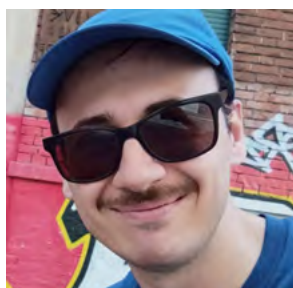




Antifascism

Justice for Rexhino "Gino" Abazaj



AN ANTI-FASCIST UNDER THREAT OF POLITICAL PERSECUTION

Rexhino Abazaj, known as Gino, has become the latest target of Hungary's authoritarian crackdown on dissent. Arrested in Paris under a European Arrest Warrant, Gino is accused by the Hungarian authorities of participating in anti-fascist mobilisations during the so-called "Day of Honour" in Budapest in February 2023. These annual far-right gatherings, glorifying Nazi collaborators, have long drawn international criticism.

Gino, a 32-year-old Albanian national who was raised in Italy before moving to Finland, is now detained in France's Fresnes prison. Before he started living and working in Finland for years, he was denied Italian citizenship due to alleged intelligence reports about his involvement in social movements—a telling example of how state surveillance stifles activism.

WHAT'S AT STAKE?

Hungary's request for Gino's extradition raises serious concerns. The judiciary under Viktor Orbán's regime has long been criticised for its lack of independence and failure to meet EU standards of democracy and rule of law. International human rights organisations have documented Hungary's political trials against dissidents and the systematic erosion of civil liberties.

Extraditing Gino would expose him to politically motivated prosecution and potentially harsh punishment. France must reject Hungary's extradition request at the upcoming hearing on 18 December.

The Left in the European Parliament demands an immediate cessation of extradition proceedings against Gino and EU-wide ban on extraditions to member states failing to meet rule of law standards.

Gino's case is a chilling reminder of the far-right's growing influence and the risks faced by those who stand up to it.

https://www.instagram.com/liberez_gino/



Freedom for Maja T.

IMPRISONED ANTI-FASCIST ACTIVIST IN HUNGARY

Maja T., a 23-year-old non-binary anti-fascist activist from Germany, has been imprisoned in Budapest since 28 June 2024 under appalling conditions. Maja is accused of violent acts against far-right extremists during protests against the “Day of Honour” in February 2023. The Hungarian judiciary, notorious for its erosion of democratic standards, requested Maja’s extradition after a protracted legal battle with German authorities.

INHUMANE IMPRISONMENT

Maja is isolated from other prisoners, and subjected to unsanitary conditions that pose severe health risks, including pest infestations. These conditions violate basic human rights and underscore the political motivations behind Hungary’s judicial system.

A POLITICAL TRIAL LOOMS

Maja faces charges in Hungary that carry disproportionate penalties and lack the fair trial guarantees expected of a democratic state. This is emblematic of Viktor Orbán’s regime, which systematically discriminates against minorities and silences dissenting voices, as highlighted by Amnesty International and the EU’s ongoing infringement proceedings.

THE LEFT IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DEMANDS:

- The immediate repatriation of Maja T. to Germany.
- An EU-wide moratorium on extraditions to Hungary until it restores rule of law guarantees.
- Concrete measures to protect activists from politically motivated prosecutions across the EU.

The EU cannot stand by as its member states weaponise judicial systems to suppress dissent. Freedom for Maja T. is not just a demand for justice but a fight for the soul of Europe’s democratic values.