



Solidarity with the Reykjavik9!

We condemn the attempt to convict nine Icelandic citizens solely on the grounds of having peacefully entered the parliament building during a demonstration, thereby using them as scapegoats for the mass protests in the winter of 2008/2009. One of the nine defendants is Sólveig Jónsdóttir, chairperson of Attac-Iceland.

The court case against the "Reykjavik9" began on the 12th of May. They are accused on the basis of section 100 in the Icelandic code of law, which says: "Anyone assaulting the Alþingi (Legislative Assembly) so as to endanger the Alþingi's independence, gives a command relating thereto or abides by such command shall be subject to imprisonment for no less than 1 year and the penalty may become life imprisonment in case of gross offence."

They are charged with having threatened the independence of the Alþingis by entering the Parliament building on the 8th of December 2008, during a peaceful demonstration that happened nearby. The Icelandic Parliament is open for visitors.

There has only ever been one court case on the basis of paragraph 100: against protesters who, in 1949, were opposing Iceland's accession to NATO. It appears that the nine defendants are to be singled out and convicted, among all of the participants in the protest movement of winter 2008/2009.

We demand that charges against the Reyjkavik9 be dismissed immediately!
Peaceful protest is an essential democratic right!
Criminalising protest destroys democracy!

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