# J5/J12 Global Solidarity Actions (July 2008) excerpts from Worldwide Actions against the G8 (http://ticker.gipfelsoli.org/)





#### No! G8 Action in Croydon, UK

5th July 2008. London Fete held an anti-G8 solidarity action in Croydon, London. They focused on border control and immigration. Globalisation has created huge movements of people, however, only those deemed worthy under the eyes of the capitalist state find it easy to settle in their country of choice. For the poor and vulnerable freedom of movement is severely restricted. Rich nations, like those within the G8, abhor those who cannot bring further wealth into the capitalist economy. The poor and vulnerable who dare try and seek a better life are often treated no better than dogs. And they soon discover that a tin of baked beans are bestowed more rights to enter a country than themselves. No Nations, No Borders, No G8!



## July 5th: Solidarity Demo in Stuttgart, Germany

200 people demanded in Stuttgart to abolish G8 and expressed their solidarity with protestors in Japan.



## Anti G8 protest In Jakarta

Around hundred mass movement from any organization in Jakarta mostly NGO on July 7 join in the day protest against G8 summit in Japan. They are long march from the city center (bunderan HI) to the Japan Embassy, in the front embassy mass speech for cancel G8 summit and destroy this institution.



# July 7: Anti-G8 Actions in Manila

Manila, Philippines-- Anti-G8 local actions started Monday noon, infront Japanese Embassy in Manila, denouncing the Eight global rich countries in their conquest for Global Dominion that worsens poverty, war, hunger and disease in the Global South. Anti-G8 Filipino protesters hold slogans in front of the Japanese embassy in suburban Manila, Philippines, Monday, July 7, 2008. The group is protesting against the ongoing G8 summit in Hokkaido, northern Japan, as they blame the U.S. and other rich countries in the escalating fuel and food prices and worsening poverty around the world.



A demonstration with hundreds of participants marched through Bilbao (Basque Country). Acompanied b heavy rain the criticized the arrests in Japan and the repressive character of the neoliberal politics of G8 countries



#### Frankfurt: Man climbs skyscraper to protest against G8

In Frankfurt (Germany) a guy climbed up a 154 meter skyscraper to protest against climate politics of the G8 countries by killing 3.000 people weekly: "Global warming kills more people than 9/11 every week.



## No-G8 Action in Klagenfurt/Celovec (Austria)

At the global action day July 5th there was a rallye in Klagenfurt (Austria) giving out information to the people in the centre of the city. A small exhibition explained history of social protest in Japan and resitance against G8. In the evening films were screened about global agriculture, G8 and migration. The action should be repeated on Tuesday July 8th.



#### Eat the G8 in Reykjavik, Iceland

Activists from Reykjavik organized a rallye in the city centre under the slogan "Eat the G8". Activists from the International Saving Iceland Comitee provided food and information.



# J12: International call for solidarity actions against G8 repression

Three of our friends were unjustly arrested at the demonstration against the G8 summit on 5th July 2008. One of the arrested is an indymedia activist who is organizing sound actions and a member of the G8 Media Network. The police used overwhelming violence. For instance, they stopped the sound truck forcefully, three policemen broke the truck window with their clubs, and they viciously dragged out the driver. This situation was exposed as Japanese police brutality once again, reported by



While most of the Japanese media coverage focussed on the summit, a homeless activist in Osaka was quietly, unfairly arrested on the 4th. Allegedly, his mobile phone ownership and user had different names. Even though his group from Osaka had planned to come and join the poverty and labour unit of the counter G8 Action Network, they cannot because they must rescue him, just after the liberation of another activist who was also arrested for a tiny bureaucratic mistake last month. All of these bureaucratic errors are unreasonably trivial things. This is obviously suppression of dissent.

We denounce the repression at the 5th July sound demonstration and of the homeless activists by the police, and demand immediate release of all. On 12th July, simultaneous protest actions will be taken at 3pm (GMT+9) in Sapporo, Tokyo, Osaka, etc. against police capitalism. We appeal for international solidarity! Take action simultaneously! Protest against unjust arrests, police violence and the capitalist summit.



## Demonstration J12 in Hamburg (Germany)

There will be a demonstration on Saturday J12 in solidarity with the prisoners from July 5th in Hamburg. Hamburg activists call out on "FIGHT G8 - FIGHT CAPITALISM!" and proposing a route for the action starting at Landungsbru"cken.



At 6 pm on the 9th of July 30 people assembled in the german town Salzwedel (21.000 inhabitants) in a spontaneous solidarity demonstration with activists facing severe police repression for their protest against the ongoing G8 summit in Japan. The demonstration which was fairly black with some pink spots - the front banner being held by activists with bandannas pulled up - moved through the centre of the town and informed passers-by about the events in Japan via numerous banners and speeches held through a megaphone. After a while (mostly motorised) police tried to escort the demonstration but were repeatedly shaken off. Apart from trying to take notes of all slogans on the banners (an increasingly common practice clearly aimed at intimidating attendees) and taking photos, the police didn't escalate the situation further so that the activists were able to finish the demonstration as planned and end it peacefully.



#### Demonstration in Minsk (Belarus)

On July 9th there was a demonstration held in Minsk. 20 activists demonstrated without registrating in the city, covered by 8 clowns. In the participatory meeting participated 40 people. Due to heavy repression activists fear participating in non-registrated demonstrations. Police can hold activists for 3 days, people risk losing their jobs. "Nobody should stand alone with their problems"



Solidarity action in Berlin (Germany)
On 12 July at 17:00 a demonstration was held in front of the Japanese Embassy in Berlin to protest against police violence and arrests during the Japanese G8 Summit. A number of "Kamikaze" paper airplanes dutifully served their one-time mission by flying over the Embassy fence to deliver the clear message onto Japanese soil (all Embassies are considered soveriegn land) that we demand immediate release of all those imprisoned during the G8 protests. Banners were also there to say "Send Prisons to Hell! Freedom for Political Prisons", and demading an end also to German's repressive paragraph 129a "Anti-Terrorist" law. Another banner called for an end to repression in Japan. The Japanese police have used very strange laws such as "illegally registered as living with parents" or "mobile phone registered under different name than person in possesion of phone" in order to imprison people for up to 23 days. People are urged to put pressure on Japan by calling their national Japanese Embassy to demand the release of all G8 related prisoners.



# la: Autonomous Activists Denounced Police Violence In Japan

A network of Anti-G8 protesters from various autonomous groups and collectives held silent protest infront Japanese Embassy in Manila, Tuesday noon, by unfurling banners denouncing police violence and corporate free trade at the G8 Summit in Hokkaido



## Solidarity action Tokyo, NOBI-NOBI Illcommonz Demonstration

On 12 July a demonstration which titled "NOBI-NOBI (Free) illcommonz Demonstration" was held in Tokyo. About 300 people demand immediate release of all those imprisoned during the G8 protests



Protesters dressed as injured Japanese demonstrators at G8 in solidarity with those harassed/interrogated/jailed around the events related to the recent Summit in Hokkaido.



Solidarity action Seoul, Korea



# Anti-G8-Demo vom 12.7. in Hamburg

200 people demonstrated on Saturday July 12th in Hamburg against repression at japanese G8 summit in Sapporo. Police showed up with 5 water cannons. Finally the march happend without bigger problems.

