

# Freedom for Vincenzo Vecchi !

We, heterogeneous members of the Vincenzo Vecchi support committee, appeal to you all.

On Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, Vincenzo who has been living in Rochefort-en-Terre (Morbihan) for 8 years, was arrested by the police. His arrest took place under the European arrest warrant for supposed offenses that date back to :

- the demonstration against the G8 in Genoa in 2001 and,
- an unauthorized antifascist demonstration in Milan in 2006.

Vincenzo was convicted under the Rocco code (1), which was introduced into Italian legislation in 1930, under Mussolini. With reference to “moral support”, this text makes it possible to punish anyone for being merely present at a demonstration considered as insurrectional, without the need for factual evidence. Based on this law, Vincenzo and nine other protesters, named “The ten of Genoa”, were sentenced to very heavy jail terms ranging from 6 to 15 years.

In 2006 in Milan, a demonstration organized by Fiamma tricolore, the extreme right wing political party, was authorized. However, according to the Scelba law, this demonstration should have been forbidden for advocating fascism. Nonetheless, the counter demonstration was not authorized.

**What are the charges against him ? 2 demonstrations involving destruction of tangible property; does this warrant 12 years and six months' imprisonment ?**

During the Genoa demonstration, the police crackdown was condemned by the European Court of Human Rights in particular, for “treatment amounting to torture” (2).

According to Amnesty International, this is the “most serious violation of democratic rights in a western country since the end of World War II” (3).

However, Genoa was the battleground for economic and environmental claims which are now widely agreed upon, precipitated by the fear of a climate-related catastrophe and human disaster.

## NEITHER PRISON NOR EXTRADITION, FREE VINCENZO

Me must demand his release! Decide how you can help : write, communicate, circulate, question and challenge, write it everywhere, sign this petition !

Vincenzo support committee <https://www.comite-soutien-vincenzo.org/>

(1) Explaining the Rocco law

(2) Press release issued by the European Court of Human Rights

(3) Wikipedia article

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