff-auf-deutsche-bahn-stop-tren-maya-switch-off/>

[12] <https://switchoff.noblogs.org/post/2023/08/03/sendemast-abgefackelt/>

[13] <https://informativoanarquista.noblogs.org/post/2023/08/23/alemania-reivindicacion-de-ataque-incendionario-a-vehiculo-de-zublin/>

[14] <https://informativoanarquista.noblogs.org/post/2023/09/20/alemania-campana-switch-off-sabotaje-al-trafico-de-mercancias-de-uno-de-los-puertos-mas-big-of-europe/>

[15] <https://switchoff.noblogs.org/post/2023/09/11/autohaus-in-gerresheim-mit-feuer-angegriffen/>

[16] <https://informativoanarquista.noblogs.org/post/2023/09/21/alemania-campana-swit-off-atentado-incendionario-a-15-vehiculos-tesla/>

[17] <https://informativoanarquista.noblogs.org/post/2023/09/28/alemania-campana-switch-off-atentado-incendionario-a-dos-excavadoras-de-empresa-strabag/>

[18] <https://informativoanarquista.noblogs.org/post/2023/10/25/alemania-campana-switch-off-atentado-incendionario-a-torre-de-radio/>





[19] <https://switchoff.noblogs.org/post/2023/12/27/gegen-umweltzerstoerung-unterdrueckung-und-krieg-feuer-fuer-cemex-betonwerk/>

[20] See <https://lucharcontrael41bis.noblogs.org>

[21] Nikos Maziotis, *I attack, therefore I am* (Greece, 2016).

[22] For greater knowledge and depth of these campaigns-projects, we recommend consulting: *Let them tremble...we will dance. History of the Informal Anarchic Federation. An experience of informal armed struggle in the 21st century* (Chile; Memoria Negra, 2020), *Words and actions in the Fénix Project: An international initiative of insurrectional projection and coordination. 2013 – 2016* (Spain; The Rebellion of Words, 2016) and *Conspiracy of the Cells of Fire: "Nemesis Project: An open proposal"* at <https://vozcomoarma.noblogs.org/?p=14417>

[23] <https://warriorup.noblogs.org/>

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