

**OUR  
PASSION  
FOR  
FREEDOM IS  
STRONGER  
THAN ANY  
PRISON  
CELL**

***FREE***  
**MARIANNA  
& DIMITRA**



**STATEMENTS FROM  
THE AMPELOKIPI CASE**

*athens.indymedia.org*  
*actforfree.noblogs.org*  
*darknights.noblogs.org*  
*incontempt.noblogs.org*

*with whatever weapons at hand*



hands to erect a mound, to not allow injustice to become law.

Nevertheless, in two days I will find myself in this court, which has a weight much greater than that of the indictments and legal characterizations. Because within this process there is also a loss.

There is the memory of our friend and comrade, Kyriakos Xymitiris, a memory that does not fit into any case file. For this very reason, this court has an importance that goes beyond the limits of a formal trial. That is why more is at stake around this trial than meets the eye. Because within these courts I will not only defend myself, but also Kyriakos himself. I will speak about my friend and comrade on my own terms, not with the language of power, nor through the filters of the case file, but through the life he lived, the struggles he gave and what he chose to defend with all his heart, dedicating his life to it. His absence, is simultaneously a deep, intense presence; because there are people like Kyriakos who, even when they are gone, continue to light the way and show with their very lives why it is worth standing up.

So my friend and comrade Kyriakos Xymitiris will be there in the knot in my throat, in the strength I find not to give in, in the need to keep alive everything we shared and everything he defended. He will be with me, next to me, like a hand on my shoulder, like a breath that reminds me that nothing is over and that the struggle continues.

***KYRIAKOS ALWAYS PRESENT***  
***HONOR FOREVER TO THE ANARCHIST COMRADES***  
***SARA ARDIZONE AND ALESSANDRO MERCOLLANO***

the keys to an apartment to my friends and comrades, Kyriakos and Marianna, so that they could host acquaintances.

I will stand in this court accused of terrorism, with charges of membership and participation in an unknown organization, with an unknown structure, unknown roles, unknown duration, as well as for manufacturing, supplying and possessing explosives and weapons. An indictment that was drawn up overnight, based on flimsy evidence, which 2 months ago the court began to collapse with the removal of charges of this explosion and damage.

Or, to be more precise, the only “elements” that the counter-terrorism police relied on to construct this indictment were the criminalization of everyday acts, the criminalization of political opinion, and the criminalization of friendly and companionate relationships.

Nothing more, nothing less.

Thus, our case not only has a past that already counts a year and a half, but also a future. A future inextricably linked to the struggle. That is why, in two days, I will be in this court to fight my own fight, defending my anarchist identity, the radical revolutionary struggle, my relationships with my friends and comrades, and above all the memory of my comrade, Kyriakos Xymitiris.

I will stand in this courtroom to fight to the end for my freedom — a freedom that I will not give them, not even for one more day than the 512 they have already deprived me of. And if the counterterrorism department is given institutional cover to fabricate indictments in this way, then the responsibility for my conviction on an indictment that I deny rests with the current composition of the bench.

This also concerns all those who feel that behind bars are not only the prisoners, but also a part of themselves. Those who remain present in every field of radical struggle. Because it is also in their

*The Ampelokipi trial in Athens has come to an end. After an explosion on October 31, 2024 that killed anarchist comrade Kyriakos Xymitiris and severely injured anarchist comrade Marianna, the greek state put her and four other comrades in pre-trial detention for the last year and a half on terrorist charges. On April 4, 2026 the state handed down the expected sentences: 19 years in prison for Marianna and 8 years for Dimitra. Dimitris, Nikos Romanos and A.K. were acquitted and released, losing 18 months of their lives in punishment for the state's terrorist myths.*

***THE ONLY TERRORIST IS THE STATE***

***FIRE TO THE PRISONS***

***KYRIAKOS XIMITIRIS FOREVER PRESENT***

# *I Defend, I Don't Apologize*

*Marianna Manoura  
Korydallos Women's Prisons*

In the midst of revelations of all kinds of government scandals and the participation of the Greek state in the war unleashed by the US and Israel against Iran, the repressive mechanism decided to deal with the “internal enemy.” Three weeks before the first hearing, we were notified of the start of our trial. On April 1 and one month before the end of the 18-month period, the process begins. A process based on an obviously inflated indictment where it is obvious that four of the five defendants have nothing to do with or knew about what was going to happen on 10/31. The court's focus, however, is not exclusively to highlight the otherwise well-used tactics of the anti-terrorist unit, but to defend the memory of the revolutionary Kyriakos Xymitiris and the armed means of resistance he decided to adopt against this cannibalistic system.

From the very beginning, the prosecuting authorities with the counter-terrorism at the helm saw this specific case as an ideal event to open yet another fan of persecutions and imprisonments of people. The apparent inability of the anti-terrorism police to establish even a pretextually credible indictment held us all hostage, with requests to terminate the temporary detention being rejected in all the interim judicial councils (six months and twelve months) with flimsy justifications. The case was thus kept open, in the absence of any new evidence to justify it, with the councils' dismissive reasoning self-refuting at points, trying to find a new narrative in order to exhaust the limit of pre-trial detention for all the defendants, thus attempting

# *If We Are Afraid Today, We Will Be Afraid Tomorrow & Forever*

*Dimitra Zarafeta  
Korydallos Women's Prison*

It took 512 days for the authorities to finally decide that it was time to try our case, the Ampelokipi case. Just one breath before the end of the 18-month period. Not because the investigative process was truly endless, nor because new evidence was constantly emerging in the meantime. From the very first moment, the facts were more or less the same.

The choice, however, to set the trial at the last minute was neither accidental nor procedural. It was a purely political choice, a conscious method so that the process would run on a fast track and the desired decision would be produced, with the same speed. Nevertheless, in this last text of mine before the trial, I will not dwell in detail on the practices and methods that the judicial authorities employ against us. These are already known to anyone who wants to see them.

My aim is to bring things back to their true dimension, against the fabricated version that the anti-terrorist police and then the investigator and prosecutors tried to impose. That is why I want and must talk about what has already happened and what is to follow. In two days I will be in this court, because a year and a half ago I lent

beat. Next to me and all the accused. Next to his comrades. He will be there because he knows that the fight for memory is a collective affair and is not simply necessary but essential. Essential for a movement to exist and have a future. Because the stories of those who fell are the ones that inspired others to rise. And as much as the weight of loss bends our knees, it is enough to take a look at that sparkling gaze of his for the fatigue to be shared and the fear to diminish. And if at some point we become discouraged, a look at his genuine smile is enough to remember that nothing is over.

With Kyriakos as our companion, it is in our hands, inside and outside the walls, to reverse the terms of the trial both before and during it. To put a stop to the injustice that has become law, to the bias that has become habit. To perceive justice as a battlefield and the trial as a political conflict. Since the field is already mined, it is an unequal battle, in which there is no middle ground. Either you give up or you fight until the end. And what I can say with certainty is that I and certainly Kyriakos would choose the latter. We are right, we will win.

***KYRIAKOS XYMITIRIS FOREVER PRESENT  
HONOR FOREVER TO ANARCHIST COMRADE SARAH  
ARDIZONE AND ANARCHIST COMRADE  
ALESSANDRO MERCOLIANO  
STATE AND CAPITAL ARE THE ONLY TERRORISTS***

to satisfy two goals: on the one hand, the consolidation of state vindictiveness and on the other hand, the maintenance of the narrative of a terrorist organization. An organization without a name, without a history, without action, without even a substance, the invention of which serves on the one hand spectacular-communicational reasons, but also a serious upgrade of the indictment that carries the risk of lethal penalties.

The result of this pretentious delay in closing the case for 17 months, was the delay in issuing and final deliberations, with the result that the trial is now approaching the typical time limit for the end of detention for all the detainees in the case. A fact that in itself causes a rush in its definition and conduct, with the service of its summons to take place on 3/9, just 3 weeks before its start on April 1, suffocatingly pressing our preparation time. I am therefore called, on April 1, to stand trial accused of forming and joining a terrorist organization, aggravated manufacture of explosive devices and possession of explosive materials and explosive devices, pistols and ammunition, explosion with possible intent, aggravated damage and illegal possession of weapons, in a trial that has shown signs of haste and carelessness from the beginning. The situation that is taking shape may not surprise me. I am very well aware of the role of civil justice within this specific system of exploitation, which while pretending to play its role within a “rule of law,” is in reality primarily interested in implementing the dictates of anti-terrorist and political leadership. Nevertheless, I categorically declare that I am not prepared to allow any acceleration of the trial to work against me and my co-defendants and my comrade Kyriakos himself.

And if the counter-terrorism service took, once again, 17 months to return to where it started from, without any new evidence but insisting on prosecuting me – bagging me with four other people who have absolutely no connection, involvement or knowledge in the

case, the trial in question includes a new method. The complete absence of all the counter-terrorism cops from the prosecution's witnesses. That is, the prosecution, under the orders under which the investigations took place, the arrest warrants were issued and the charges were filed, considers that there is no reason to appear in the proceedings. That is, the prosecution does not appear in a case that it itself is prosecuting. I am not in a position to know the exact reasons why this happened. It is a fact that with the new amendments of 2024 (Florida Law) it is now possible not to call the police officers who draw up an indictment and lead the pre-trial stage in the trial in an obvious attempt to protect themselves from foreseen contradictions that will eventually arise. However, especially in this case, with such a perforated indictment and a case file full of contradictions, gaps and obvious shortcomings, the absence of anti-terrorist police officers from the prosecution's witness list aims to protect them in the courtroom with the expected deconstruction of their fabrications.

Whether it comes or not, the responsibilities will be attributed to them. Responsibility for the shameful way in which they treated the family of my comrade Kyriakos Ximitiris in the first hours of the explosion, which far exceeds the moral limits that these unscrupulous guys who swear by democracy and legality supposedly invoke and that they supposedly protect. Responsibility also for the order to take a DNA sample while I was still unconscious in Evangelismos. Responsibility for the fact that once again, like so many others in its years of action, the counter-terrorism is the spearhead of repression with surveillance, persecution, imprisonment of countless fighters.

On the contrary, I will be there. I will be there to assume the responsibilities that fall to me, to defend the political choice for the position I held on 10/31. I will be there to stand up to a mechanism that proves its bias every day and that, for decades now, has been

unfolding its full vindictiveness in the face of fighters. Despite all the possible consequences, however, I will proudly defend my partner's choices, the necessity of fighting by all means, the gravity of this choice and the imprint it leaves. And I will be there because the political space to which I have belonged for the last 15 years of my life is dominated by other values and agendas than those promoted by the system. It does not shift the responsibilities of others as the government does every day, it does not defend partisanship and individual interest as the system promotes, and it does not choose the easy path of selfishness as its representatives choose.

I will not attend the trial to bow my head, nor to renounce my ideas and responsibilities. But I will not give even one more day of freedom to their hands for actions that I not only did not do but also for which there is no evidence to support them. Moreover, the issue of the trial is mainly the preservation of the revolutionary memory of the comrade. Of the deposition of all these elements that make him such an indispensable and unique comrade and person. For me, this is the stake of this particular trial; the prevalence of the image of comrade Kyriakos as we knew him, learned about him, experienced him. As a deeply revolutionary man who, beyond his commitment and presence in the field, decided to sharpen his way of acting despite the adverse conditions that prevail. This is for me the legacy that I hope such a trial will leave. Of devotion and faith in the revolutionary vision even during the greatest challenge. The sign of solidarity and the defense of projects that want us continuously and practically against those who oppress our lives and alongside those who struggle by all means. The dignity and pride that befits our political space from whose bosoms fighters like Kyriakos emerge. People who do not retreat, do not compromise, whose sparkling gaze is enough to illuminate even the most difficult path.

But Kyriakos will be there too. That's where his heart will