

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

FREE
**MARIANNA
& DIMITRA**



**STATEMENTS FROM
THE AMPELOKIPI CASE**

STATE AND CAPITAL THE ONLY TERRORISTS

SOLIDARITY TO THE ARMED REBELS

“Bravo Marianna”

BE STRONG COMRADE UNTIL FREEDOM

“We are at war, you scum, and you will sit in your chair and not judge Netanyahu, you will judge fighters. That’s who you are...

All of you are a disgrace.”

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respect and comradeship. Because he trusted me personally and politically. From the most innocent childhood secret, to his most serious decision. Because he supported me in the most difficult moments, and assured me the space to feel, without hesitations and second thoughts. Because together we dreamed with our eyes wide open of a better world. Because together we believed with all our hearts in a better world. Because together we fought with all our strength for a better world. And if a part of me, the biggest one I would say, died next to him on 31/10, a part of him lives with me still today. He lives for the battles to come and the struggles we will fight. For the dreams we will continue to have and the plans we will continue to make. For the smallest moment until the longest hour. And I will always be by his side. Because on 10/31 I stayed behind to talk about you and the fight you gave, and for those you did not have time to give. On 10/31 I raised my fist and with my bloody mouth I swore to fight. On 10/31 I raised my fist and in the rubble of Arcadia Street I said: **MAURICIO MORALES PRESENT, ALESSANDRO MERCOGLIANO PRESENT, SARA ARDIZZONE PRESENT, KYRIAKOS XYMITIRIS PRESENT.**

Applause from the audience and slogans for Kyriakos:

***KYRIAKOS XYMITIRIS ONE OF US, A COMRADE
FOREVER ON THE STREETS OF FIRE***

KYRIAKOS YOU LIVE FOREVER A FIGHTER

***“You pathetic judges. Pathetic! The solidarity movement won’t
forget you.”***

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 XYMITIRIS 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

witnesses, standing unyieldingly by their son's side even in a hostile environment. Above all, I would like to thank them for their support and for accompanying me throughout this time. (Motion from Marianna. Applause from the audience and slogans “MARIANNA STRONG UNTIL FREEDOM”) While they could have turned their backs on me, been indifferent and even blamed me, they opened their arms wide and accepted me into their family. Reducing the unbearable burden of my own survival every day with every visit, every phone call, and every conversation we have.

The third person is Dimitra Zarafeta. Not because she literally treated me in the first 6 months when my condition was critical. Not because she, despite her own difficulties, essentially took charge of my recovery in a condition where I couldn't even take a bath. Not because she stood by me in the loss of the person closest to me in the most dignified way. Not because she shared with me the most unbearable moments in the most selfless way. Not because she didn't shift responsibilities on to me, she didn't distance herself either in prison or in court. But because she didn't distance herself from Kyriakos. From his history and his revolutionary memory. Because she came here and stood unwaveringly by his side, and even if the price is heavy, she didn't change her stance. She didn't back down. Knowing the vindictiveness of repressive judicial mechanisms, and the possible consequences that her attitude might have, something that was verified first by the prosecutor's proposal and secondly by the court's decision, she did not hesitate but defended her comrade to the end. In turn, demonstrating not only the true and substantial friendly relationship she has with Kyriakos, but first and foremost their deep comradeship. A relationship that will always accompany her.

Finally, I would like to thank Kyriakos Xymitiris for the 6 most beautiful and true years of my life. Because with him I understood the value of self-criticism and empathy. The importance of

began will be continued by other hands, by new comrades who will in turn understand their role in history.

My choice of this contribution is a small part of these processes. A small piece in the great puzzle of social conflict. A small gesture that gave me the honour of standing by my comrade until the end. I regret nothing. The price, as I said, I have paid and it is not measured in years of prison. Besides, for an anarchist, like the trial, prison is another field of struggle.

In conclusion, I would like to show the importance of both the witnesses and the continuous and dynamic presence of the solidarity world. An attitude of responsibility and deep solidarity, a personal but above all political attitude. Because the presence of this world is not based exclusively on sympathy and personal relationships. The presence of this world gives a powerful message. The perception that the anarchist struggle is inextricably linked to revolutionary, armed anti-violence. The presence of the world symbolises the legitimisation of this means, and above all the convergence towards its goal: The overthrow of the state and capital. Anarchy, as the sharpest and most radical political tendency, does not distinguish between peaceful and non-peaceful means, does not fall into the trap of separation and legality – but shows in the most emphatic way that resistance and solidarity, repression and imprisonment are collective affairs. A position that the individualism and selfishness of the system are reducing to a species on the verge of extinction. However, the attitude and presence of so many people has demonstrated in practice the implementation of the projects of the world we propose, a world of equality, freedom and solidarity.

But I would like to thank four specific people individually. Very different but also very similar. First, Kyriakos' parents, Anna and Thodoris, who were not only here daily, faced with the accusation against their son, but who did me the honour of testifying as defence

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 (Floridis 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

not a form of organisation that opposes capital as such. It is a mechanism used by the capitalist class to achieve its domination over society. What does the democratic state do? It represents the illusion of human control over society, but in reality it is a means of compromise and contradiction. Thus, the class-divided society ends up being dominated by the bourgeoisie, after its victory through violence and terror, through democracy and parliamentarism. A form of organisation that ensures the duration of domination, which obviously cannot be maintained in the long term through terror but only through compromise and consensus.

Its theory proclaimed: The individual is sovereign. But practice proved: Capital is sovereign. But bourgeois democracy preached freedom, justice, equality and peace, and for these purposes it also concentrated the state monopoly of violence in its hands. What has been the experience of the overwhelming social majority during these centuries? Which of the above were realized? But what do we live in today? What are the rulers defending? What did this court ultimately defend by "advertising" even if it was gasping for breath? The perpetuation of the system of exploitation and oppression.

My comrade Kyriakos Ximitiris also decided to fight against this condition. He adopted the tool of armed propaganda, wanting to reveal, to bring to the surface the true face of bourgeois democracy and neoliberalism. To oppose the mechanisms that produce the violence of bourgeois interests, and the structures that serve the production and reproduction of the regime of impoverishment. He decided to promote the cause of social revolution through armed action. He chose the very rupture and denial in the here and now, setting a definitive, dividing line between bourgeois and proletarian ethics. He wanted to set the example of selflessness, contribution and social solidarity. And even if his heart stopped on 31/10, his revolutionary vision continues to live. The revolutionary process that

you are bothered by our character and ethos or simply our faces. And second and more likely, that you have implemented a political order. An order that wants to send clear messages: Exhaustive penalties to those who attempt to challenge the state monopoly on violence, exhaustive penalties to those who assist in such, exhaustive penalties to those who do not choose it but do not distance themselves from it, exhaustive penalties to those who do not choose it but do not condemn it. By sending messages of exemplary behaviour, the state through the judicial mechanism seeks prevention, intimidation and suppression. And all this in a climate of zero accountability, in a climate of omnipotence.

I have mentioned at length the relationship between law and ruling classes, law and violence, law and power. Today it becomes clear once again that the judiciary, through this decision, is fulfilling the role of guardian of the regime perfectly. And the struggle against this regime has a greater criminal value than the drug trade, embezzlement, and human trafficking. The process of criminalizing violence “wherever it comes from” is the one-sided side of the reality of ruling relations, it is the one-dimensional reading of history, and simply the reproduction of the ruling narrative.

The argument of bourgeois democracy, where everything is laid out on the table and everything is under discussion, was also heard a lot. It is not like the barbaric regime of a dictatorship, the barbaric regime of Iran or Cuba. A condition that does not justify so-called “armed propaganda”, since dialogue is possible. Since everyone participates in public affairs through elections, what is the reason for so much tension? I will not refer to the percentage that now participates in elections, where 1 in 2 goes to vote, nor to the fact that this right is given every 4 years. I will speak a little more generally about bourgeois democracy, which is anything but a model of equality and equity. In the period of the domination of capital, democracy is

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

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
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witnesses, the adoption of the term IED (improvised explosive device) without having yet taken a position on it and while the expert opinion is clear, from the questions to the accused that were asked only to weld the indictment, to the proposal of the prosecutor who not only distorted the facts, but also had the self-confidence to unofficially assign a managerial role to a person who had no knowledge or involvement with what happened on 31/10, Dimitra Zarafeta. The burden of my erroneous judgment and decision to implicate her in all of this without her knowledge, is something that I bear exclusively.

But there are also the invisible things: The presence of the anti-terrorism branch throughout the trial, the insistence on conducting the case in a specific court despite the objections of both our lawyers and the lawyers of the next cases in the series, the bringing of witnesses and supporters, and the installation of railings for the last and legally crucial week of the trial, all suggest that the end of this process was already written. By you? By the anti-terrorism department? I don't know and it doesn't matter much.

Without any evidence and without any testimony, the prosecution of 187A was maintained. While there was no, not just proof, but also no indication of the existence of an organisation, this charge was attributed to us. Without any logic and without any testimony, the immoral potential deceit was also maintained. While there was no logical justification, this charge was ultimately attributed to me. And not only did your high command attribute these, it added article 15 again and rejected the confluences. I was attributed supply 3 times and processing 3 times. That is, I supplied myself once, I supplied myself again and then I supplied myself again. I processed the materials once, I processed them again and then I processed them again.

And since the evidential process has not been achieved, there are again two possibilities. First, that you do not like us personally, that

Sentencing Statement

Marianna Manoura

At this point I must make my final statement. As for the decision and my own sentence, I cannot say that I was surprised. After 15 years in the anarchist movement, vindictiveness and severity have come to be expected in the face of fighters, both male and female, who either choose revolutionary armed non-violence or actively stand alongside them, assisting and helping them.

The fact that the trials took place with such high density on a daily basis and in exhausting schedules, could not even provide the necessary conditions and the necessary time for a substantive examination of the testimonies of the witnesses, the statements of the accused and the final speeches of the lawyers. I honestly wonder how it is possible for a system to allow, and even offer the possibility of making decisions that decide on the lives of dozens of people – in our case, the 5 of us – within 2 hours, from 9:00 to 11:00. This system is protected by the judicial mechanism and this is the way that it accepts to operate. This system uses, and in this way reveals, the expendability of our lives. All that remains is to decide between the depreciation of our lives by the judicial mechanism that condensed the decision-making process into two hours, and the possibility of a pre-determined process. I do not know which is worse. I will say the second, because the first involves an even tiny attempt to rationalise the indictment, and to recognize the unceasing work of the defence lawyers. However, I am very much afraid that the second is probably true, and this because the turn that the said proceedings would take was evident from the beginning.

From the visible signs: The questions that were asked of the

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

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 counterterrorism 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

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.

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