

## REPRESSION IN THE SQUATTED NEIGHBOURHOOD OF PROSFYGIKA

On 21/6/2024 at 22.30 a group of OPKE kidnapped two members of the Community of Squatted Prosfygika from inside the neighbourhood, on Kuzi Street and a third, passing by on Dimitsanas Street, was also abducted by a group of OPKE.

The people of the neighbourhood reacted immediately and an orgy of repression ensued with attacks and continuous throwing of flash bangs and tear gas. There was a body-to-body fight and then a large number of the DRASI group followed, where they tried to kidnap other people on the street. The struggling people of the neighbourhood were not frightened and the battle continued, taking through the hands of the comrades that the furious and at the same time terrified cops were trying to kidnap once again.

All this was happening in front of the eyes of young children playing in the street at that time and in front of elderly people and pregnant women taking their usual walk. They were happening next to the St Savas cancer hospital, which is home to dozens of patients, and in a neighbourhood inhabited, among other things, by people of all ages and various vulnerable groups.

The orgy of repression came after the 4 prosecutions that took place 2 days before, on Tuesday 18/6, where again the DRASI forces tried to kidnap more comrades, but again the people of the neighbourhood resisted and held the road until all the members of the Community were released.

What has been happening lately in the neighborhood with the constant camera surveillance (even the one on Alexandras av. that is supposed to be from the traffic police and which is pointed for hours at the homes and structures of the Community) with the constant crossings of all kinds of cops through the neighborhood attempting to terrorize in various ways, such as taking videos, flashlights on faces, etc. and a whole host of other ways that the heads of the GADA and their indefensible subordinate tools, are trying to invent, is an attempt at terrorizing that keeps falling apart. The world of prosfygika, having been repressed several times in the last 14 years, has responded each time one by one with determination and militancy. Each time, their repressive operations have strengthened the neighborhood, strengthened the solidarity movement and each time, they have invented ways to please their principals who want to get rid of the community struggle and move on to the neighborhood redevelopment and their predatory plans.

Since their efforts are met with strong responses, since the accusations they are making are collapsing like paper towers and since their bosses are pulling their ears for their failed operations, GADA masterminds have decided in the last few days to escalate the repression and make continuous attacks in the neighbourhood. At the same time as the physical attack, the GADA and the state are naturally quick to activate the well-known media mechanisms for managing their political crises, attempting once again to legitimize in the social consciousness the violence they produce. Both on Tuesday 18/6 and Thursday 20/6 they reproduce an orgy of false news and the only media that published something on 18/6 was real, for whose arson attack our comrade K. Dimalexis and remained in prison for a year until his acquittal.

It is their problem to be bothered by what happens in the liberated and collectively organized space of the neighborhood and it is our problem how to preserve it. We have said and we have shown clearly over the years that nothing will go unanswered and that we will defend our homes, our children, our lives and what we build day in and day out with faith and militancy for the prospect of a world where life flourishes.

We call the people if struggle to support prosfygika and its guarding, as well as to be on the lookout for imminent provocation, in order to "legitimize" a new invasion of Prosfygika neighborhood and to support the evolving strategy of tension.

One comrade was released a short while ago and the other two, have been arrested on the following charges : damaging a police car, attempted bodily harm by stones to those in the vehicles, insulting and threatening, stone throwing weapons law, resisting. There is a second set of charges, involving the wounding of 4 cops and damage to 3 civilian cars. Up to this point, the second charges is going against unidentified persons, but they also want to tie it to the two arrested comrades. It is of course surprising that two people tied up in a back inside the OPKE vehicle injured cops and caused damage. This is known only to GADA.

**CALL TOMORROW FRIDAY 21/6:**

**-AT 10.00, AT EVELPIDON COURT THAT OUR COMRADES WILL PASS A TRIAL**

**-AT 16.00, AT OPEN ASSEMBLY AT SOCIAL CENTER(1st block) OF THE COMMUNITY OF SQUATTED PROSFYGIKA**

**-AT 18.00, FOR SOLIDARITY GATHERING AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD, KOUZI & KERKINIS**

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