

List of incidents during and after the blockades were broken up in Zurich and Basel at the 8. July 2019

Zurich

During the eviction:

- Female activists loudly demanding their right to only be touched and arrested by female police was ignored.
- Two people who were clearly identifiable as first aiders were arrested right at the beginning of the eviction without discussion. Further first aiders were obstructed from performing their duty and not admitted to the blockade.
- One passer by outside the blockade was pushed away by police and taken into custody because she didn't remove herself quick enough.

In custody:

- Several activists had to strip naked up to three times.
- Several activists that were on their period during custody were denied menstrual products. Only when they threatened to smear their blood on the walls, were they granted them.
- When being presented with documents, activists were not given enough time to read through them – 10 seconds was considered enough to read through two A4 pages.
- The “Leaflet for detained persons” on which the rights of detainees were listed, was at times handed out too late or not at all.
- Phone calls to loved ones or lawyers were denied.
- Detainees with little or no German were denied a translation into French or English; information about their rights in an appropriate language was denied.
- At least three detainees were denied medical treatment. As an example, guards refused to fetch medicine from activists bags. Furthermore, medicine that was brought to prison by friends was not passed on to detainees. One activist had to demand several times to see an emergency doctor. He only got visited by the doctor after 24 hours even though the doctor was working on site.
- When a solidarity demo marched past the prison, all windows in cells that had them were closed. One activist recollected the situation: “As a result the cell got hot and stuffy really fast...so hot that the breakfast margarine was melting and the air was so stuffy that we got dizzy. We were lying down next to the toilet facing the gap underneath the door because it was the only bit of the cell that wasn't hermetically closed and we could get some fresh air this way.”

Food:

- At least one activist did not receive any food all day on Monday.

Insults:

- Police were amusing themselves guessing activists' gender, using terms such as "dyke" or "female".
- During strip searches, several comments about the bodies of activists were made.
- An activist was called a "cunt" multiple times.
- One underage activist was told that she was responsible for slavery going unpunished on this day as police were occupied with dealing with activists like her. The same police officer later told the mum of the activist that she should be ashamed of her daughter.

Basel

During the eviction:

- Long before the eviction there was police in the building opposite the UBS pretending to be press. They were taking pictures of activists even before the UBS alerted the police.
- After giving the order to leave, only 10 minutes passed before the eviction of the blockade was initiated. This is by no means enough time to make decisions let alone end the blockade voluntarily.
- Detained activists were held in a hot car park for four hours without water. They were cuffed with cable ties that were too tight.
- Passers by were prevented from taking pictures or videos of the events. They were pushed repeatedly and not treated carefully.
- One activist that had accepted the offer of the police to hand her ID voluntarily and wanted to leave the blockade was pushed to the ground.
- In one area of the blockade, children and their caretakers were clearly busy packing their stuff in order to leave. Still they were kettled by police and one child and her mother were prevented from leaving.
- The activists that were locked onto barrels had to listen to several insults from the police. Additionally, in very descriptive language, they were told about the horrible injuries they could get while being cut loose.

In custody:

- Activists had to strip naked and be patted down several times (up to three times).
- During the first night, activists were held in fully lit cells with CCTV.
- During the first night, detainees weren't permitted blankets.
- Some activists had their mattresses removed in the middle of the night.

- Activists were detained in max. Security along with murderers.
- Activists were denied a reason for their detention for 24 hours.
- The police told one activist four times that he would be released very soon but he was only ever transferred to another cell.

Legal issues:

- One member of the police has lied to an activist with a witness present. The lie was about the legally permissible length of custody.
- Two English speaking activists were not informed about their rights in English during their entire time in custody.
- After 30 hours in custody one activist demanded to speak to a lawyer. The police replied: “Why don’t you become a lawyer yourself?”
- On the penalty order that had been signed by the activist the evening before, further punitive measures were added to it during the night (the list of misdemeanours remained the same). The punitive measure was now: suspended sentence of imprisonment for 150 days.
- One activist demanded legal support after 26 hours, referring to article 129.1 of the Swiss penal code. This was ignored.

Food:

- A celiac activist mentioned several times that he needs a special diet for medical reasons. The reply was: “Sounds like you’re gonna be hungry”. During 42 hours of custody he only received an apple and a pear for food.
- Vegetarians received liver pate as food.
- From Monday to Tuesday (24 hours) one activist (not a vegetarian) received only a piece of bread for food.
- Activists had to drink water from the toilet installation because they weren’t given any water.
- Police officers were eating in front of cells while activists didn’t receive any food.

Insults:

- One activist was called “heffer” by police when being arrested.
- When the tents were installed around activists that were chained to barrels, one police officer told another one that it was getting stuffy and that they should open the tent entrance. The other officer replied “No, its fine if the tent smells like corpses.”

- One underage activist surrendered voluntarily at the blockade. A police officer commented: “Where’s the fun in that, when they’re surrendering voluntarily?”
- One police officer was humming a racist song in front of activists.
- One activist was told during interrogation: “Together you are strong but individually you are a piece of shit.”
- One police officer told an activist: “Soon there’s gonna be a third world war and the Chinese are gonna be our enemies, but you guys don’t get that.”