

"Solidarity against Repression" – The International Art Project HOLY DAMN IT
Speech on the occasion of the farewell demonstration at the city port of Rostock, June 8, 2007:

HOLY DAMN IT! I am toasting to you with a solidarity welcome of the international art project "HOLY DAMN IT: 50 000 Posters against G 8 - On the Urge for Radical Answers". Ten artists and artist collectives from four continents have created one poster each, 50 000 posters have been printed and 48 000 sent out worldwide free of charge. From Moldavia to Los Angeles, from Bern to Kiel, from Berlin to Belgrade, from Zagreb to Paris, to Rome, Tel Aviv and Gaza City, thousands have ordered the posters and mounted them in public space.

We are more than happy and endlessly glad that there have been some initial radical answers to the questions and visions raised in our posters, that they have become reality because ten thousands have acted together despite repression, police terror, demonstration violations, red zones and despite the attempts of some political organs to divide the broad protest and resistance movement into "good and evil".

We have lived the collective experience in days of civil disobedience and rebellious resistance. We thank all those who have made this success possible: the demonstrators, the blockaders and most of all the activists in the camps, the demonstration sanitarians, the people's kitchen cooks, the lawyers and independent media collectives.

One of our posters said: Move - Block - Remain. Ten thousands have carried out this motto into reality. Ten thousands have moved, blocked and remained: history is a work in process! From Seattle to Genoa and to Heiligendamm and as of today everywhere in the world: against war, torture, racism, patriarchy and the capitalist catastrophe. Mind the Gap!

48 000 posters have been free for all. With the remaining 2 000 posters we want to directly support the victims of repression from the G8 mobilization: those affected by the 129a-raids, the arrested and hurt. Thus we will donate the ten motifs 200 times under the motto "Solidarity against repression" for 50 Euros per set. 10 000 Euros – that's a beginning. For orders and further information, please contact our website at www.holy-damn-it.org.

Join the winning side!

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Procedure:

On the back, the 200 solidarity poster sets with ten motifs each will be stamped with the slogan „**Solidarity against Repression**“ and "1/200" etc. Who has ordered the posters under info@holy-damn-it.org and transferred 50 Euros plus 3 Euros for postage and packaging will receive a tube with the posters approx. two weeks later:

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