

Derry Anarchists Information Bulletin

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DROP THE CHARGES:



In a recent statement issued by the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) Derry Branch following Saturday 6th June Black Lives Matter solidarity actions in both Derry and Belfast, a spokesperson for the union defended the right to protest, calling for all charges to be immediately dropped.

Following the peaceful event on Saturday 6th June it was estimated that four times as many fines and notices were issued out at the Derry Black Lives Matter protest than compared to the one held in Belfast as police representatives released figures.

Within the past number of days it has been confirmed that the PSNI issued over 56 fines for breaches of Regulations 3,4,6 or 7 of the current Coronavirus Health Protection Regulations and one fine for a breach of Regulation 5.

In Belfast 10 fines and one Community Resolution Notice (CRN) were issued for breaches of Regulations 3,4,6 or 7 and one fine and two CRNs for breaches of Regulation 5.

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BARRICADE BULLETIN

Welcome to issue No.9 of Barricade Bulletin, news sheet of Derry Anarchists.

Barricade Bulletin is a free bi-monthly news sheet issued to help generate anarchist info and knowledge of class struggle anarchism to a wider audience. At our last meeting in June it was decided to increase the number of pages we produce and make the next issue into a type of zine which will include more articles and info. If you would like to contribute to it then please email us.

If you would like to get involved with anarchists locally, take part in anarchist activity, discussions and conversations, prisoner support or contribute to Barricade Bulletin, then drop us a line to our email:

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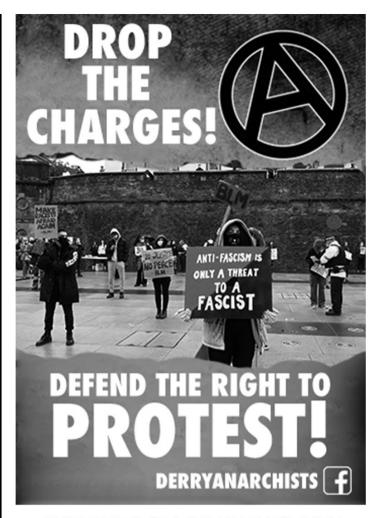
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For you or anyone you know were subjected to fines being issued to them during the #BLM solidarity rallies in BELFAST or DERRY, you are asked to please keep all your paperwork and contact Phoenix Law (Belfast) urgently for free advice.

Telephone: 02890328383

SUPPORT FUND

A fund has been set up by **Alliance for Choice** to help cover any fines charges as a result of BLM gatherings in both Belfast and Derry.

You can donate to this at the following link: https://localgiving.org/BLMFundBelfast



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Over one thousand people attended the Black Lives Matter events in Belfast and Derry on Saturday June 6. In Derry protesters gathering for the event within Guildhall Square were racially profiled and singled out for harassment by the PSNI. The event organisers and those helping to set up PPE stalls for the public in advance, and those holding placards were also targeted prior to the event getting under way citing the coronavirus regulations which ban the gathering of more than six people.

It has now been confirmed that several roads leading to city centre were also subjected to a number of checkpoints by the police who questioned the motives of car occupants as to their reasons for travelling to the city centre. It is believed that several cars were turned away.

A spokesperson for the IWW Branch in Derry said, "Well before the event got underway it was clear the police presence within the city centre was completely over the top. Young black activists as well as the organisers were singled out long before the event actually started. Young people holding placards or banners were also targeted in what could only be described as clear police intimidation. This was at a time before the event got under way, when those in attendance were safely practicing social distancing and wearing protective face masks.

"What happened on the streets of Derry and Belfast on Saturday 6th June was nothing more than a deliberate attack upon each and everyone of our civil rights, the right to protest and to freedom of assembly. This was entirely instigated by each of the established political parties through the 'Unity of Propose' group who deliberately rushed through an amendment to regulations which was then carried out by their enforcers, the PSNI. That same evening in Derry, one of the organisers was targeted at their home in a racist and intimidatory way by the police as part of an attempt to have a perfectly peaceful march called off.



"It is hard to comprehend that in a city which is accredited to being the birthplace of the Civil Rights Movement in Ireland, that the right to free assembly and protest was effectively threaten, harassed and intimidated in 2020 in the hope that it would have been prevented from going ahead. Thankfully this was not the case and the people of this city and Belfast stood their ground.

"We have to remember that these solidarity actions came about following the brutal murder of George Floyd, an innocent black man by the hands of the police in Minneapolis. Those who attended solidarity actions in both cities were effectively criminalised for standing up in international solidarity with George Floyd, his family and the ongoing Black Lives Matter struggle.

"The Industrial Workers of the World condemn the actions of the police on Saturday 6th June for the harassment and intimidation of peaceful protesters in both Belfast and Derry and demand that all prosecutions, fines and cautions issued to be immediately dropped."



RUSSIAN ANARCHIST TRANSFERRED

Nikita Emelyanov, is being transferred to another prison regime. His family is continually pressured by the authorities since his arrest.

On May 29, a closed trial was held on the transfer of Nikita Emelyanov to another prison regime for numerous violations and refusal to sign any papers on obedient behavior and compliance with internal prison rules. Previously, he visited SCHIZO and later was transferred to the isolation room which is a type of chamber cell.

The authorities have stepped up further pressure on Nikita's family, probably because of his position and his mother's position, as she openly supports her son and proud of his actions. She reports threats and relentless harassment from the special services.

Solidarity Action with Basque Hunger Strike

On Wednesday 10th June we received important information that Basque Political Prisoner Patxi Ruiz had taken the decision to end his hunger strike action after 31 days on hunger strike and 12 on thirst strike.

Due to this it was decided to cancel Saturday 13th June evening/midnight solidarity vigil for Patxi.

As we go to press, we await a full statement to issued by Patxi Ruiz releatives and support committee.



What is Anarchism?

Anarchism is revolutionary anti-state socialism. In practical terms, anarchists aim for the destruction of the ruling class and of all relationships based on domination and submission. This means taking over the industries and communities and changing them to meet the needs of all, as well as the ecological needs of the environment. Without this takeover we can struggle within capitalism but never replace it.

Anarchism will be created by millions of people, not a dictatorial elite (we are not Marxist-Leninists), and all will have their part to play in shaping it.

Power will lie with the organisations thrown up by and for the revolution, not with the political parties who will try and dominate and destroy them.

The new society will not be born through abstract ideas, but will come out of the realities of struggle and the need for working class people to unite

Such struggle doesn't just involve resistance to ruling class power (strikes, mass protests and other froms of direct action), but also construction - the building of new, locally based federal organisations (examples of which from the original Soviets and Collectives of the Russian and Spanish Revolutions, to the community resistance and collective organisation during Free Derry to that of the Miner's Support Groups of 1984/85 strike), plus the forging of solidarity and the willingness to go further.

There is no truce in the class war. The answer to the ruling class power is continual and widening struggle - for social revolution and anarchism.