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## OCCUPY OAKLAND RETAKES PLAZA

Tuesday, Oct 25, OAKLAND - At 5:00am a police force of over 500 officers from 16 different agencies began a coordinated raid on Occupy Oakland at 14th and Broadway. Despite preparations for the defense of Oscar Grant Plaza, including the erection of barricades, police cleared the site and arrested 70 people within several hours. The occupation had been going for two weeks with approximately 200 full time campers. The chief of police and Oakland's mayor Jean Quan justified the raid as necessary for public safety, claiming that a rat infestation spreading to local businesses was a concern for the campers' health and well-being.

On Tuesday at 4pm, a crowd gathered to protest the morning's raid and arrests. Several minor clashes with police took place during a march to the jail, until around 6pm when the crowd swelled and demonstrators attempted to reclaim Oscar Grant Plaza. Shortly thereafter, the police issued a dispersal order, then attacked the crowd with tear gas, flash grenades, rubber bullets, and other "less-lethal" weaponry when protesters ignored the dispersal order. The police attack temporarily split the crowd, but it regrouped within the hour and grew. Estimates of the crowd's size climbed over 2,000.

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*Two-tour Iraq veteran Scott Olsen being treated by medics.*

## **NEW YORK SOLIDARITY DEMONSTRATION FOR OAKLAND**

Wednesday, Oct 27, NEW YORK, New York - Between 400-2000 demonstrators took over much of Manhattan at 9pm in order to show solidarity with the previous night's police repression of Occupy Oakland. The crowd marched in the streets against traffic to keep police from kettling them. Many observers left their cabs to join the crowd. The police made at least 10 arrests, barricading streets with netting and scooters in order to keep the demonstration divided. One video shows the police punching and kicking individuals after they had already been handcuffed and immobilized.

Despite the arrests, spirits were high on the march, which was accompanied by a drum corps and bagpipes. At one point, hundreds if not thousands of protesters marched in the middle of Broadway. At another point, they moved through McDougal street and disrupted the set of the TV show Gossip Girl.

*The Occupation Times* is a weekly print-and-web publication that serves those who participate in the leaderless, global resistance movement that has been most recently sparked by the occupation of Wall Street in New York City. Our aim is to keep the movement united and aware of its own progress by keeping as many people as well-informed as possible.

We are looking for correspondents in as many occupations as possible, people who can either write copy or can keep our writers and editors informed about conditions on the ground. Also, we need people to take it upon themselves to print and distribute the paper in their area.

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## **SOME NUMBERS:**

@occupyarrests lists 2750 arrests of those in the occupy movement as of 10/28/11.

Occupytogether.org lists meet-ups for occupations in 1768 cities.

Wikipedia reflects over 900 current occupations worldwide.

The richest 1% of the United States control 40% of the nation's wealth.

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## **130 MORE ARRESTED IN CHICAGO**

Saturday, Oct 22, CHICAGO, Illinois - After another weekend of confrontations with police in Chicago, police mass-arrested 130 occupiers in Grant Park for petty city ordinances, bringing Chicago's total arrest count to just over 300. City officials recently denied permission for a permanent occupation at the park and stressed that they would not be dropping charges against anyone who was arrested during the five-week-old Occupy Chicago protest. Meanwhile, the protest continues on the sidewalks of Chicago's downtown financial district.

# MAYOR LIES, 53 ARRESTED IN ATLANTA

Wednesday, Oct 26, ATLANTA, Georgia - Atlanta mayor Kasim Reed went back on his word today when over 100 police swept into Woodruff Park and arrested 53 non-violent, civilly-disobedient occupiers at 1:30am. The mayor had previously granted Occupy Atlanta permission to occupy the park until at least November 7. On Tuesday, he sent a group of clergy to negotiate with the occupiers, but the 30-some faith leaders were immediately outed as being there in an attempt to end the encampment at the mayor's request.

Among the mayor's excuses for ending his permissive attitude was a hip-hop concert at the occupation that drew the "wrong sorts of people". In addition, he suggested that some people in

the movement "were on a clear path to escalation." The former suggestion mirrors racist language while the latter attempts to criminalize thought instead of behavior.

The police cordoned off the park at 10pm Tuesday night, and those with no intention of facing arrest left the park. The 53 who chose to stay were arrested, some going limp and forcing the police to drag them out of the park. Among the arrested were a former city councilman and a current state senator. All the protesters were released the next day with misdemeanor charges.

While Occupy Atlanta has not reclaimed the park as of this writing, they have begun to stay at a local homeless shelter while they reconvene.

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# CLERIC RESIGNS IN DEFENSE OF OCCUPY LONDON

Wednesday, Oct 26, LONDON, England - Revered Giles Fraser, the canon chancellor of St. Paul's Cathedral, resigned in protest to the church and the city's intention to evict the 300+ strong occupation in front of the historic cathedral. "I cannot support using violence to ask people to clear off the land," he told the Guardian. The resignation comes at a time when multiple police agencies are discussing working in tandem to forcibly evict the occupation.

Occupy London has been encamped by the steps of the cathedral since October 17, the day after canon Fraser asked the police to vacate the area and leave the demonstrators unmolested. The camp has been subject to a great deal of muckraking by right-wing journalists. Most widely-circulated among these claims are thermal imaging

photographs that appear to show only 1 in 10 tents as being occupied overnight. These photographs, however, were quickly debunked by The Guardian's military scientist source and by protest organizers who show that the thermal imaging techniques used were unable to penetrate into most of the tents on site.

Respected street artist Banksy has installed a monopoly-themed sculpture in the encampment that is estimated by the art world to be worth £400,000.

St. Paul's Cathedral closed due to "health and safety concerns" brought about by the encampment, but have announced they will re-open regardless. Police action against the camp is expected soon, but Occupy London already has a second encampment established in Finsbury Square.

# GENERAL STRIKE NOVEMBER 2

Wednesday, Oct 27, OAKLAND, California - The Occupy Oakland General Assembly passed a proposal to advocate a general strike for November 2. The proposal passed with 1484 approvals, or 96.9% of those present at the assembly. The proposal read:

*"We as fellow occupiers of Oscar Grant plaza propose that on Wednesday November 2nd we liberate Oakland and shut down the 1%. We propose a citywide general strike. We propose to help all students walk out of school. Instead of workers going to work, and students going to school, all people will converge and walk downtown*

*to shut down the city. All banks and corporations should shut their doors or we will march on them."*

General strikes have been a tactic of the revolutionary left since the mid-19th century and are still used in much of the world to this day. The far-reaching effects of the general strike and its ability to disrupt the flow of capital remind government and other institutions that it is the workers who have power within society and not the moneyed or elected elite.

There has not been a general strike in the US since a spontaneous strike erupted in Oakland in 1946.

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## FROM RAINCOATS TO THREATS IN LA

Thursday, Oct 27, LOS ANGELES, California - When Occupy LA set up on October 1, the city council passed a resolution in support of the movement. Less than one week later, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa distributed rain ponchos to the occupation. Now the mayor and police are working towards drawing up eviction plans. Councilperson Bill Rosendahl showed a remarkable lack of understanding of the protest by suggesting that "They've made their statement.

I agree with their statement, but it's time to move on."

Politicians around the country have consistently mistaken the occupation movement for a form of protest that assembles, makes demands to politicians, and moves on. They have not yet understood this movement as an entirely new form of protest which seeks answers outside of traditional political structures and intends to continue evolving.

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## POLICE UNION ENDORSES OCCUPY BALTIMORE

Wednesday, Oct 26, BALTIMORE, Maryland - The President of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #3, which represents the close to 5,000 active and retired police officers of the Baltimore City Police Department, joined together with other local labor leaders in commending Occupy Baltimore for "standing up for the 99% of us" and urging the city of Baltimore to allow the occupation to continue indefinitely in McKeldin

Plaza. Ernie Grecco, President of the Metro Baltimore Council of the AFL-CIO, hand-delivered the statement, signed by the heads of 13 union locals including the Fire Officers Local 964 and the Fire Fighters Local 734, to Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake. He then visited the occupation to show support and solidarity as protesters waited to see if the city's suggested Wednesday deadline for removal would be enforced. It was not.

# **CLEVELAND GETS 24/7 SLEEPLESS PERMISSION BY FILING FOR INJUNCTION**

Wednesday, Oct 26, CLEVELAND, Ohio - Occupy Cleveland was granted a permit to stay in the city's public square for 24 hours a day until at least November 9. The decision came after the demonstrators filed for a federal injunction preventing the city from continuing to arrest them for occupying the square after curfew hours. A judge brokered the deal between the city and the protesters. The anti-camping law is still in place, and occupiers are not allowed to sleep on the property.

Last Friday, 11 occupiers were arrested for breaking curfew, and Wednesday's decision has no legal bearing on their cases.

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# **BOMB ATTACK ON OCCUPY MAINE INJURES NONE**

Sunday, Oct 23, PORTLAND, Maine - A chemical bomb was thrown into the kitchen area of the Occupy Maine encampment at 4am. No one was in the communal area when the handmade bomb detonated, and no injuries have been reported. The bomb appears to have been thrown from a passing silver sedan, and the blast woke up the entire camp.

Protest organizers have suggested that people have not been deterred by the attack, and that it instead has bolstered their numbers by approximately fifteen. The camp has increased its security in response.

# **POLICE REFUSE TO ARREST ALBANY OCCUPIERS**

Friday, Oct 21, ALBANY, New York - State and city police chose not to arrest protesters at Occupy Albany its first night, despite specific requests from the mayor and governor to enforce park curfews. A state police spokesperson said that the decision was motivated out of concern that a confrontation might escalate into a riot that could endanger police and the public. The Albany occupation is continuing, approximately 200 strong.

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# **OCCUPY TENTS ARE FREE SPEECH IN ORANGE COUNTY**

Tuesday, Oct 25, IRVINE, California - After a five and a half hour meeting which heard from 72 different speakers, the city council decided unanimously that occupation tents are a protected form of free speech. The discussion was added to the agenda as an emergency item, something essentially unheard of for the council. Even conservative councilmembers supported the resolution, citing the peaceful nature of the encampment and contrasting it with the situation in Oakland.

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# **TONY BOLOGNA GIVEN DESK WORK IN STATEN ISLAND**

Wednesday, Oct 26, NEW YORK, New York - Anthony Bologna, the police officer made famous for attacking protesters with pepper spray at Occupy Wall Street demonstrations on September 24, has been reassigned to desk duty in Staten Island. Bologna, a 29-year veteran of the NYPD, has lost 10 paid vacation days for improperly using pepper spray.

Some within the occupation movement see this as a sign that the movement's strength is beginning to force concessions from state power.

# CAIRO SHOWS SOLIDARITY WITH #OCCUPIOAKLAND

Friday, Oct 28, CAIRO, Egypt - In a show of solidarity with Occupy Oakland and against the police violence experienced this week, protesters in Cairo marched from Tahrir square to the US Embassy. Protesters carried signs in both English and Arabic, with statements such as, "Don't [be] afraid, Go Ahead", "#Tahrir, #OWS, #occupyOakland... The Same Goal", and "Social Justice for All, Fuck the Police".

The march was a part of a larger demonstration held against the death of 24-year-old Egyptian political prisoner Essam Ali Atta. Egyptian prison guards tortured and killed Atta after he allegedly smuggled a mobile phone SIM card into the prison.

Atta died from his injuries in a Cairo hospital on October 27. On Friday, a new Facebook page entitled "We are all Essam Atta" appeared online and quickly attracted thousands of supporters.

Protesters have noted that Atta is the same age as Scott Olsen, who is currently hospitalized from injuries received from a blow to the head by a tear gas canister in Oakland. Egyptian demonstrators in Cairo are drawing similarities between police repression during the Arab Spring and what occupiers have experienced now in the US. The solidarity march comes within a week of the release of a moving letter of support from protesters in Egypt to occupiers across the US.

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# LYING COPS ARREST 29 IN NASHVILLE

Friday, Oct 28, NASHVILLE, Tennessee - Police moved in at 3am to arrest 29 Occupy Nashville demonstrators for violating a new curfew law despite statements claiming the new law would not yet be enforced. The magistrate of the court refused to hear the charges and a judge advised the immediate release of those arrested, but the state patrol kept them in custody for hours regardless.

The day before the arrests, a state spokesperson was asked when the protesters would be arrested for violating the new curfew. "Not tonight," she said. "We're just now announcing the policy after 1 o'clock in the afternoon, so we're not going to enforce it today. We're going to assume that they

are going to do the right thing and get a permit tomorrow." The spokesperson also claimed that the curfew was created because "representatives of the protesters themselves approached the state earlier this week asking for some assistance addressing the problems they were facing," which included health and safety concerns.

One reporter pointed out that, "[The occupiers] weren't asking to be evicted. They were asking for help and you didn't provide it." The spokesperson went on to admit that the curfew would only be selectively enforced against the occupiers.

Within hours of their release, a dozen protesters returned to the park to continue their three-week-old occupation.

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Demonstrators repeatedly erected barricades and some responded to police with projectiles and paint bombs throughout the course of the evening. Over the next few hours, the police continued to issue dispersal orders and deployed tear gas on at least six occasions, only to be met by the increased assertiveness of the demonstrators.

Scott Olsen, a 24-year-old Iraq war veteran, was struck in the head with a tear gas canister. Police prevented protest medics from providing care for Olsen by deploying flash grenades into their midst, though fellow demonstrators were eventually able to carry him away from the scene. Olsen has a fractured skull and is currently in stable but critical condition at Highland Hospital in a medically induced coma. One twitter user offered a \$1,000 reward for the name of the officer who fired on Olsen.

Occupy Oakland announced that gatherings at 6pm at 14th and Broadway will continue daily and claimed, "We will do this every day until we #RetakeThePlaza." On the other side of the country, the Occupy Wall Street General Assembly consented to donate \$20,000 and 100 tents to Occupy Oakland to help recover from the effects of the morning raid.

The following day, 2,000-3,000 returned to downtown Oakland for a vigil and a second attempt to retake the plaza. The crowd disassembled the fence that police had erected around the plaza and held a General Assembly in which a proposal for an Oakland general strike was passed 1,484 to 46. The date of the general strike is set for Wednesday, November 2.

From 10:00pm to 1:00am, upwards of 2,000 people, many masked and prepared for a conflict similar to the night before, left the plaza and marched through Oakland's streets, meeting with minimal police interference. Across the bay, Occupy San Francisco was preparing for a police raid. Many demonstrators from Occupy Oakland headed to SF to bolster their numbers. Police called off the raid on Occupy SF, and occupiers suspect that it was the solidarity of Occupy Oakland that kept Occupy SF safe.

Realizing the PR mess created by the violent police attacks, Mayor Quan appeared on the news, this time apologizing for what happened the day before and claiming that she wanted to see Occupy Oakland succeed. She went on to insist that people not stay in the plaza after 10:00pm. Whether Mayor Quan will continue to deploy violent police force against protesters remains to be seen.

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## **SACRAMENTO D.A. REFUSES TO PROSECUTE OCCUPIERS**

Monday, October 24, SACRAMENTO, California - The Sacramento County District Attorney's office has declared that they will not prosecute any of the 75 arrested as part of Occupy Sacramento. The DA claims that there was no unlawful assembly in that the occupation did not pose a clear and present danger of violence, nor did any violence occur.

The Sacramento police department responded by suggesting that they will continue to make arrests regardless.

Also on Monday, the Sacramento General Assembly moved temporarily to the County Jail to protest the detainment of one of their members who was arrested and taken away from his son for "not having an ID."

# AUSTRALIAN OCCUPATIONS UNDER ATTACK

Friday, Oct 21, MELBOURNE, Australia - Police violently evicted Occupy Sydney and Occupy Melbourne last weekend. In Sydney over 100 police officers raided the camp at dawn to remove 80 demonstrators from Martin Place. Witnesses of the raid described scenes of intense violence on the part of the police, who were throwing punches, kneeling on protesters' heads, and nearly breaking arms. "My officers conducted themselves with the utmost professionalism," claimed Assistant Police Commissioner Mark Murdoch. Lord Mayor Clover Moore stated, "The city respects the right of people to protest," and claimed the police gave her no notice of the raid.

Of the 40 people arrested, most face charges of violating local ordinances, while four face charges of resisting arrest and/or assaulting an officer. A judge threw out the bail of Annaleis du Pille, who is facing the more serious of the charges, and released her from custody after she refused to agree to any of the terms the court presented. At the time of her arrest, she repeatedly yelled "I do not recognize your authority." A cheering crowd that had gathered in support of du Pille greeted her upon her release.

Scuffles spilled out into the streets of Melbourne as over 400 riot police disrupted the occupation site at City Square. On the morning of the 9th day of the protest, police arrested over 50 people, most of whom have already been released without charges. Accusations of police brutality arose from those who were present, including an account of a 14-year-old boy who was trampled by a horse and then pepper-sprayed. Protesters claimed that police officers punched, dragged, and even kicked them in the

face. Twenty protesters were injured in the raid, including one who was hospitalized. Two police officers faced injuries, and eight police cruisers suffered damage.

Local officials have been at odds with the police over the raids, which were carried out under controversial 2009 "move-on" powers. The "move-on" powers intended to empower police to deal with "alcohol-fueled violence," but specifically excluded the use of the powers on people "demonstrating or protesting." Occupy Melbourne has harshly criticized local politicians over the incident, stating "Victoria's political leaders believe our fundamental democratic rights to free speech and public assembly have a one-week expiry date." They have since moved their camp to a nearby location at Treasury Gardens.

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## COPS LIKE CATS

Tuesday, Oct 25, OAKLAND, California - While news sources and individuals across the country documented and shared videos, photos, and stories of the violent police response in Oakland this week, the *Washington Post* ran its story of the brutal eviction with a photo of a Oakland police officer petting a cat. "It's amazing that Oakland PD managed to disperse the Occupy Oakland crowd solely by petting kittens," said one Post reader. Carol McKay, the Post's photo editor, claimed, "The photograph was chosen because it [showed] a police officer doing something interesting—not just walking through tents and trash."



# BOSTON MARCHES AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY

Saturday October 22, BOSTON, Massachusetts - Protesters across the country joined the 16th National Day of Protest to Stop Police Brutality, Repression and the Criminalization of a Generation. Occupy Boston protesters, still reeling from the October 10 arrest of nearly 150 activists, came together with dozens of protesters from Boston's Southside who have been dealing with routinized police violence for decades. The demonstration against police brutality came the day after Occupy the Hood rallies brought into question the discourse of "peaceful protest" widely employed by the Occupy Movement. One participant of the demonstration told *The Occupation Times*, "The brutality that Occupy protesters have been facing pales in comparison to the ongoing structural violence that has defined the relationship between the

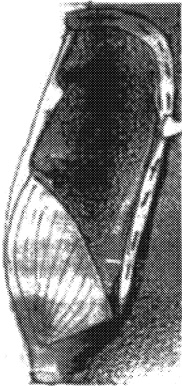
police and communities of color across the country for centuries."

The demonstrator continued on to say, "The discourse of 'peaceful protest' is a direct affront to the history of communities of color in this country because it renders invisible the centuries of police violence. It suggests that the police will remain peaceful if we remain peaceful. The implicit suggestion is that blatantly unwarranted police violence against communities of color must actually be warranted, because if the police are being violent then someone must have been violent first."

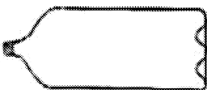
The Occupy the Hood rally in Boston brought over 200 people together in Roxbury, just south of Downtown. The next day, a march left Occupy Boston to join the Anti-Police Brutality protest held in front of the Boston Police Headquarters.

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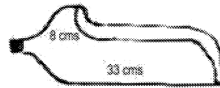
## HOW TO MAKE A HOMEMADE TEAR-GAS MASK



Transparent 2 Litre Soda Bottle



Cut as follows



Glue a strip of rubber foam on the inside edge of the bottle



Glue and sew a strip of cloth over the foam rubber



put a clinical mouth-cover in the neck of the bottle and elastic to secure it to your head



cover mouth

Carry a bottle of vinegar to soak the mouth cover before putting on the mask



# SOLIDARITY LETTER FROM CAIRO

*The following is a statement released from fellow activists in Cairo on October 24:*

To all those in the United States currently occupying parks, squares and other spaces, your comrades in Cairo are watching you in solidarity. Having received so much advice from you about transitioning to democracy, we thought it's our turn to pass on some advice.

Indeed, we are now in many ways involved in the same struggle. What most pundits call "The Arab Spring" has its roots in the demonstrations, riots, strikes and occupations taking place all around the world, its foundations lie in years-long struggles by people and popular movements. The moment that we find ourselves in is nothing new, as we in Egypt and others have been fighting against systems of repression, disenfranchisement and the unchecked ravages of global capitalism (yes, we said it, capitalism): a System that has made a world that is dangerous and cruel to its inhabitants. As the interests of government increasingly cater to the interests and comforts of private, transnational capital, our cities and homes have become progressively more abstract and violent places, subject to the casual ravages of the next economic development or urban renewal scheme.

An entire generation across the globe has grown up realizing, rationally and emotionally, that we have no future in the current order of things. Living under structural adjustment policies and the supposed expertise of international organizations like the World Bank and IMF, we watched as our resources, industries and public services were sold off and dismantled as the "free market" pushed an addiction to foreign goods, to foreign food even. The profits and benefits of those freed markets went elsewhere,

while Egypt and other countries in the South found their immiseration reinforced by a massive increase in police repression and torture.

The current crisis in America and Western Europe has begun to bring this reality home to you as well: that as things stand we will all work ourselves raw, our backs broken by personal debt and public austerity. Not content with carving out the remnants of the public sphere and the welfare state, capitalism and the austerity-state now even attack the private realm and people's right to decent dwelling as thousands of foreclosed-upon homeowners find themselves both homeless and indebted to the banks who have forced them on to the streets.

So we stand with you not just in your attempts to bring down the old but to experiment with the new. We are not protesting. Who is there to protest to? What could we ask them for that they could grant? We are occupying. We are reclaiming those same spaces of public practice that have been commodified, privatized and locked into the hands of faceless bureaucracy, real estate portfolios, and police 'protection'. Hold on to these spaces, nurture them, and let the boundaries of your occupations grow. After all, who built these parks, these plazas, these buildings? Whose labor made them real and livable? Why should it seem so natural that they should be withheld from us, policed and disciplined? Reclaiming these spaces and managing them justly and collectively is proof enough of our legitimacy.

In our own occupations of Tahrir, we encountered people entering the Square every day in tears because it was the first time they had walked through those streets and spaces without being harassed by police; it is not just the ideas that are important,

these spaces are fundamental to the possibility of a new world. These are public spaces. Spaces for gathering, leisure, meeting, and interacting – these spaces should be the reason we live in cities. Where the state and the interests of owners have made them inaccessible, exclusive or dangerous, it is up to us to make sure that they are safe, inclusive and just. We have and must continue to open them to anyone that wants to build a better world, particularly for the marginalized, excluded and for those groups who have suffered the worst .

What you do in these spaces is neither as grandiose and abstract nor as quotidian as “real democracy”; the nascent forms of praxis and social engagement being made in the occupations avoid the empty ideals and stale parliamentarianism that the term democracy has come to represent. And so the occupations must continue, because there is no one left to ask for reform. They must continue because we are creating what we can no longer wait for.

But the ideologies of property and propriety will manifest themselves again. Whether through the overt opposition of property owners or municipalities to your encampments or the more subtle attempts to control space through traffic regulations, anti-camping laws or health and safety rules. There is a direct conflict between what we seek to make of our cities and our spaces and what the law and the systems of policing standing behind it would have us do.

We faced such direct and indirect violence , and continue to face it . Those who said that the Egyptian revolution was peaceful did not see the horrors that police visited upon us, nor did they see the resistance and even force that revolutionaries used against the police to defend their tentative occupations and spaces: by the government’s own admission; 99 police stations were put to the torch, thousands

of police cars were destroyed, and all of the ruling party’s offices around Egypt were burned down. Barricades were erected, officers were beaten back and pelted with rocks even as they fired tear gas and live ammunition on us. But at the end of the day on the 28th of January they retreated, and we had won our cities.

It is not our desire to participate in violence, but it is even less our desire to lose.

If we do not resist, actively, when they come to take what we have won back, then we will surely lose. Do not confuse the tactics that we used when we shouted “peaceful” with fetishizing nonviolence; if the state had given up immediately we would have been overjoyed, but as they sought to abuse us, beat us, kill us, we knew that there was no other option than to fight back. Had we laid down and allowed ourselves to be arrested, tortured, and martyred to “make a point”, we would be no less bloodied, beaten and dead. Be prepared to defend these things you have occupied, that you are building, because, after everything else has been taken from us, these reclaimed spaces are so very precious.

By way of concluding then, our only real advice to you is to continue, keep going and do not stop. Occupy more, find each other, build larger and larger networks and keep discovering new ways to experiment with social life, consensus, and democracy. Discover new ways to use these spaces, discover new ways to hold on to them and never give them up again. Resist fiercely when you are under attack, but otherwise take pleasure in what you are doing, let it be easy, fun even. We are all watching one another now, and from Cairo we want to say that we are in solidarity with you, and we love you all for what you are doing.

Comrades from Cairo.

24th of October, 2011.

# HACKERS RELEASE POLICE AND CEO INFORMATION

Hackers have struck numerous police and corporate targets in support of the Occupy movement. On Friday, Oct 21, amorphous hacker entity Anonymous released email usernames and passwords of 1000 Boston police officers. Anonymous claimed the action was in response to the “unprovoked mass arrests and brutality experienced by those at Occupy Boston,” referring to the October 11 arrest of 141 occupiers. Occupy Boston has stated that they were not involved but do not condemn the action.

On Oct 22, Anonymous took down the main and all associated websites of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and leaked or destroyed their records. The hacker’s statement said: “The IACP thought they could hold their 2011 annual conference in Chicago unfettered by the clutches of insurrection. They must not have known their conference starts on the Day of Action Against Police Brutality [and] that all over the world people are in the streets demonstrating discontent with capitalism and the state. According to the IACP’s development documents, their systems cost several hundred thousand dollars. We are pleased to destroy it all for free, leaking their private info and defacing their websites in one swift blow.”

Anonymous also attacked matrixgroup.net, a web-development firm, releasing “records and passwords, internal communications, company schedules, and development notes for over a hundred [corporate and government] clients.

We intentionally excluded the unions and other unrelated sites on their servers because, unlike the police and those who support them, we will never betray our working class comrades. We realize our role in the social struggle against capital and against the state, deciding instead to set our sights on the police, military and other government websites hosted by Matrix.”

The group went on to say: “We are 99%. We are the working class that makes society function. [W]e will continue to bring the ruckus on the streets and on the internet. We are believers and practitioners of direct action against all governments, militaries, banks, corporations, and police working towards our revolutionary goal: the immediate dissolution of capitalism and the state.”

A separate hacker group also associated with Anonymous, CabinCr3w, struck back against Citibank’s October 15 arrest of 23 of its own customers in New York by hacking Citigroup’s CEO Vikram Pandit and releasing his personal information. CabinCr3w has also released “d0x” (documents) on Bank of America CEO Brian Moynihan, Goldman Sachs CEO Lloyd Blankfein, JPMorgan CEO Jamie Dimon, ex-treasury secretary and ex-Goldman Sachs executive Robert Rubin, anti-OWS activist James O’Keefe, pepper spray-abusing officer Tony Bologna, and numerous high-level bankers and NYPD officers. This information is recorded on [cabincr3w.tumblr.com](http://cabincr3w.tumblr.com).