

Jorge Esquivel... "El Yorch"

Obituary of an Anarchist Comrade Murdered by the State

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A punk, anarchist comrade, cook and artisan, a long-time active member of **Okupa Che**, as well as member of other collectives and supporter of other movements and anti-capitalist actions.

A comrade that was twice incarcerated for the same slew of fabricated accusations and planted evidence as part of an oppressive blow orchestrated by UNAM and the State against Okupa Che.

A comrade that after three years in prison **has died** because of UNAM itself and the State and its prison system.

Yorch Didn't Die, The State Killed Him!

In 2016, as he was exiting UNAM after an anti-prison event in Okupa Che (University City, CDMX), Jorge Esquivel was abducted by the State. They threw him into a truck without plates, destination unknown. They planted a backpack full of drugs and tortured him. Hours passed before he was presented before the MP, with a fabricated accusation of drug dealing with intent to sell.

Yorch was taken to prison at Miahuatlan, Oaxaca and subsequently transferred to the maximum security prison in Hermosillo, Sonora, hundreds of kilometers from his comrades and web of support in a clear strategy of demobilization against his comrades who demanded his freedom. But solidarity knows no borders and even with the distance, comrades were able to set in action. After twenty days, on March 2016, Yorch leaves posting bail. The fabricated evidence against him is insufficient, and the charge is reclassified to a mere possession of narcotics. Four witnesses declared that Yorch didn't even have a backpack at the time of his arrest, and forensic evidence showed that there were no digital prints on either the backpack nor the drugs presented. This fact came to light amid a repressive wave against the present-day anarchist movement; Okupa Che and its squatters were harassed for a long time —something that to this day has not ceased—, which reached such a level that police in civilian clothing fired at some individuals outside the squat and wounded two of them, as well as paramilitary attacks and constant persecution. The eviction attempts, spying, and tabloids or the press's yellow journalism were setting the scene little by little, preparing the terrain for a strong strike against the squat. Yorch was set free, but the landscape was still being propped up. The constant threats and news reports did not end; the yellow press even began to say that he had passed away and that he had been part of organized crime.

Years pass, it's now 2022. The government is now under MORENA, the political discourse changes the wording but the repressive strategies continues alongside the growing militarization in all the land and increase of technological control.

On the night of December 8, Yorch is followed by three persons, and once outside UNAM, more than a dozen agents in civilian clothes take him from his bicycle and detain him in order to forcefully put him inside a nondescript gray car with tinted windows .

His whereabouts are unknown for many hours until it was found out that he was being detained in Western Prison under orders of re-arrest. The judge determined that the process would resume with the original charges, without bail. As always, the legal process was plagued with many irregularities, a frequent cancellation of hearings, and all kinds of delays. The judge decided that it would be necessary to go over a part of the presentation of evidence, delaying the process once more. And just like last time, there was no evidence that proved the accusations

made against him, but the government's purpose was to hold him there at all cost for the longest time possible.

During his imprisonment Yorch tried to stay strong and active despite the many forms of punishment and isolation by the State. His communication with the outside world stayed constant in the form of letters, and there were also visits and solidarity activities, meetings, spreading awareness of his case, economic and material support.

On June 2024, Yorch was sentenced to 7 years and 6 months in prison, despite the evidence presented proving his innocence, making the political character of the process and the State's intentions against the anarchists clear once again. After the appeal, the Second Collegiate Tribunal of Criminal Appeals reduced the sentence to 5 years and a 100 days fine.

On December 9, a day after the second anniversary of his arrest, Yorch was transferred without warning, with no one being informed of his whereabouts, physical well-being, nor the reason behind the transfer. Yorch states he was transferred from the West Prison to the South Prison without being allowed to take any of his belongings.

The Murder of an Anarchopunk...

Starting in 2019, he began suffering from health problems after an appendicitis that was not treated in time. In prison, being neglected so much, the State's refusal to give him the medical assistance he needed, the transfers, and the effects of prison itself on the imprisoned, worsened his already fragile condition. At the end of 2025, our comrade was in critical condition. After a lot of pressure he is transferred, spending weeks wandering from one hospital to another, without anyone clearly reporting on the severity of his condition. It would only be at the last hospital, minutes before he was intubated due to neurological failure that left him unable to breath on his own, that those closest to him were informed, but it was too late by then.

ON DECEMBER 9, THREE YEARS AFTER HIS IMPRISONING, our comrade passed away.

He died in jail, just like so many anarchists throughout our anti-authoritarian history that fights for liberty and set ideas into action to topple the State and all authority. It's a slow murder that we place on UNAM, the State and its prison system. **MURDERERS!**

His death will not be forgotten, it will not be forgiven. Let's remember Yorch, like so many others comrades, and keep the black memory in our thoughts, hearts, and anarchist actions. We keep them alive in the streets, in the fires, in the silence and in the darkness of the night, just as our hatred towards the State and love of freedom stays alive. **The response can only be revenge and conflict!**

Far from a moralist and safe vision that supports a pal only while there is an assumed stated innocence, it is important to remember that "innocent" and "guilty" are concepts of the State itself which we have decided to fight against, they're based on its laws and moral judgment. Our actions and our proposals head towards conflict and total liberation, towards the destruction of the State itself and every form of power, and our fight cannot be contained within their definitions. Neither innocent nor guilty but enemies of the State! And anarchist solidarity steps beyond those concepts.

2026: Repression Continues... So Does the Uprising!

The World Cup in Mexico approaches, the repressive political context sharpens. Much has happened lately on a local level, adding to countless conflicts on a global scale. The month after the Yorch's death in jail, another anarchist comrade and vegan, **Arturo "El Sheveck" Lugo**, was jailed in Mexico state's high security prison, charged with damage to property in relation to gang activity. Jailed for his taking part in the student movements in FES Acatlan against sexual abuse back in 2020. Once again, UNAM is the protagonist in a repressive process and will keep on being so against other students. It is no mere coincidence that they are once again against the anarchists so soon, this is directly due to the State's repressive strategies against every kind of dissidence that have been announced, little by little, in many ways and through many means, and which have grown more intense with the present political context.

We must also remember the trial of Miguel Peralta, an anarchist comrade that has endured persecution for years now in a slew of repercussions due to his part in the struggles for autonomy of his community, Eloxochitlan de Flores Magón (Oaxaca), and who today is in a long legal battle facing a possible sentence of 50 years in prison on fabricated charges. More than those of anarchists specifically, State repression reaches many other such-like groups, communities and individuals in struggle.

This is not limited to the Mexican territory, repressive measures and increasingly heavy laws are found everywhere in the world against what they deem as "terrorism", they hammer down in many lands, incarcerating anarchist comrades for decades who dare to act and attack —like in the case of our friends Alfredo Cospito in Italy, and Monica Caballero and Francisco Solar in Chile, to name some of the many comrades presently in the rungs across many latitudes.

If, on the one hand, civilian and human right groups keep on time and again raising their voice against criminalization and in favor of "the right to protest", yelling that "to struggle is not a crime", then it is high time to abandon those discourses and understand right away that where there is struggle and confrontation, where there is mutiny, direct action and an active criticism against power and all forms of authority and domination, there will always be repression. The struggle for liberty goes far beyond of rights established and accepted by the State, or of "forms" of protest it considers legitimate from its civilian point of view; it will always be criminalized in one way or another, if not in one go then in ever increasing harsher laws, persecution and greater prison sentences, or other repressive and legal strategies which change from moment to moment.

Laws, prisons, police, and rights have always been tools of repression, adapted to their political ends. To the State, THE STRUGGLE IS ALWAYS A CRIME if the struggle in question is not within its confines of negotiation as previously imposed.

Don't wait around for acceptance or permission. Don't beg for dead words written in some constitution or legal code to be put into action. Our freedom is non-negotiable, it is not begged for, and won't be granted based on State legality. **If it is a crime to struggle, struggle is a crime we will never not commit! Leave civility behind and let's take up confrontation. YORCH LIVES! FREE MIGUEL! FREE SHEVECK!**

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