



italy.indymedia.org www.genoa-g8.org www.indymedia.org

G8 REDZONE NEWSBLAST!



Don't hate the media, be the media!

GENOA SOCIAL FORUM

150,000 DEMONSTRATORS EXPECTED TO PROTEST AGAINST G8

Over 150,000 are now expected to take to the streets of Genoa, to express dissent against the closed meetings of the G8. The G8, composed of the leaders of the world's most economically powerful countries (Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Great Britain, Italy, Russia and the United States) will be faced with demonstrators from all over Europe and the rest of the world.

As activists converge on Genoa to present alternative visions of the way the world's population could solve the problems of poverty, inequality and environmental disintegration, the issue of borders has become increasingly important. While some people and even whole trains have been stopped from travelling to Genoa, others already here have been ordered to leave.

Activists beaten in custody---Yesterday afternoon, in two separate but closely related incidents took place on the west side of Genoa. While activists were giving out flyers concerning the demonstrations of the 19th, four german and one polish activists were stopped and searched. According to Italian police and corporate media, an axe and a baseball bat were discovered. Close by, two IMC media activists from Germany were detained for filming the police. All were taken to Via Armando Diaz police station. The IMC media activists were released after three hours when press accreditation was found in their clothing. However, both were punched and abused.

Some of the other activists were singled out for similar treatment, particularly the polish woman. IMC later found out that she has been arrested and is being transferred to Pavia, near Milan.

On hearing the situation of their comrades, German activists near Carlini stadium discussed demonstrating outside the police station. At the same time, IMC decided to try and inform the German government and ask them to request their release to cool tensions. At about midnight, the Italian police released the four Germans but ordered them to leave Genoa by midday today.

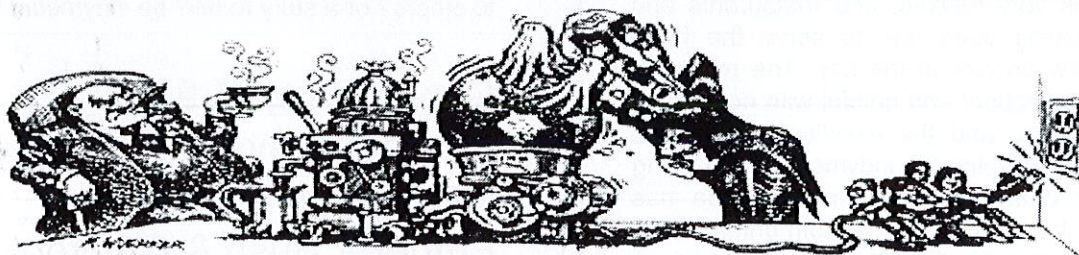
UK "Globalise Resistance train" has been cancelled. The French Government has ordered the French SNCF train company not to allow the Globalise Resistance Train to travel from Calais (UK) to Monaco. Globalise Resistance socialists are furious about the French decision to cancel the train.

They stated that, " the French government have taken a clearly political decision to help stamp out dissent as the leaders of the richest seven countries in the world decide which slice of the cake they'll gorge themselves on next."

They further commented that they posed no threat to the Genoa police and could not understand why the French authorities would do this and said, " this whole thing is ridiculous!"

Global Resistance are now investigating other means of transport of getting their activists to Genoa, although most flights and coaches leaving the city are fully booked.

Another piece of related news, Station Brigandole will be open today to receive 27 special trains, carrying activists from all over Europe. The first train from Rome is due in at 11am.



MEDICAL AID - MEDIZINISCHE HILFE - ASSISTENZA MEDICA 010 362 7108
LEGAL AID - RECHTLICHE HILFE - ASSISTENZA LEGALE 010 362 7101/7102
GERMAN INFOLINE - DEUTSCHE INFOLINE - INFOLINE TEDESCA 010 362 7149
INDYMEDIA 010 362 7149

Genoa is rapidly becoming a fortress, increasing the barriers and restricting demonstrators' access to the red zone. The City workers have been busy since yesterday erecting street barricades under police surveillance. Access to the red zone has not yet been denied, but police have been placed in the merging red-yellow areas to keep an eye on eventual leak-zones, and to have a clear overview of the situation.

The tension in the City is increasing, due also to the fabricated or real "unabomber"-style attacks, which have recently occurred in random places around the town. On Monday morning, a package-bomb was sent to the local police station of Santo Fruttuoso, badly injuring the policeman on duty. The Genoa Social Forum has condemned this act, but has at the same time also taken a stance against the terror strategy that the authorities (perhaps the secret services) are using to criminalize and weaken the cohesion of the movement. Police policy is difficult to discern.

Altercations and controls are taking place in different towns across Italy. In Torino 20 policemen have raided the squats Askatasuna and Ascova. In Bologna and in Rome, houses of various activists have been searched. In Milan, as well as in Rome, people have been arrested and searched under the pretext of their supposedly possessing drugs, among other reasons.

The situation is tense also at the swiss-italian border, where a group of activist-cyclists on their way to Genoa were denied entrance. After the cyclists' several repeated attempts to cross in an activist train, they were violently kicked off the train. 4 people have been arrested. In response to these violations, the group has occupied an empty house by the police station and border demonstrators have also occupied the highway.

BREAKING NEWS.....

This morning at around 0615hrs, 200-300 police in full riot clothing arrived at Carlini Stadium, a large accommodation space. They said they were there to search the Stadium (the second time this has happened) where people from the white overalls and other civil disobedience groups are staying. There was no sense of panic inside the stadium and people were calm. At the entrance the police were told they could not come in, and that they should wait for the GSF legal team to arrive. When the lawyers, people from GSF and independent media activists arrived the lawyers told the police that only 4 of them could enter the stadium to search, and that they would be followed by people from the stadium, the lawyers and independent media, and that they would then leave. No corporate press were allowed inside.

The four police were then taken on a tour of the stadium and escorted out of the gates to the cheers of the people inside. Soon after the hundreds of riot police departed. One activist said "This is another example of police harassment, they are trying to make the situation more tense with their actions like this".

Genoa residents give warm welcome to activists - - Indymedia has received many reports from activists expressing how well received they have been by the residents of Genoa. The general atmosphere is very relaxed, and restaurants and cafes are staying open late to serve the huge number of new arrivals in the city. The residents have been very patient and helpful with non-Italian speaking activists, and the excellent coffee and food have been keeping the indymedia team going strong. Their open and welcoming attitude has made life much easier for people both unfamiliar to Genoa and uncertain of what the next few days may bring.



Indymedia is an independent, non-commercial and multi-media grassroots news network which reports on important social and political issues - from the spot and world-wide. indymedia is an international, non-hierarchical network, open for all reports which find no place in the established media - this concept lives from YOU publishing your reports here !!! +++ have you taken part in an action? do you have an idea which you would like to share with other activists? do you have text, audio or video material which you want to make available to others? or a story to tell? be indymedia !

Dance Party! 7-9PM
DJ Sound System, Irish Band
MC King, Manu Chao
Emperor Bush & G8 crooks