

# CAPTURED ... ON FILM !



## BEATEN UP !

This photograph captures the terrifying moments as UK activist Simon Chapman is attacked by Police in Thessaloniki, Greece during the demonstrations against the immigrant-bashing EU Summit on 21st June.

In this picture we see Simon on the ground during the beating. We can see he is still wearing his distinctive **bright blue and purple rucksack** - circled left.



## FITTED UP !

Several minutes later, Simon sits up, nursing serious head injuries - rucksack missing. The police continued to beat him until he accepted a **black rucksack**, full of Molotov cocktails. This bag appeared out of nowhere. Moments after this picture was taken Simon was arrested and now faces charges with 7 others of possession of explosives and riot - carrying sentences of between 7 and 25 years !!!

**DONT LET THIS HAPPEN  
TAKE ACTION!  
FREE SIMON CHAPMAN  
FREE THE SALONIKI 8**

## DROP THE CHARGES. SET THEM FREE

Despite the blatant violence and corruption of the Police, the demonstrator's terror didn't end on the streets of Thessaloniki. On arrival at the holding centre, the prisoners were beaten up again: kicked, punched, hair pulled, threats of further violence. Simon also had his glasses smashed by police, leaving him virtually unable to see. He was left without glasses for nearly a week until his friends, who have remained in Greece, were finally able to get replacements as well as clean clothes and other items brought into him.

Simon and 7 other activists from across Europe, America and Syria (who all have similar stories to tell) were refused bail and are facing 3 charges of: Riot, Resisting authority and Possession of explosives. They have now been moved to a maximum security prison and Simon has had his head shaved.

### SO WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The 8 prisoners have an appeal against their bail being refused early next week. If the appeal is lost they face 3 months further incarceration until they have the first opportunity to appeal against these ridiculous charges!

Should *this* appeal be refused then all 8 will face the horrifying prospect of between 12-18 months in prison, *before* their cases come to full trial. They will all be tried together.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

There are many ways that we can support Simon and show our solidarity with the 8 prisoners.

#### ✚ Write to Simon

Letters of support can make all the difference to keep up his spirits as he waits for a decision from the panel of judges. Knowing that others are out there thinking about you is vital to remaining strong while inside. Advice on letter writing is available by emailing us at the address at the bottom. Also contact us if you would like details of sending gifts to the prisoners.

##### Write letters to:

Kratoumeno SIMON CHAPMAN  
Dikastikes Fylakes Diavaton  
T.K. 540 12  
Thessaloniki - GREECE

#### ✚ Write or email letters of protest to the Greek Ambassador to the UK

Greek Ambassador to the UK  
Embassy of Greece  
1A Holland Park  
London, W11 3TP

Tel: 020 7229 3850

Fax: 020 7229 7221

Emails: [political@greekembassy.org.uk](mailto:political@greekembassy.org.uk)  
[commercial@greekembassy.org.uk](mailto:commercial@greekembassy.org.uk)  
[pressoffice@greekembassy.org.uk](mailto:pressoffice@greekembassy.org.uk)

#### ✚ Take action

It is vital that we continue the actions of international solidarity that have started in other European cities. **There will be an international day of action in support of the prisoners on July 10.** We need to mobilise ourselves and continue to take action in our demand that all charges against the prisoners are dropped and they are immediately released.

#### ✚ Donations

We are coordinating financial donations from the UK. You can send cheques payable to "ABC" to: **BM Automatic, London WC1N 3XX, UK.** To receive regular email updates and for info on the forthcoming solidarity actions in the UK email: [thessaloniki prisoners@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:thessaloniki prisoners@yahoo.co.uk)

**THEY'RE INSIDE FOR US. WE'RE OUTSIDE FOR THEM**