

## Concerning Tasos Theofilou Case: The "Plea"

I shall start my plea by clarifying once again that I am denying the accusations I am accused of.  
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There are two kinds of reality. The actual one and the one that has been presented as such during the trial of first instance. The actual reality and the narrative of the Counter-terrorism department that selected some real facts and redefined them based on the prejudices, based on their obsessions or based the result they want to get and combined them not only arbitrarily but also with imaginary incidents.

Counter-terrorism created a fairytale so complete that they even included a Dragon in the form of a prosecutor of appeals (Note: the prosecutor was named Drakos which means dragon in Greek). There is an irony. A contradiction throughout the indictment. There is a comic and a tragic strand in relation to the actions that are attributed to me. The comic aspect concerns my participation in the CCoF and the tragic concerns my involvement in a homicide. Taking a human life is as worthless for my own axiological code as it is for the criminal code (unless we are talking about political executions which in this case are not considered in a moral but in a historical and political context). On the contrary, I do not find any worthlessness in the accusation of participating in an anarchist organization, I just find it comical because of the discrepancy in our analyses.

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The Law and Order doctrine in Greece reflects the political sphere in the field of criminal repression where the responsibilities and consequences of the economic crisis are passed from capital to work and from the rich to the poor who are eventually accused of being greedy and responsible for the crisis since "they lived above their potential" for many years.

The narrative of power presents the economic crisis not as the outcome of structural and inherent to capitalism causes such as the overaccumulation, but as the result of the greediness and laziness of the working class and maybe of some failures of the political personnel that was driven to a "populist" mismanagement in order to satisfy the greedy workers. We have even heard that political demonstrations are to blame for the collapse of the economy. We recently witnessed Mr. Dendias, former minister of Public Order, to arraign a journalist employed in the national newspaper Kathimerini, because he didn't identify with the perspective of the newspaper and had the audacity to believe that the reason that stores in the center of Athens are driven to bankruptcy is not the protests that take place.

There is a focus on the anarchist movement and an emerging repression that is evident in the statements of the current leader of opposition, Kiriakos Mitsotakis, and the shadow minister of Public Order Mr. Maximos Harakopoulos, who use the derogatory term "Exarchistan" to refer to Exarcheia district and commit to giving an end to the anarchist movement and the area if they ever become an elected government. They will not seek an end to the Troika and the memorandums, but an end to the anarchist milieu

and Exarcheia. That is their pre-election commitment. Relying on this argument, they encourage their voters to elect them as a government. More specifically, mister Harakopoulos argued that: «as it has been clarified by Kiriakos Mitsotakis, for New Democracy the priority is to satisfy this widely accepted demand».

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It has been a long-standing demand of the Law and Order lobby to overcome the impediments and the assurances of the Enlightenment. Then we 'd move forward to a model of justice best portrayed by Judge Dredd. Counter-terrorism will be in control of the entire judicial process, from a suspect's arrest to his/her trial.

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It is certainly honorable to attribute a robbery to anarchists because during the act the perpetrators did not steal the money of the clients but even this assumption is inaccurate. Mr Samios (client) spoke about the perpetrators and said they were people who had been expelled by the system. For me, this point of his testimony is of utmost importance although it was not given as much attention as the fact that customer's money was not stolen.

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I believe that the above constitute the main parts worth explaining. So once again I shall repeat that I didn't have any kind of participation in the CCoF organization or the robbery on Paros. The one and only time I came across a gun was when one was stuck in my temple during my arrest.

Concluding, I will repeat once again that I have not committed the crimes I am accused of. But I committed a crime that encompasses all crimes. I am an anarchist. In the class war I sided with the exluded and the underprivileged, the hunted, the damned and the poor, the weak and the opressed. On the one hand my imprisonment is the natural progression of this choice and on the other hand prison is another field of struggle. But if after all these, after many months and trial hearings you still believe that the following excerpt from the counter-terrorism law that says " which is possible to seriously harm a country, in order to seriously intimidate a population, to seriously harm and destroy the fundamental constitutional, political and economical stuctures of a country" can best describe me and not the troika, you might as well pronounce me guilty. If you also believe that I killed an unarmed citizen by shooting four times in contact range,in hot or cold blood it matters little, then again you might as well pronounce me guilty.

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