

SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR DEMONSTRATORS

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THE PROOF OF THE DEMOCRACY IS IN THE DEMONSTRATING.
PROTEST FEEDS DEMOCRACY AND HEALTHY DEMOCRACIES
NEED DEMONSTRATIONS.

* THE FIGHT AGAINST FOOTBALL HOOLIGANISM, THE
CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN POLICE AND PROTESTERS IN
SEATTLE, GOTHENBURG, GENOA AND OTHER CITIES, THE
POST 9-11 POLITICAL SITUATION ARE SOME OF THE
PRETEXTS USED BY GOVERNMENTS TO ASK FOR A NEW
WORLD ORDER TO PREVENT DEMONSTRATIONS.

* MEMBER STATES OF THE EU HAVE ALREADY COMMITTED
SPECTACULAR BREACHES OF THE SPIRIT AND THE LETTER
OF THE EC TREATIES (EXPULSION WITHOUT TRIAL OR
RESTRICTION OF FREE MOVEMENT).

* 2,093 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN REFUSED ENTRY TO ITALY
IN THE RUN-UP TO THE G8 CONFERENCE IN GENOA.

* THE G8 CONFERENCE IN EVIAN WILL BE HELD IN CAMERA.

* DOES THIS MEAN THAT PEOPLE CAN NO LONGER
EXPRESS THEIR OPINION TO WORLD LEADERS?

* IT CONFIRMS THE ARRIVAL OF A THREATENING
CONSERVATISM IN OUR WESTERN SOCIETIES.

WHAT CAN WE HOPE FOR FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD
IF HEALTHY WESTERN DEMOCRACIES NO LONGER RESPECT
THE RULES OF THE GAME?

BRUSSELS

EUROPE IS CHANGING AND BRUSSELS IS THE PLACE TO BE IF YOU WANT TO STAND UP FOR YOUR RIGHTS. AS FROM 2004, EUROPEAN SUMMITS (MEETINGS OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT) WILL TAKE PLACE IN BRUSSELS... A POISONED CHALICE FROM THE NICE TREATY. THE ITALIAN PRESIDENCY BEGINS ON THE 1ST OF JULY 2003 AND BERLUSCONI HAS DECIDED NOT TO HOLD ANY SUMMIT IN ITALY (GENOA SYNDROME?). FROM BLUE WHITING FISHING QUOTAS TO VISA AUTHORISATIONS FOR FOREIGNERS, EVERYTHING IS DECIDED AROUND THE SCHUMAN ROUNDABOUT IN ONE OF THE LEAST WELL KNOWN AND MOST POWERFUL DISTRICTS OF EUROPE. WHERE TO GO, HOW TO SURVIVE, HOW TO DEMONSTRATE EFFECTIVELY? IN SHORT, HOW TO FIND YOUR WAY AROUND THE HEART OF EUROPE?

ARREST

Try never to get left on your own when you are demonstrating.

Do not stand alone, and keep your eyes open so that in the event of difficulty with the police force, you are not alone.

If you are arrested, you should know that:

- * The taking of fingerprints does not have legal basis, one should not cooperate in the taking of fingerprints.
- * If it does not have a precise reason, the police force does not have the right to arrest you.
- * There is no obligation to make a statement or to sign anything. Statements are often used against you.
- * Expressing your opinion is not an offence and therefore does not constitute an attack on law and order.
- * When dealing with the police, keep your hands in view and don't make sudden movements.
- * Never touch the police or their equipment (Vehicles, flashlights, animals etc).

SECURITY

The Belgian cops have become genuine robo-cops since Euro 2000 (football).

France 2 - Italy 1, it is always good to remember.

Commonly deployed equipment is:

3200 cops + 17 water cannons + 3 helicopters + 40 police constables with horses. During European summits the European district becomes a real fortress.

Note that:

- * Numerous buildings of the Commission are outside the safety area, take advantage of that! Only visible and known European symbols are protected. The equipment is installed at dawn, staying the night in the district is the best way to be at the right place the following morning.
- * Alternatively, pass through the Schuman train station... On the way down to the platforms, there are some stairs which lead towards the beautiful Palace Theatre, from there one is very near the Council of Ministers building, inside the safety area. Do not forget your ID, foreigners do not get a good welcome in the community district when they do not dress in suit and tie.

It is better to come with empty pockets. No drugs, no knife, and no address book, the police will take a great deal of interest in the names they find in it.

LEGAL TEAM

Excellent Belgian contribution to demos, in case of problem they can give help.

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HEALTH

In case of injury: Clinic Parc Leopold
Rue Froissard 38 - Emergencies: 022875070
You'll find 2 pharmacies in rue Archimède.
Do not forget your E111 (European social security document). That way you can be reimbursed for anything you have to pay.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

- * According to the code of good administrative behaviour, the Commission staff have a duty to serve the Community interest and, in so doing, the public interest. The public legitimately expects quality service and an administration that is open, accessible and properly run. Quality service calls for the Commission and its staff to be courteous, objective and impartial.
- * The Commission respects the principle of non-discrimination and in particular, guarantees equal treatment for members of the public irrespective of nationality, gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or beliefs, disability, age or sexual orientation.
- * In accordance with Article 21 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, members of the public who write to the Commission shall receive a reply in the language of their initial letter, provided it was written in one of the official languages of the EU.
- * A reply to a letter addressed to the Commission shall be sent within fifteen working days from the date of receipt of the letter by the responsible Commission department. The reply should identify the person responsible for the matter and state how he or she may be contacted.

MY PERSONAL DEMOS!

I LIKE DEMOS. TO ME THEY ARE AN ART: THE FLAG - EUROPE AGRICOLA 1&2 AND EURO TRUCKS. THE MORE ALTERNATIVE, THE MERRIER.

STAND UP FOR YOUR RIGHTS!

Do contact these people, they are in charge!

- Food safety: paola.penning@cec.eu.int
- Sustainable development: francine.goffaux@cec.eu.int
- Communicable rare and emerging diseases: ronald.haigh@cec.eu.int
- Biotechnology: herve.martin@cec.eu.int
- Environment (commissioner): margot.wallström@cec.eu.int
- Competition (commissioner): mario.monti@cec.eu.int
- Agriculture (commissioner): franz.fischler@cec.eu.int
- Trade (commissioner): pascal.lamy@cec.eu.int
- Education and Culture (commissioner): viviane.reding@cec.eu.int
- Justice and Home Affairs (commissioner): antonio.vitorino@cec.eu.int
- Regional Policy (commissioner): michel.barnier@cec.eu.int
- Research: jean-eric.paquet@cec.eu.int
- Aids - Drugs: jan.tenblocmen@cec.eu.int
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- Trade and Environment: laurence.graff@cec.eu.int
- Human rights: catherine.magnant@cec.eu.int.

TRANSPORT

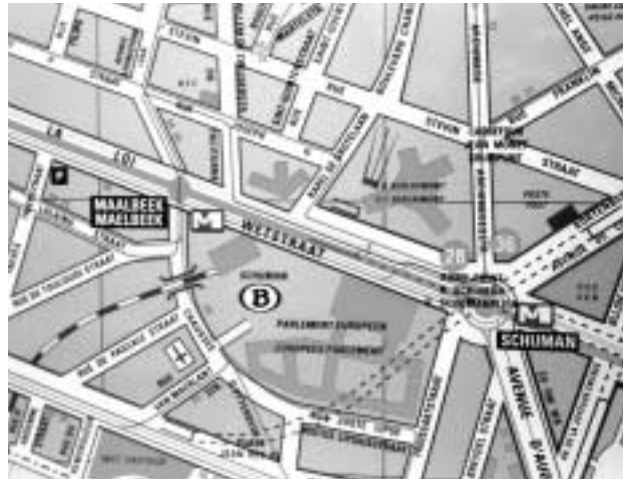
- * **Airport: Easy!** Bus n°12 - Brussels City / Brussels Airport. It goes direct to Schuman (the heart of the European district) 2.50 Euro.
- * **Don't take taxis:** they are expensive and not very friendly!
- * **Train:** take the metro at Gare du Midi - Go to Schuman - Changing at Art Loi. 1.40 Euro.
- * **Buses:** 2 buses from Schuman will take you to all the main European buildings. Bus 21 and 22. 1.40 Euro. If you came with Ryan Air, the Ryan Air bus stops at Midi Station.

BEST PLACES FOR EURO-DEMOS

Traditionally demonstrations take place on the Schuman roundabout. Be innovative! Go straight to where it all began!

- Commission: Prodi's place, av. d'Auderghem 45
- Competition: Monti's Place, rue Joseph II 70
- Trade: rue de la Loi 70
- Agriculture: rue de la Loi 130
- Environment: avenue de Beaulieu 5
- Health and Consumer affairs: rue Breydel 4
- Employment: rue Joseph II 27
- External relations: rue de la Loi 70

(BELGIUM)



CURIOSITIES

* Behind every window in a Commission building, lurks a civil servant, every civil servant has a window.

The more important you are, the more windows you get...

* Beware of the "chevaux-de-frise" (barbed-wire barriers), police like to use them at demonstrations. But think yourself lucky, for Belgian demos they use the rusty ones, for Euro-demos they are brand new.

* Leave your car and bike at home. Traffic will drive you mad on summit days.

* Real estate speculation is national sports in the European quarter hence the phenomenon of *Bruxellisation*.

* Rue de la Loi: the ugliest street in Brussels! Official address of the European Commission (rue de la Loi 200) and the most famous example of *Bruxellisation* = destruction of the urban environment for speculative gains.

* The Berlaymont, the flagship building of the European quarter, has been undergoing asbestos removal and rebuilding work for 12 years - its budget has massively overshoot to boot!

* The European Parliament's headquarter is nicknamed "le Caprice des Dieux" (the whim of the Gods). The upper dome is shaped like a Camembert cheese and the MEPs see themselves as omnipotent.

* Absurdly, the district's only post office is inside the Parliament complex and inaccessible to citizens.

PRESS

READ SOME PAPERS ABOUT COMMUNITY AFFAIRS. THEY ARE ALL BORING BUT GIVE PLENTY OF INFORMATION - MOSTLY IN CODE!

Agence Europe: daily paper - great for students - clear - simple but boring. On-line version: www.agence-europe.com

European Voice: very British - weekly paper. They present Kinnock's and Patten's points of view. British take on Europe.

The Bulletin: weekly - extremely boring - conservative - about what to do in Brussels. Everything you don't like about middle class mentality in the same magazine.

Community web site: www.europa.eu.int

Not very easy to read for a layreader - propaganda stuff.

FOOD AND DRINK

Restaurants are expensive and the European canteens are off limits.

Friterie Antoine: Place Jourdan 1, best chips in Brussels. Open till late. You can enjoy your greasy take-away food in the bars lining the Place Jourdan.

Eurocity Shop: rue Franklin 4, tasty sandwiches

Bars abound in the European district. Some would maliciously say it's to drown Belgium's sorrows, of which there are many.

Best places are Irish.

ISTANBUL

ISTANBUL IS A FASCINATING CITY. IT IS EUROPE'S DOOR TO ASIA BUT IT IS ALSO FOR A LOT OF EUROPEANS A WAY INTO EUROPE REGARDING THE ENDURING PROBLEM OF ISLAM. THIS INCREDIBLE SITUATION AWAKENED MY CURIOSITY. HOW CAN WE PUT AN END TO THE IDEA ACCORDING TO WHICH THE EUROPEAN UNION COULD NEVER ASSIMILATE A MUSLIM COUNTRY? WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP TURKEY TRULY RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS WITHOUT IT BEING USED AS AN ALIBI IN ORDER TO BE ACCEPTED INTO THE EUROPEAN CLUB? HOW CAN WE MANAGE TO MAKE TURKS UNDERSTAND THAT HUMAN RIGHTS MUST BE RESPECTED EVEN IF THEY CONCERN THE KURDISH PEOPLE? HOW CAN WE HELP THE TURKISH ECONOMY SO THAT IT DOES NOT BECOME THE EUROPEAN ARGENTINA? TURKISH PEOPLE ARE YOUNG COMPARED TO THE AVERAGE AGE IN THE REST OF EUROPE; THIS COUNTRY IS FULL OF CONTRADICTIONS AND IS EXPERIENCING A RICH CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, WHICH REPRESENTS FOR ME A PART OF THE FUTURE OF EUROPE. THE EUROPEAN UNION SHOULD NOT MISS THE TURKISH ORIENT EXPRESS. THE EUROPEAN ARTISTIC SCENE SHOULD NOT MISS IT EITHER.



(TURKEY)



TRANSPORT

It is easy to get to Turkey from anywhere in the world.

In Istanbul check for good prices to travel to Asia and the Middle East.

Transport from the Ataturk airport to the city centre: every half-hour, Havas Buses take you to Aksaray and Taksim, two important squares in Istanbul city centre. Prices change a lot because of inflation. From the airport, taxis are cheap but they often try to cheat on you. (12 Euro during the day and 18 Euro at night), European trains arrive at Sirkeci Station - quite central. If you go to Turkey by coach, you will arrive at the Yeni Otogar.

Since 1999, Istanbul has a new metro, not very large but practical - 2 lines.

EAT, SLEEP AND WATCH FOOTBALL

* Turkish foods is **cheap and good**, do not be afraid to try non-tourist places and have a go at something else than *donner kebab!*

* Do not drink the tap water.

* There are hotels for any taste and budget, please do not waste water, it is a scarce resource in Istanbul.

Take time to go to a football game. Galatasaray / Fenerbahce.

Second religion of the country. Some great world class players have played in Turkey, my favourite one was the Maradona of the Carpathians: Hagi. Even by Latin American standards, Turks can be considered as real football fanatics, on a par with the Italians or the British. French supporters should go there and learn!

CURIOSITIES

* Tulips do not come from Holland but from Turkey.

* Turkish press seems to be fascinated even obsessed with the economic crisis in Argentina. Why? Turkey has big problems with the IMF and the World Bank - drastic economic measures are being imposed in order to control the economic situation. Like in Argentina, a big part of the national cash flow comes from the money immigrants send back to their families in Turkey. Western Union paradise!

* Istanbul is living a true cultural explosion, the westernization of the city is incredible but at the same time I have never seen so many veiled women.

* You can see naked women in any newspaper or on any TV channel, but now that the veil is not prohibited anymore, many women do wear it. This is very surprising for somebody who has already visited Istanbul several times.

* A Customs Union between the EU and Turkey entered into force on 1.1.1996. It means that most goods can move freely between these 2 countries.

* In March 2003, Turkish Parliament decided not to allow US troops to use Turkish territory to attack Iraq.

ART

8th International Istanbul Biennial Sept 20 - Nov 16/ 2003. The most interesting place to visit in Istanbul for contemporary art is Platform. Platform Garanti Contemporary Art Center: 276 Istiklal Caddesi, Beyoglu 80050, Istanbul. Tel: 0090 212 293 23 61

Platform is the creation of Vasif Kortun. It is a very useful tool for contemporary art because it gives information about the rest of the world to Turkish citizens and information about Turkish artists to the rest of the world. They have great exhibition spaces, an international database for grants and conference facilities. What they have achieved at Platform could very well serve as a model for what art centers should be in Europe or elsewhere. There are a huge number of emerging Turkish artists, they are very interesting and my favourites are Oda Projeksi and Halil Altindere.

THE EU AND TURKEY

Turkey's relationship with the European Community dates back to the 1960s. In December 2002, the Copenhagen European Council decided that if "the European Council in December 2004, on the basis of a report and a recommendation from the Commission, decides that Turkey fulfils the Copenhagen political criteria, the EU will open negotiations without delay". It is impossible to deny that there is a big human rights problem in Turkey as well as an enormous poverty problem, both of which worry the European Union a lot; but on the other hand the reality is that European governments are afraid to accept a country with 70 million Muslims when in the EU we do not even treat those who already live on our territory in a decent way and are part and parcel of what Europe is today.

TURKEY AND THE EU

Parliament abolished the death penalty in peacetime, legalised broadcasting in the Kurdish language and abolished prison terms for press offences. The state of emergency, which had led to many violations of press freedom in the southeastern part of the country over the past 15 years, was lifted in November 2002. The pro-Islamic government that was elected at the end of 2002 said it would push through new laws promoting democracy and bringing the country in line with European standards, so as to bring forward the December 2004 date set by the EU to examine Turkey's candidacy. Whatever happens, the mere fact that Turkey asked for accession to the EU, is an important catalyst of reform in this country.

HUMAN RIGHTS

FROM JANUARY TO MARCH 2003, 183 PEOPLE WERE SUBJECT TO TORTURE AND ILL TREATMENT IN DETENTION. 73 PEOPLE WERE BEATEN AND INJURED BY SECURITY FORCES IN DEMONSTRATIONS DURING THE FIRST 3 MONTHS OF THE YEAR.

KURDS

Turkey refuses to grant minority rights to approximately 10 million Kurds. Most complaints of human rights abuses stem from a 13-year-old conflict between security forces and Kurdish opponents fighting for self-rule in the Southeast of Turkey. More than 27,000 people have died as a result. Abdullah Ocalan was arrested in Kenya and brought back to Turkey in 1999, he is being kept in solitary confinement on Imrami Island. **The respected Human Rights Federation of Turkey called 2001 "the most oppressive year" of recent times.** It highlighted the continuing displacement of Kurds from their villages, the absence of effective de-mining activity in the border region and the legal proceedings aimed at closing down the pro-Kurdish HADEP People's Democracy Party. Prisons: 14 hunger strikers died during 2002, bringing the total number of dead to 64 since 2000. Source: Human Rights Watch World Report 2003

DEMONSTRATIONS

Demonstrations in Istanbul are supposed to take place only in two places: Istanbul Sisli Abidiye, Hurriyet Meydani. The Saturday Mothers (mothers of missing people - equivalent to Las Madres de la plaza de Mayo in Argentina) used to demonstrate near the Galatasaray College but they do not do it anymore... In Istanbul, the aggressive and oppressive attitude of the police force is notorious. The behaviour of the Turkish police has been the subject of persistent criticism for violations of fundamental human rights. These problems, which have received growing international and domestic attention, involve torture during questioning, incommunicado detention, politically motivated disappearances, and the excessive use of force. Article 8 of the anti-terrorist law still provides for prison terms - of 1 to 3 years - for "written and/or oral propaganda, and assemblies, meetings and demonstrations aimed at harming the indivisible unity of the state of the Republic of Turkey". According to the constitution, the duration of custody must not exceed 48 hours, and 15 days for collectively committed offences. During the anti-war demonstration on the 15th of February 2003, the police forces transformed all the roads and ferry quays leading to places of demonstration into search points. The police placed hundreds of people under house arrest.

REASONS FOR DEMONSTRATING

Numerous. Try to be open-minded!

- * IMF and World Bank actions in Turkey
- * The entry of Turkey into the EU
- * Valery Giscard d'Estaing's opinion about Turkey
- * The recognition of the rights of Kurdish people
- * A true press freedom
- * The development of feminist ideas
- * The respect of political and sexual minorities
- * The protection of children, environment
- * A true respect of human rights. Etc.

LA HABANA

WHY? POR QUÉ CUBA SE FUE A LA MIERDA? FUE QUE SE CAYO EL MURO? O QUE LA NOCHE DE TODOS LOS SUEÑOS SE TERMINO CON UN BRILLO MATUTINO QUE NO SOPORTA EL PASADO? MAYBE..

O TAL VEZ SIMPLEMENTE QUE UN HEROICO VIEJO; HÉROE DE MI PASADO, SE AFERRA A SUS DERECHOS CASI DIVINOS PORQUE SABE QUE LA HISTORIA VA A APEARLO DEL CAMINO SIN MISERICORDIA? BECAUSE... FIDEL CASTRO Y CUBA ACOMPAÑARON MIS PRIMEROS PASOS DE HOMBRE, MI PRIMERA DESILUSIÓN AMOROSA Y POLÍTICA, MI PRIMER MUERTO, MI PRIMERA LUCHA. LO DETESTÉ EN EL 79, BECAUSE THE NIGHT... BELONGS TO YOU, LLORÉ CUANDO LO DE TONY DE LA GUARDIA, STAYING ALIVE...(DISCO MUSIC AND WAR AT THE SAME TIME)STAYING ALIVE AH AH AH AH STAYING ALIVE... AMÉ Y REGRESÉ A CUBA EN LOS NOVENTA CREYENDO EN EL CAMBIO ANTES QUE LAS JINETERAS, LA COCA, LOS DÓLARES Y LAS ÚLTIMAS SALVAJADAS DEL RÉGIMEN DE FIDEL ME HICIESEN TOMAR DEFINITIVAMENTE CONSCIENCIA QUE EL TIEMPO NO PASA EN VANO, Y QUE CERRAR MIS OJOS Y NO CRITICAR FIDEL PORQUE...HIZO TANTAS COSAS BUENAS EN EL PASADO, NO ERA DIGNO DE MÍ, NI DE MIS MUERTOS, NI DE MIS DESEOS. BABY HERE I AM! LE MIRO EN LOS OJOS, Y LE DIGO PUES QUE SE VAYA A LA MIERDA, JUNTO CON MI JUVENTUD, MIS SUEÑOS, MI SALUD, QUE SE VAYA YA PARA DARLE LA POSIBILIDAD A LA HISTORIA DE ESCRIBIRSE!

HOW TO GET THERE?

Todos los caminos llevan a Roma y también a Cuba a partir del momento que haya dólares que gastar.
Me voy pal pueblo hoy es mi día voy a encontrar a la jinetera mía, nananananana.

DORMIR, COMER Y JODER

... EN CUALQUIER LUGAR EN EL QUE LOS DÓLARES NO VAYAN DIRECTAMENTE AL ESTADO!

REASONS FOR DEMONSTRATING

- * Fidel and his brother
- * La situación de los homosexuales
- * La situación de la prensa libre
- * El embargo americano
- * Guantanamo Bay
- * The total lack of respect for humans rights
- * The summary trials
- * The situation of black people
- * The situation of librarians belonging to the independent library movement (10 of them were sentenced to a total of 196 years in prison in April 2003)
- * Mis sueños perdidos

WHERE TO DEMONSTRATE?

Demonstrations are always held on the famous "Plaza de la revolución". If some day a demonstration is organised there against Fidel Castro and his regime, it may mean that real democracy has come to Cuba.
Other places to demonstrate about Cuba:
It is quite expensive to go to Cuba and if you happen not to be able to go to the Havana Biennial, you could always go and demonstrate in front of Cuban embassies in Europe or elsewhere.
You could also by the same token demonstrate in front of US embassies.

CURIOSITIES

En los años sesenta mi padre no pudo llamarme Fidel (my family name is Castro) por oposición de la iglesia latinoamericana. Se vengó al final de los setenta llamando a mi hermano Fidel.
Nobody plays football in Cuba, they only play baseball but Maradona lives in Cuba!
Fidel Castro said at a Book Fair that there were no banned books in Cuba, only limited funds with which to buy books for public libraries. If you go to Cuba, take some good books with you and leave them behind.

EMBARGO

The US government has imposed an economic and political blockade on Cuba for more than 40 years, causing something like 70 billion dollars damage to Cuba's economy and inflicting unnecessary suffering on the Cuban people.
Recently the Bush administration warned Cuba, along with Iran, Syria and North Korea, "to learn the lessons of Iraq".
Si los gringos se olvidan que en nuestras playas sólo se habla español, la tercera guerra mundial podría empezar en el continente americano.
Según yo y según mis ancestros, los culos más bonitos se ven en Catania y en Cuba. Remember that!

FIDEL IS NOT THE ONLY ONE...

The US military has continued to maintain and expand its naval base at Guantanamo Bay. As the American administration does not consider Guantanamo as American territory, they do not respect fundamental human rights standards regarding the treatment of Afghani prisoners detained in Guantanamo jails.

Y MIENTRAS EN IRAQ LA GUERRA EMPEZABA, FIDEL SE APROVECHABA PARA METER EN LA CÁRCEL A MÁS DE 75 PERSONAS, MIEMBROS DE LA OPOSICIÓN, CON PENAS DE 25 AÑOS POR TRAICIÓN A LA PATRIA. TAMBIÉN FUSILABA, DESPUÉS DE UN JUICIO SUMARIO, ACUSÁNDOLOS DE TERRORISMO, A TRES JÓVENES NEGROS QUE HABÍAN ASALTADO TURISTAS PARA ROBARLES LA EMBARCACIÓN EN LA QUE VIAJABAN, PARA PODER HUIR DE CUBA.



(CUBA)



LONDON

(UNITED KINGDOM) 

THE ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATION IN LONDON DURING THE WEEKEND OF 15TH FEBRUARY 2003 WAS THE BIGGEST IN THE UK CAPITAL'S POLITICAL HISTORY. ORGANISERS SAID THAT NEARLY 2 MILLION PEOPLE TOOK TO THE STREETS. EVERYBODY FROM FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN TO GROUPS OF PENSIONERS FILLED THE STREETS OF LONDON IN SUPPORT OF PEACE, A LOT OF FOREIGNERS WERE PRESENT TOO! TWO MARCHES WERE ORGANISED, ONE STARTED AT THE EMBANKMENT AND THE SECOND AT GOWER STREET, JOINING UP AT PICCADILLY AND CONTINUING ONTO HYDE PARK.



MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

You can go to London from anywhere in the world. It is great to go to London to demonstrate but you have to know that it is a very expensive city. It is expensive to eat, to stay in a hotel, to take public transport and even to have a pint of beer. Everything is 2 or 3 times more expensive than where you live except if you live in Tokyo! Survival is not easy in London!

DEMONSTRATIONS

- * Protest has been part of the history of London since London was founded.
- * Many demonstrations have resulted in major improvements in working, health and employment conditions.
- * Peaceful protest has a long tradition.
- * Beware: in many city centres in the UK, closed circuit TV systems are installed. You'll be surprised to see that they clean the streets just a few minutes after the demonstration.

REASONS FOR DEMONSTRATING

BLAIR, BLAIR, AND BLAIR

S60

Section 60 of the 1994 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act is used by police forces at major demonstrations to control, subdue and gain personal information about protesters. Originally the S60 was designed to prevent minor football disturbances.

S60 only gives the police the limited power to "Stop and search in anticipation of violence".

Note that: in the event of an S60 order being issued, the police have the power to search you for weapons (and dangerous instruments). They have no other powers under S60. They can only detain you "for as long as necessary to carry out a search". They have no legal power to force you to give them your name and address. If you give them your name, it may be kept on file for 7 years.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Before the police start searching through your personal possessions (address books, cards in wallet) warn them politely that if they start trying to read what is written in your address book or on the card in your wallet rather than performing a superficial search (seeing if razor blades fall out onto the ground from your address book) they will be acting outside their powers and you will stop them.

It is always surprising for a Latin-American guy to be able to remind the police of their limits!

IDENTIFICATION

IN THE UK THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO CARRY ANY FORM OF ID. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO THOSE FROM OVERSEAS SO THAT, UNLIKE IN MANY OTHER COUNTRIES, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO CARRY YOUR PASSPORT.

EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. THIS MEANS THAT THERE IS FREEDOM OF SPEECH (BANNERS, LEAFLETS, SLOGANS). EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY. THIS CREATES THE RIGHT TO PROTEST, PICKET, HOLD A SIT-IN, DEMONSTRATE AND MARCH, IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AREAS.

DEPORTATION

* Unlike in some countries, the cops do not have the power to deport people.

* A person without a British passport can only be deported as part of a court ruling.

DAKAR

(SENEGAL)



DEMONSTRATING IN DAKAR, THE SENEGAL CAPITAL, IS NOT SUCH A DIFFICULT THING TO DO. IT IS NOT ALWAYS NECESSARY TO GET AN AUTHORISATION. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE WHOLE COUNTRY, PRESIDENT INCLUDED, TOOK TO THE STREETS ON THE UNFORGETTABLE DAY WHEN THE SENEGALESE FOOTBALL TEAM WON AGAINST FRANCE IN THE OPENING MATCH OF THE 2002 WORLD CUP. OF COURSE THIS WAS QUITE EXCEPTIONAL, IT IS NOT EVERYDAY THAT THE SENEGALESE LIONS BEAT THE WORLD CHAMPIONS. THIS DEMONSTRATION WAS SPONTANEOUS AND THE AUTHORITIES DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO REACT! THIS COULD HAPPEN ALMOST ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. ANOTHER FAMOUS CASE OF DEMONSTRATION WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORISATION TOOK PLACE AT THE CHEIKH ANTA DIOP UNIVERSITY OF DAKAR... STUDENTS AND TRADE UNIONS ARE MOST LIKELY TO BE THOSE WHO PROTEST!

HOW TO GET THERE?

- * There is a wide range of airlines from Europe to Senegal (less than 5 hours' flight).
- * Most airlines offices are on the Place de l'Indépendance in Dakar.
- * Taxis Airport/Dakar between 5 and 10 Euro.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Most of the time if you want to take to the streets in Dakar you need a prior authorisation from the authorities in charge. Getting the green light will require a bureaucratic obstacle race at the Home Office, the prefecture or the city hall. It is better to have a car!

The information required is quite simple: when and where will the demonstration take place, and of course last but not least what do you want to demonstrate about? When the long time opponent Abdoulaye Wade became president in 2000, he promised not to take action against demonstrators. Nevertheless problems do sometimes occur and the police do not always behave, as they should, as was the case when a student called Balla Gueye was shot dead by the Senegalese police.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

... there is in Senegal an old tradition of demonstrating at the same time for and against something. The government in office gathers its supporters in the stadiums or somewhere else for an official demonstration. As for the opposition, they will try with difficulty to do the same at another venue.

The heads of religious groups whom no government would presume to challenge, organise demonstrations when and where they wish. Outsiders, in other words civil society, can only use the streets to make themselves heard.

CURIOSITIES

- * Senegal is one of the few African states that has never had a *coup d'état*.
- * There are presently some 65 political parties in Senegal, most of which are small.
- * A flourishing independent media, largely free from official or informal control, contributes to democratic politics in Senegal.

REASONS FOR DEMONSTRATING

POVERTY... AND THAT'S A SUFFICIENT REASON IN ITSELF.

WHERE TO DEMONSTRATE

The best place is: *Place de l'Indépendance*, but it is also the hardest place for which to obtain permission. It is located not very far from the presidency buildings and is right in the centre of Dakar. If you can demonstrate there, you are bound to make an impact...



TWO PIECES OF ADVICE

- * Do contact the media, there is a free press in Senegal.
- * Do not demonstrate against the religious authorities, which consist of powerful religious groupings (*confréries*). This is the price of social peace in Senegal.

BILBAO

BASQUE PROVERB: THOSE WHO DON'T LOOK FORWARD, STAY BEHIND. BILBAO HAS ALWAYS BEEN A CITY WITH A STRONG SOCIAL AND POLITICAL BACKGROUND AND WITH A LONG HISTORY OF POLITICAL DEMONSTRATIONS. THE FATE OF MORE THAN 500 PRISONERS, MANY HELD FAR FROM HOME, IS AN EMOTIONAL ISSUE IN THE BASQUE COUNTRY. THERE ARE WEEKLY DEMONSTRATIONS IN BILBAO, SAN SEBASTIAN AND OTHER BASQUE TOWNS. IN SEPT 1998 4,000 PEOPLE DEMONSTRATED IN BILBAO TO DEMAND THE RETURN OF BASQUE POLITICAL PRISONERS TO THE BASQUE COUNTRY. ON THE 26TH OF AUGUST 2002, A JUDGE SUSPENDED ALL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES OF THE BATASUNA PARTY FOR 3 YEARS DUE TO THE PARTY'S TIES TO ETA. THE SUSPENSION TRIGGERED SEVERAL DEMONSTRATIONS BY BATASUNA SUPPORTERS IN NORTHERN SPAIN, INCLUDING A MASS DEMONSTRATION IN BILBAO IN SEPTEMBER 2002 INVOLVING MORE THAN 50,000 PROTESTERS. IN FEBRUARY 2003, PROTEST WAS DIRECTED AT THE GOVERNMENT'S MISHANDLING OF THE OIL SPILL IN GALICIA. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TOOK TO THE STREETS OF BILBAO ON SATURDAY 10TH OF MAY 2003 IN A PEACEFUL PROTEST AFTER MADRID DECIDED TO PREVENT 100 BASQUE SEPARATIST CANDIDATES FROM RUNNING IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AT THE END OF THE MONTH BECAUSE OF THEIR ALLEGED LINK WITH ETA.

ABOUT BILBAO

* With about 1 million inhabitants, Bilbao (Bilbo in Basque) is the largest metropolitan area in the Basque country. Bilbao is a medium size European city which decided in the mid 90's to give itself a new image, an image of modernity in order to revitalise the economy through diversification and the growth of tourism.

* In Bilbao, architecture is used as a means of communication.

* Foster's metro, Calatrava's airport and Gehry's Guggenheim Museum and the future Isozaki's towers have provoked a massive arrival of tourists who had never visited that region before because it was too complicated to get there and there was not much to do... Thousands of jobs were created thanks to this.



HEALTH

No problem in case of injury during demonstrations. Bilbao has excellent hospitals and health centres in the city centre where demonstrations take place.

www.osakidetza-svs.org

Do not forget the E111 if you are a European citizen or resident in Europe.

CURIOSITIES

The decision to construct the Guggenheim museum on the site of a former shipbuilding yard, highly symbolic of the city's history and where a series of violent demonstrations were held when the yards were closed, was strongly criticised at the time. Basque artists also feared that the museum would swallow a large part of the region's subsidies for art. The museum helped to create 4000 jobs and fears and criticism are long forgotten.

TRANSPORT

* You can reach Bilbao by train, coach or plane.

* The modern Bilbao airport built by Calatrava is situated only 20 minutes from the city centre and connected to 120 cities throughout the world. From the airport to the city centre will cost you 1 Euro by bus and it only takes 15 minutes! 1 bus every hour - Plaza Moyua City Centre.

It is easy to walk around in Bilbao but the metro is a marvellous construction by Foster. You can go anywhere you want in Bilbao by metro. Bilbao Metro operates from 6:00 to 23:00. The Bilbao network is divided into 3 zones. Zone 1: 1.00 Euro.

You can also take buses and trams. Bilbao has probably one of the best public transport services in Europe.

Trains arrive at the Abando Station in the city centre.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

DO NOT BE AFRAID TO EXPRESS YOURSELF, THE BASQUE PEOPLE HAVE VERY EXTREME REACTIONS BUT ARE ALSO VERY DEMOCRATIC.

WHERE TO DEMONSTRATE?

* Demonstrations always follow the same route, be it a peace demonstration against war in Iraq or a demonstration pro or against ETA or a trade-union one.

* They begin at the Plaza del Sagrado Corazon, follow the Gran Via through the Plaza Moyua and go on to the Plaza Circular, from there they end either at the Plaza del Ayuntamiento or at the Plaza Nueva.

* Sometimes the demonstration may also begin at the Calle de la Autonomia and go on to the Calle Hurtado de Amezaga and continue the classical way afterwards.

* Walking from the beginning to the end of the demonstration route, on a normal day would take only 25 minutes. The itinerary is always the same and quite short.

* **The place is perfect for a demonstration, it is lively, full of noise and you can march with your family, on each side you see the Bilbao hills, the scenery is beautiful.**

ABOUT ETA

ETA is responsible for the deaths of some 800 people in 30 years.

ETA was founded in 1959 during the Franco era, when Basques were repressed and harassed by the central government.

ETA's most spectacular success was the assassination of Admiral Luis Carrero Blanco in 1973. He was Franco's most likely successor and his death certainly permitted a quicker arrival of democracy in Spain. The concept of revolutionary tax is no joke in Euskadi but nobody wants to speak about it, all we know is that it does exist... The question is - does Guggenheim pay or not?

The relationship between ETA and the Basque people is ambiguous and passionate.

(SPAIN)



REASONS FOR DEMONSTRATING

- * ETA: pro or anti demonstrations
- * Prevention of oil spills on the European coast
- * Respect of the Basque sustainable programme for job creation approved in 2000
- * The EU and regional identities
- * The survival of the Bilbao artistic scene versus the Guggenheim museum giant
- * The position of the Basque Catholic Church on homosexuality
- * Aznar
- * If you feel like demonstrating against a multinational enterprise, in Bilbao you can do it using not McDonald but Zara, which is everywhere, think about it!

ARBITRARY ARREST

THE CONSTITUTION PROHIBITS ARBITRARY ARREST AND DETENTION. A SUSPECT MAY NOT BE HELD MORE THAN 72 HOURS WITHOUT A HEARING EXCEPT IN CASES INVOLVING TERRORISM, IN WHICH CASE THE CRIMINAL CODE PERMITS HOLDING A SUSPECT AN ADDITIONAL 2 DAYS WITHOUT HEARING AND THE POSSIBILITY OF "INCOMMUNICADO" DETENTION, PROVIDED THAT A JUDGE AUTHORISES SUCH ACTION.

EAT, SLEEP AND PLAY FOOTBALL

Basque food is one of the best in the world. Go to the Casco Viejo and eat tapas anywhere - cheap.

Hotels are cheap. Best place: Hostal Begona, on the demonstration route, Calle Amistad 2. Very nice people.
www.hostalbegona.com

Don't forget to visit the cathedral of Spanish football: San Mamés. The stadium of the Atletico de Bilbao, the only team of the Spanish league with no foreigners, only Basque players! Andoni Goycochea, the football player who broke Maradona's leg used to play there, shame on him..



JEREMIE

WHY HAITI? BECAUSE IN 2004 HAITI WILL BE CELEBRATING ITS 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE. HAITI IS THE WORLD'S OLDEST BLACK REPUBLIC AND THE SECOND OLDEST REPUBLIC IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AS WELL AS BEING THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRY OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND ONE OF THE POOREST IN THE WORLD. A VIOLENT WORLD, IMAGINE A PLACE SO DOMINATED BY VIOLENCE THAT EVEN COLOMBIAN AND PERUVIAN COCAINE DRUGDEALERS HAVE BEGUN TO ABANDON IT ON THE GROUND THAT IT IS TOO LAWLESS. SADLY FOR MANY PEOPLE IN THE WORLD OF ART, IT IS ONLY THE COUNTRY OF NAÏF PAINTERS AND FOR THE MORE SOPHISTICATED, THE LAND OF BASQUIAT'S IDOL: TOUSSAINT L'OUVERTURE.



(HAÏTI)



WHY JEREMIE?

Because it is one of my favorite places in the world. Imagine a magical but poor and forgotten town on an isolated strip of coastline overlooking the Caribbean Sea, far away from tourists, from everything. I almost died from dengue fever there years ago! Haitians say Jeremie is the land of poets and musicians and of voodoo but it is also the birthplace of Papa Doc Duvalier and the stronghold of the Tontons Macoutes. It is not that there are shantytowns in Jeremie: Jeremie is a shantytown.

HOW DO YOU GET THERE?

There are frequent flights from Miami to Port-au-Prince. Jeremie is only 2 1/2 hours by plane from Miami and 12 hours by car along a dirt track from Port-au-Prince! May God have mercy on your backside!

REASONS FOR DEMONSTRATING

There are 1000 reasons to demonstrate in Jeremie.

- * NO FOOD, NO MONEY, NO WORK IN HAITI AND IN JEREMIE IN PARTICULAR
- * NO DRINKING WATER
- * 2 HOURS OF ELECTRICITY A DAY WITH LUCK
- * MALNUTRITION EVERYWHERE
- * DENGUE, MALARIA, YELLOW FEVER... ARE ENDEMIC
- * AIDS IS RAMPANT
- * LIFE EXPECTANCY: 53 YRS

WHERE TO DEMONSTRATE?

There is no way you can get lost in Jeremie. There is just one central square and everything happens there.

Some local "greasy spoons" are located on the square.

DID YOU KNOW...

... that Haiti was forced to pay for its independence? In 1804 thousands of dollars in gold bullion were given to the French government. This was the beginning of the never-ending Haitian debt! It was the first time that a new nation subscribed to what would become the modern form of third world debt.

Haitians are still paying it...

Haiti has an ex priest as president: Jean Bertrand Aristide. Aristide wrote a letter to the French president asking for 21 billion dollars from its government to compensate for the money Haiti paid long years ago.

A FEW FACTS ABOUT HAITI

- * Haitians are really crazy about politics.
- * Every Haitian is a potential single political party.
- * They demonstrate everywhere.
- * Remember: Haiti is the site of the only successful slave revolt in the Americas!
- * About 1 in 7 Haitians lives abroad.
- * Every day Haitians risk their lives on the open seas.
- * In 2001 a Haitian vessel built for 15 passengers but carrying 93 ran aground off a Bahamian Island. Sharks devoured 11 of the migrants.

MY FAVORITE HAITIAN ARTISTS

Stivenon Magloire (killed in 1994 in Port-au-Prince by the Macoutes. Prince Jean- Jo (died from AIDS). Frantz Zephirin (he at least is still alive!)

Best person to contact for Haitian contemporary art:

Carlos Jara: Chilean survivor, voodoo priest and numismatic expert. Rue Armand Holly 28, Port au Prince.

CONCLUSION

HAITI NEEDS YOU AND DESERVES YOUR SUPPORT. COMMEMORATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF HAITIAN INDEPENDENCE WILL TAKE PLACE ALL OVER THE WORLD IN 2004: WHEREVER THE HAITIAN DIASPORA IS TO BE FOUND.

TREVISO

OK, YOU CAME TO VENICE, MAYBE FOR THE BIENNALE, OR JUST BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO VISIT THIS DRAMATIC TOWN BUT WHY DON'T YOU GO AND HAVE A LOOK TO THE REST OF THE VENETO REGION, CHECK OUT THE SITUATION IN THE SMALL, PROSPEROUS TOWN OF TREVISO AND LEARN A BIT MORE ABOUT ITS CURIOUS MAYOR: GIANFRANCO GENTILINI.

THEY SAY THEY DON'T LIKE FOREIGNERS IN TREVISO, WHICH IS A JOLLY GOOD REASON TO GO THERE AND PROTEST.

HOW TO GET THERE?

* Treviso is situated 18 miles north of Venice.

* From Venice, take the train at Santa Lucia Station (about half an hour, 3.5 Euro Return ticket), take the bus at Piazzale Roma. The train is more convenient.

* Treviso airport is served by Ryanair and it is only 15 minutes from the city centre of Treviso. Take the bus n° 6 - 80 cents. Taxis are expensive.

EAT, SLEEP AND DON'T SEE FOOTBALL

I don't know if it has something to do with the fact that they don't really welcome foreigners but it is very difficult to find a cheap and friendly hotel in Treviso. It seems they don't want you to stay, especially if you are a dark skinned like me. I won't recommend any. At the Tourist Agency in Treviso I was particularly badly received.

The food is great, you are in Italy! My favourite spot is Trattoria Toni del Spin, via Inferiore 7. They are not nice but the food is fantastic.

Treviso is not a good place for football. Curiously Mr Luciano Benetton only has eyes for his basketball, rugby and volleyball teams.

WHERE TO DEMONSTRATE?

* There is only one route: departure is from the train Station then it goes on to Via Roma, Corso del Popolo, Piazza Borsa, Piazza Dei Signori and sometimes Piazza del Duomo and Piazza San Leonardo.

* They say in Treviso that during demonstrations there are always more police officers than demonstrators and anyway more people shopping at Benetton's or Sysley than in the streets with the Pace flag.



WHAT GENTILINI SAID:

"Without these strict measures, we would lose our identity, our culture, our traditions, our religion and our language. We would be annulled. It would be the apocalypse of our Italian civilisation."

"Italians have a 2000-year-old civilisation behind them, while African immigrants in Treviso know only the civilisation of the savannah and the jungle, where they used to chase gazelles and lions."

Gentilini suggested that immigrants could be used as prey, but he said that it was a joke and that when he said this he was with friends that are hunters and that since 70% of the criminals he has in his prisons are immigrants as a joke he said: "Could we use immigrants, dressed as rabbits, for target practice?."

"Meglio fascista che bolscevico." It is better to be a fascist than a bolshevik.

"...we are the Piave race... The Piave race never thought of invading streets and squares or of occupying the houses of Swiss, French or Belgian people... This is proof of the superiority of the Piave race."

According to Gentilini, immigrants should have their fingerprints taken but also their foot prints and nose prints if necessary.

Gentilini gave the order to remove some streets benches because they were more too often occupied by uncontrollable ethnic groups that are invading his constituency.

La lega has a duty to ostracise immigrants, anti-globalisation protestors, and gypsies. For all of them it is zero tolerance.

We are not interested in a multiethnic society; we have 2000 years of history to protect.

CURIOSITIES

* Treviso has 2 newspapers: *La Tribuna di Treviso* and *Il Gazzettino*. Both are quite bad and close to the mayor.

* Gentilini is watching you:

The first video surveillance cameras are already installed in Treviso. The entire network will cover Piazza Duomo, Piazza Pola, the streets around the mayor's headquarters Ca' Sugana and Palazzo Rinaldi, the Sant'Andrea Gardens, The Calvacchia del Terraglio, viale Bixio, viale Cairoli, viale Oberdan and other places in the periphery. Treviso looks like London on a smaller scale.

LAW AND ORDER

* In Italy the right to march is encompassed in the notion of freedom of assembly which is a basic constitutional right.

* Article 17 of the 1948 Constitution of the Republic of Italy states that citizens have the right to gather peacefully and without arms. Permits are not required for meetings, but organisers of public demonstrations must notify the police in advance.

* Warrants are required for arrest unless there is a specific and immediate danger to which the police must respond without waiting for a warrant.

* In the case of political demonstrations a special police anti-riot squad (reparto mobile) is deployed and members of the political intelligence branch are usually present.

* During recent demonstrations in Italy, numerous reports from various sources, including photographic evidence presented a picture of widespread abuses and violations of international human rights standards perpetrated against non-violent demonstrators and others by members of the State Police, Carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza. Less than a week after the November 2002 anti-war demonstrations, police stormed houses in cities in southern Italy and arrested 20 representatives of anti-globalisation protest movements. 41 people have been subjects of investigations throughout Italy. They are suspected of various offences, including violating article 270/270b, breaches of "democratic order" and conspiracy. Article 270 and 270b was introduced by the fascist regime of Mussolini, it enables prosecution merely on the basis that, according to the prosecutor, the accused were planning or conspiring to conduct activities detrimental to the Italian government. Article 270 explicitly refers to the danger of groups aiming to overthrow the economic order of Italy.

DID YOU KNOW THAT?

Treviso 81,000 residents are, on a per-capita basis, among the richest in Italy. This wealth is a recent phenomenon, a result of industrialisation in the 80's and 90's. It is partly due to the labour of immigrants who do jobs that a lot of Italians do not want to do anymore. It must be said that the province has only 39,000 legal immigrants and that a decade ago there were about half that number. Benetton has its headquarters there and the main streets of Treviso are lined with all the brand names of the Benetton group. Tadeo Ando, my favourite Japanese architect, designed the Fabrica for the Benetton's foundation.

(ITALY)



RECOMMENDATIONS TO LOCAL AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES

The Berlusconi administration since Genoa has completely lost its mind and seems to no longer respect the rule of law during demonstrations.

Authorities in Treviso and the rest of Italy should ensure that law enforcement officials engaged in policing operations act in accordance with:

- International standards relating to the use of force and the use firearms by law enforcement officials
- The right of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly
- The right not to be subject to arbitrary arrest or detention, and the rights of people deprived of their liberty. Those are Amnesty International official recommendations!

Note that:
Genoa legal Forum is still looking for victims and witnesses that it seems cannot be found and who could provide decisive testimony. Inchiesta-g8@indymedia.org

REASONS FOR DEMONSTRATING

- * GENTILINI
- * GENTILINI AND HIS SUCCESSOR... (HE CANNOT STAND FOR A 3RD TIME AS A MAYOR SO HE HAS A PARTY PUPPET)
- * BENETTON'S ACTIONS IN ARGENTINA (IF YOU WANT A CHANGE TRY PROTESTING AGAINST BENETTON, JUST LIKE MCDONALD'S IT'S GLOBAL BUSINESS... BUT EUROPEAN)
- * GENTILINI'S IDEAS ABOUT FOREIGNERS (EXTRACOMUNITARI)
- * THE XENOPHOBIC LEGA NORTE

A PIECE OF ADVICE

Between 6 to 10 million people are thought to have marched in up to 60 countries during the anti-war demonstrations on the 15th of February 2003. Those were the largest demonstrations of their kind since the Vietnam War.

Roma 2-3000.000, Barcelona 1.500.00, London 1.500.000, Madrid 1.000.000, Baghdad 1.000.000, Paris 800.000, Berlin 500.000, New York 500.000, Seville 250.000, Oviedo 200.000, Damascus 200.000, Melbourne 200.000, Sydney 200.000, San Francisco 200.000, Athens 200.000, Montreal 150.000, Brussels 100.000, Lisbon 100.000, Las Palmas 100.000, Cadiz 100.000, Toronto 100.000, Amsterdam 80.000, Stockholm 80.000, Los Angeles 75.000, Thessaloniki 70.000, Stuttgart 50.000, Montevideo 50.000, Goteborg 30.000, Copenhagen 30.000, Dublin 30.000, Sao Paulo 30.000, Tokyo 25.000, Vienna 20-30.000, Budapest 20-30.000, Lyon 20.000, Newcastle 20.000, Perth 20.000, Montpellier 15-20.000, Canberra 15.000, Helsinki 15.000, Milan 15.000, Gaza 15.000, Buenos Aires 15.000, Rio de Janeiro 15.000, Mexico city 10-15.000, Calcutta 10.000, Johannesburg 10.000, Philadelphia 10.000, Seoul 10.000, Minneapolis 10.000, San Diego 10.000, Edmonton 10.000, Raleigh 8.000, Chicago 7.000, Lismore 7.000, Strasbourg 7.000, Wellington 5-6.000, Cape Town 5.000, Monza 5.000, Calgary 5.000, Malmö 5.000, Tudela 5.000, Turku 5.000, Milwaukee 4-5.000, Santa Fe 4.500, Heraklion 4.000, Patras 3.500, Warsaw 3.000, Volos 3.000, Bangkok 3.000, Madison 3.000, Byron Bay 3.000, Santiago 3.000, Islamabad 3.000, Sfax 3.000, Durban 3.000, Tel Aviv 2-3000, Bellingham 2.500, Rethimno 2.000, Rhodes 2.000, Kiev 2.000, Sofia 2.000, Cairo 2.000, Bregenz 1.500, Fresno 1.500, Torino 1.500, Durnedin 1.500, Tampere 1.000-2.000, Gävle 1.000, Moscow 1.000, Lawrence 1.000, Spokane 1.000, New Orleans 1.000, Praha 1.000, Tacoma 1.000, Nashville 600, Eskilstuna 600, Bloomington 500, Jakarta 500

BEST PRACTICE

FIRST COMES PLANNING. KNOW THE LAWS OF THE COUNTRY, PROVINCE, OR STATE YOU ARE IN. IT IS BETTER TO GET AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ABOUT WHAT IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN. LATIN AMERICAN PROVERB: "DO NOT DEMONSTRATE ALONE!"

WHAT TO WEAR?

YOU ARE LESS LIKELY TO BE ARRESTED IF YOU DRESS CONSERVATIVELY! COMFORTABLE, PROTECTIVE SHOES THAT YOU CAN RUN IN. IT IS GOOD TO DRESS IN LAYERS, SO THAT YOU CAN ADAPT TO CHANGING TEMPERATURES OR REMOVE CLOTHING THAT HAS BEEN CONTAMINATED BY CHEMICAL PRODUCTS. EVEN IF IT'S HOT, IT IS BETTER TO WEAR LONG-SLEEVE SHIRTS, LONG PANTS AND SHOES IN CASE YOU ARE DRAGGED OR KNOCKED DOWN. DO NOT WEAR TIES, SCARVES OR JEWELLERY, WHICH COULD BE DRAGGED.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF?

POLICE ARE INCREASINGLY USING TEAR GAS AND PEPPER SPRAY AGAINST PROTESTERS. DO NOT WEAR CONTACT LENSES! CHEMICAL PRODUCTS TRAPPED UNDER CONTACT LENSES CAN CAUSE EYE DAMAGE. YOU WILL BE BETTER PROTECTED AGAINST CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES BY SYNTHETIC, WATER-RESISTANT CLOTHING ESPECIALLY CLOTHING WHICH IS SNUG AROUND THE NECK, WRISTS AND ANKLES. TEAR GAS PROTECTION: SWIMMING GOGGLES, A BANDANNA SOAKED IN VINEGAR. JUST BRING ENOUGH MONEY FOR CALLS FROM A PAY PHONE, FOOD, AND TRANSPORTATION. IF YOU ARE IN A CROWD THAT IS DISPERSED BY THE POLICE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO LEAVE IN LARGER GROUPS SO THAT YOU WILL HAVE WITNESSES AND SUPPORT. DON'T BE SCARED BY THE LIST OF OFFENCES THAT CAN BE USED AGAINST YOU. MOST OF THEM ARE MINOR. KNOWLEDGE OF THEM IS USEFUL, BUT IN PRACTICE COPS OFTEN ARREST YOU FIRST AND THEN LOOK FOR AN OFFENCE! THE FACT THAT YOU DID NOT DO ANYTHING IS NOT A GUARANTEE YOU WON'T BE ARRESTED.

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