

The conditions under which we operate will not be getting any easier in the future.

But without being pessimistic or paranoid, there are a few things that we can do to make things easier for ourselves. One is the development of a security conscious attitude, that will make it more difficult for the State to stop ECC's activities. Many of the points made in this report seem tedious and unnecessary. This might seem true under present conditions. However, the essence of this report is "be prepared". We cannot afford to suffer from harassment or repression that results from our own laziness or foolishness. We always need to be prepared for repression and take security precautions.

1) Emergency Procedures

The following are guidelines to be followed in the event of an emergency, eg mass detentions

- * executive meets
- * sub coms meet: set a morning and afternoon emergency meeting time at a safe venue. Contact trees should be set up to facilitate contact.
- * front organizations meet: similar procedure to that followed by sub coms. Vice-chair to coordinate.

2) Preparations for repression

(a) Preparation lists:

- Lawyers list: this list should contain phone numbers of parents, family or friends who should be contacted in the event of an emergency. It should also list any important information that should be communicated to the authorities in event of detention, eg special medications.

- Management list: it is also suggested that you prepare a list of all the things in your life that need to be "managed" in the event of your absence. This would include rent, telephone, electricity and HP payments; the name of your employer; and pets to be fed. All these details should be given to a friend who should undertake to carry out these tasks.

(b) Hiding:

- Arrange a safe house. It should be a place you can go to at any time of the day or night, and you should have your own key. Meetings should never take place at safe houses or prospective safe houses.

- There are different categories of hiding ranging from not sleeping at home

to changing one's identity. Sub coms need to make decisions around levels of hiding.

- A contact system needs to be worked out to facilitate communication between people in hiding. This should be sub com based. It is important that those who are forced to go into hiding remain supported by other ECC activists.

3) Meetings

People should never go straight to a venue but should always be redirected from a meeting point. The person redirecting should arrive at the meeting point 10 mins. early. If that person expects that s/he is being watched or has been followed, s/he should leave immediately. This will serve as a warning to others. If there is no one at the meeting point, sub coms, exec or GB need to implement a backup plan, eg meet 1 hour later at another meeting point. The person redirecting should only stay at the meeting spot for five mins. Punctuality is important and this rule should be strictly applied.

4) Check list for meetings

The following check list should be run through before the start of all meetings:

- * Was the meeting point discussed over the phone?
- * Was it discussed in crowded or public places?
- * Did you mention it to people who it does not concern?
- * Were people on time at the meeting point?
- * Did people form large groups at the meeting spot before leaving?
- * Were you followed to the meeting point or to the venue?
- * Have you recently checked your car for old pamphlets and notes?
- * Do you have lots of stickers on your car making it easily identifiable? Do your registration plates stick out?
- * How often have you used this venue?
- * Are the cars parked right outside the venue in a cluster?
- * Were all extra notes from the last meeting destroyed?
- * Will everyone leave en masse after the meeting?
- * At night, is the venue being used usually deserted?
- * How often is your house/room cleaned out?
- * Have you got a backup meeting place in case of trouble?

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