

Breaking the Isolation - Defending Lützerath Offensively

We are in Lützerath, an occupied village on the edge of the Garzweiler open pit lignite mine. The resistance and self-organization here in the village has been built up over the last two years, but have their roots in a movement that has been active in the lignite mining in the area of Rheinland for decades. As we move further and further towards a potential eviction, we have tried to develop an accurate analysis in this text. Only by analyzing the tactics of the state, RWE and the police we can develop strategies to uphold our resistance.

Success and failure do not only depend on the question whether we can stop the eviction or not. Rather RWE is trying to break our resistance with the help of the state and the police. We are talking about a whole system that wants to attack this village. By this we mean not only the state and its police, but also the media, the legal system, the leading discourse and disinformation supporting the system. In order to remain resistant to this well-organized system, we must find appropriate responses to the coming attacks. One of their tactics during the eviction will be to isolate the village on all levels. Physically, we are assuming a blockage by the police around the village and controls on access roads and train stations. In addition, there will be an informative isolation through biased reporting. The police will use their own media, such as Twitter, and will influence the public media through press releases and restrictions on the freedom of movement of journalists in the village. In addition, after the potential eviction, there will be a legal system that covers the police and is designed to convict the activists. What sounds like a dystopia is actually the experience of previous evictions.

Through this analysis, we can decisively confront our fear in the face of an impending eviction through our own tactics. For only by knowing the tactics of the enemy we can find ways to recognize our own power and break through the state's isolation. The state will try to enforce the eviction through superior technology. We must not engage in this politics of isolation and domination. While some activists defend Lützerath in the village, others must go on the offensive where we are uncontrollable for the state. Only if we break the isolation of the village through this action offensive, we will do justice to our friends in the village from the city. The resistance in the cities should also consist of the greatest possible diversity of actions. In order to deal a threatening blow to the destructive system that wants to raze the village to the ground, we must be one step ahead of the system.

The forms of action should be designed to educate society. Because if we are fighting for a liberated society, enlightening the capitalist system and explaining our struggle must be a priority. The forms of action for this can range from legal actions like demonstrations, info events and flyers to illegal actions like billboardings, banner drops, ad busting and graffiti. However, we cannot succeed in the fight against the highly organized system through education alone. Other forms of action should be designed to attack the capitalist system in the form of the state and big companies.

If the state wants to smash the self-organization of the last two years in Lützerath, it thereby also attacks our ideas and dreams. Only through a counterattack can we defend ourselves on a social level. The forms of action for this can range from civil disobedience, to direct attacks like sabotage or damage to property.

We invite you to get creative and organized! Become part of the resistance! If we complement each other, we can stand together against the system. Let's break the isolation together by defending Lützerath offensively! Only those who fight will be free!

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