

Protest at the French Consulate  
934 5th Avenue @ 75th Street, NYC  
Monday the 10th of November at 12 noon

On Saturday the 25th of October, a large demonstration was held in le Testet, in le Tarn, a department in the south of France, in support of the months long struggle and occupation against the building of a dam intended for the industrialization of agriculture in the region. The occupation is known as the "ZAD" or the "Zone to Defend." The demonstration was attended by thousands of people from all over France. At approximately 4 PM the police initiated an assault on the protesters. Utilizing various types of so called "non-lethal weapons," including "deafening" flash grenades and "dispersal" bombs that emit metal shards that lodge into the bodies of activists, the police attacked the activists. Various reports recounted young girls and boys with hematomas all over their bodies as a result of the violent assault, an assault that continued throughout the night.

Activists claimed that between 2 and 3 AM, they saw someone fall to the ground. Subsequently they witnessed the body of a young man being taken by the police who stated that they had "found a dead body in the forest." His name is Rémy Fraisse. He was a 21 year-old botanist specializing in environmental protection who worked with several ecological associations. At first the government refused to release the details of Remy's death. As a result, spontaneous demonstrations took place in various cities throughout France, with his family pressing for charges of homicide to be brought.

A few days later, on Monday the 27th the first results of the autopsy were released revealing that Remy apparently died as a result of the explosion of a so called "non-lethal" bomb which became lodged between his back and his knap-sack.

Since then, a hundred of demonstrations have taken place throughout France with the level of repression steadily increasing. For example, every demonstration that has occurred in Paris recently was preemptively forbidden and immediately surrounded by hundreds of cops, with protesters surrounded and entrapped, tied to one another, tear-gassed and further brutalized by so called "non-lethal weapons."

According to reports, one protester in Nantes “had his nose ripped off by one of these weapons,” with four others injured. In addition, protesters are being targeted and arrested miles from protest sites preventing people from even getting to the protest sites. Meanwhile, the politicians and mass media (as usual) are portraying the activists as deviant and violent in an attempt to demonize opposition to the dam project, the campaign for Justice for Remy and other issues of concern to the French people.

**We must not stand by and allow for our sisters and brothers in France to be brutalized and murdered in this way!**

Please join us at **noon on Monday the 10th of November at the French Consulate in NYC** and demand that the French Government cease it’s repression of the activists, abandon the dam project and secure justice for Remy Fraisse!! Call them at 1.212.606.3600

For further information:

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