



Lurverly, another emerging market has arisen

### PROFITS OF DOOM

Despite facing climate chaos, politicians - and the corporations they serve - continue as if nothing is happening to our ecosystem. Busily building more airports, selling plasma TVs and generally rampantly exploiting everything, the multinationals are telling us that, *acti-ally*, they're a nice environmentally-concerned bunch - as green as a field full of hippies.

So are the most powerful institutions on our planet slamming on the economic brakes before we get to the cliff edge? Er no, they're plotting 'profit-driven' solutions to the oncoming tumble into the abyss. OK, those eco-nuts might have had some valid points about the whole global warming thing, but don't think of a changing climate as disaster - look on it as a window to new markets! Judging by the current tsunami of 'greenwash', it looks there's real cash to be made with global warming, and investors are being told to look greenwards to make some serious loot. General Electric, the world's 11th biggest corporation with £9 billion annual profits, has just launched 'Ecomagination', a subsidiary which seeks to make as much cash as possible from all things solar- or wind-powered. And seeking of course, as one former US govt official put it, "to make money in a carbon constrained world". Investment heavyweights Goldmann Sachs's 'Environmental Policy Framework' tells us they aim to "find effective market-based solutions to address climate change, ecosystem degradation and other critical environmental issues."

The clear message is that we should ignore the fact that our consumerist culture is one of the root causes of all this, 'cos our newly greened corporations are gonna tweak a few things, stick up a couple of wind turbines and everything'll be fine. Shell and BP-Amoco, for example, have been busy transforming their image. They're no longer oil barons with dodgy environmental and human rights records but 'energy companies' seriously committed to combating climate change. BP might have gone from British Petroleum to Beyond Petroleum but it just can't seem to go Beyond Profit. If you believed the propaganda, you'd think Shell et al were getting out of oil and into making fair trade hemp dungarees. But Big Oil spends less than 1% of its budget on renewable energy, peanuts compared to the damaging search for oil going on all over the planet.

Look at BP who spent £20 million buying credentials - but will of course its solar power with plans to spend £3billion over the next five years on oil exploration in Alaska. Meanwhile this week Exxon is expected to report the biggest ever quarterly profit for a corporation, with £5.5billion made in only three months.

As 'peak oil' kicks in (see SchNEWS 499), and governments are forced to swing in the direction of renewable energy, these companies - and their PR machines - will morph into whatever shape is needed to be first in the queue for 'green energy' subsidies, while raking it in as prices rise on the remaining oil supplies.

\* For more on corporate greenwash see www.corporatewatch.org.uk

### CARATS AND STICK

Imagine a load of strangers turned up, did some digging and discovered large deposits of gold and silver buried beneath your neighbourhood. Bad news: you're stuffed. As any glance back at history will confirm - you can either accept that a bunch of serious heavies are gonna rush in to rip it all up and cart it off, or be prepared to take serious action. And this is exactly what has happened in the Kardjali District of Bulgaria.

Back in the 1980s, prospectors visited and decided that the only profitable way to extracting the local gold is to use, er, cyanide (around eleven tons of it). Although the proposals would gradually contaminate the local groundwater with toxic poison, this has only been viewed as a slight nuisance, and plans were quickly made to forcibly evict surrounding villages. Only after a prolonged battle with local communities, and the realisation that it *really* would mean poisoning the water supply for whole Thracian valley area, were plans finally abandoned. 18 years on and a number of corporations are have now re-evaluated the situation and have decided that the size of potential profits are worth a taking the additional 'strategic and operational risks'. Profit-hungry Canadian firm (extra ludicrously-named) 'Euromax' are one such company. They've told investors and potential customers that "while mineral wealth in this region formed the foundation of some of the most powerful dynasties in the ancient world, exploration in modern times has been, at best, sporadic." With this Roman Empire spirit, Euromax bought up the mining rights to the area back in 2004. Since then they've been beavering away trying to make sure any trifling legal or democratic objections were overturned or bypassed, eventually succeeding in getting the supreme court to rule that no environmental impact concerns need addressing at all. Sorted! Locals, for some strange reason, are less enthusiastic about getting the prospective trash-ing of their ecosystem, despite the fantastic deal that allows Euromax to hoard 99% of the profits, while bunging the local municipality a measly 1%. After a failed 'promotional' campaign in the villages, and when heavy mining equipment started showing up at night, 500 people quickly mobilised and blocked off access to the site.

Since the end of June the people from Popinci, together with their neighbours, have set up a permanent barricade at the hill of Petelovo, shutting the road to the proposed mine. Elderly grannies, mothers with small children, teenagers, middle-aged men and women have all joined the camp to try and save their village. 7 days into the camp, one of the protesters was found with a knife in his chest, following a disagreement with the company's bodyguards the previous day. No information about the case has so far been made public. Nearly a month later, protesters are still there, declaring that "We will not elect people who are betraying us, instead of supporting us. We will not vote. These people must understand that this state is OURS. We have to redefine our definition for a state." More at [www.aseed.net](http://www.aseed.net) Other interesting stuff about Bulgarian mining and pollution at [www.corpwatch.org/article.php?id=13235](http://www.corpwatch.org/article.php?id=13235) If you're up for going email [info@zazematiara.org](mailto:info@zazematiara.org)

### SchNEWS IN BRIEF

Last weekend was the **NoBorder** Camp in Italy's north west Gorizia on the Slovenian border. At an action at the Deportation Centre in Postojna, Slovenia, around 150 NoBorder activists arrived to try to blockade the gates, but were met with heavy handed police, who heavily truncheoned protesters and arrested seven. \*\* True you in the north of England and looking for a post waste from two large events next month - the Camp for Climate Action and the Northern Green Gathering, will be looking for a home. If you can help email [tomastremiarz@coopitel.net](mailto:tomastremiarz@coopitel.net)

### STARLIGHT EXPRESS

For the first time ever, details of the 1,000 nuclear rail transports that take place in the UK each year have been made publicly available. You can now know for certain that potentially lethal loads of incredibly dangerous materials are definitely thundering through your neighbourhood, with minimal protection on a rickety old infrastructure, although it may be best to avoid any direct derailment action protest in this instance! Talking of accidents, you'll be reassured to learn that trains on the Dungeness to Willesden Junction route have twice collided with vehicles on an unstaffed level crossing and, in Bridgewater, a cargo of unprotected nuclear waste sat for several hours less than 100 metres from a school in October 2005.

\* View the whole terrifying timetable at [www.greenpeace.org/international/news/nuclear-waste-trains-260706](http://www.greenpeace.org/international/news/nuclear-waste-trains-260706)

### DEBT OF INGRATITUDE

As Israel calls up thousands more troops in preparation for a ground invasion of Lebanon, guess who's likely to have to pay for the all the destruction that's been caused? You've got it - Lebanon! Three Israeli lawyers are about to file a lawsuit in the US against the Lebanese government for compensation which would have to be paid to Israeli businesses for war damages. Nice little earner! The idea is that, despite only being elected last June, the Lebanese government should have prevented Hezbollah from launching its attacks. You see, what's at stake is Lebanon's breaching of the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorism. Not a bad argument coming from a country engaged in a bloody illegal invasion of a neighbouring country that has seen 500 Lebanese killed, including 34 kids in one strike against the southern village of Qana, together with more than 50 of its own civilian population in just over two weeks.

If the Lebanese refuse to cough-up, a tough approach to debt collection is promised. The threat of economic sanctions will ensure that the cash is "collected from Lebanon without its consent." According to one of the well paid litigators pursuing the case, "we intend to sue other bodies as well in the case that the Lebanese government evades payment. No group associated in any way, shape, or form to Hizbullah is immune to these claims." And just what are the Lebanese people to make of this? Said lawyer went on, "in my opinion, the Lebanese need to sue their own government". The perfect answer for profit hungry parasitic lawyers a that like to make money from misery.

### ...and finally...

**Foreign secretary, Margaret Beckett**, is 'not happy' and will be taking a really tough stance with her pals in the White House over revelations that Glasgow's Prestwick Airport was used to ship bombs over to Israel. The complaint is to be issued because the US er, failed to 'follow procedure'. Presumably, in order to use a UK airport to aid and abet an illegal invasion of another country, you need to fill in form AF237 - and the military commanders must have forgotten to do this. Bloody paperwork! The 5,000 pound laser-guided bombs in question are supposed to be used to 'bust' the 'sophisticated cave networks' where bearded terrorists like to hide out, but are being utilised against civilian populations with devastating results. Not to worry though, a Foreign Office spokesman has promised to "look at our approach to these flights", perhaps indicating a move towards more convenient ticketless online booking.

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### WAKE UP!! WAKE UP!! IT'S YER BIG GREEN...



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## WING & A PRAYER

### AIR TODAY GONE TOMORROW FOR JET SET SOCIETY

The Government's stated target to cut CO2 by 20% from its 1990 levels, there's been a little more action on the continent, with MEPs recently voting (439 to 74) to tax airline fuel. But that same parliament is also approving the ridiculous emissions trading scheme, which will enable less polluting airlines to trade their surplus allowances of greenhouse gases on the carbon market. Hey presto the big polluters buy these up and the expansion continues!

But it's not just people who are travelling more. Pressure group **Sustain** surveyed supermarket shelves to find that only 4% of the grub on sale had been sourced locally. Sustain reckon that to fly in a one calorie lettuce leaf from Los Angeles uses 127 calories in aviation fuel. Not so good for the eco-diet. Food transport counted for some 19 billion vehicle miles and is up 25% since 1992. Our appetite for out of season fare has meant that aircraft food miles have doubled in ten years. Tesco imports nearly three quarters of its organic produce.

In 2003, the UK Govt set out its programme for airport expansion which would treble air traffic by 2030, and lead to major expansions at Shoreham, Stansted, Luton, Heathrow, Birmingham and Edinburgh Airports. The same corporations that are profiting to be concerned about climate change are pushing this agenda hard, but local campaigns are springing up to oppose development at each airport - see box for details.

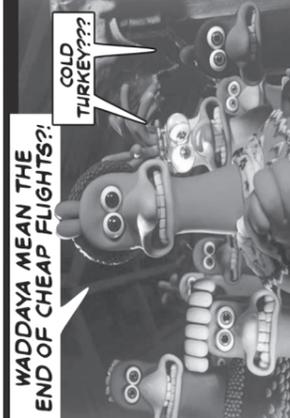
## HIGH FIVES ALL ROUND

In Ireland, **The Pitstop Ploughshares Five**, who took a stand against the use of their country as a staging post for the 'War on Terror' and damaged military aircraft, found themselves unanimously acquitted by a jury last Tuesday (25th July). They were found *not guilty* of committing £1.2 million worth of damage to US military aircraft, by a jury in The Four Courts, Dublin, after a thirteen day trial. The five, from the Catholic Worker movement, were arrested during an anti-war action at Shannon Airport in western Ireland, in the build-up to the invasion of Iraq in 2003.

At the time, the airport was being used as a supply base and hub for US servicemen commuting from the US to the Middle East. In the early hours of February 3rd 2003, the man blood on the runway used for US military flights and constructed a shrine to Iraqi children. They then began to attack and damage the runway itself and when they got to a

### SchNEWS @ Big Green Gathering

The SchNEWS marquee will be in the campaigns area, with the usual free info-stall, plus a series of workshops on animal rights, Palestine, squatting, Linux, Iceland and dusk we'll be putting on some solar powered SchMOVIES with footage from the direct action front-line. Or just pop by anytime for yer latest anti-capitalist propaganda.



### CRAP ARREST OF THE WEEK

For dressing like a Zombie... Six mates from Minneapolis who were out and about on a 'Zombie dance party night' were, according to a police spokesman, "arrested for behaviour that was suspicious and disturbing." Cops appear to have mistakenly thought that their rucksacks, which contained portable radios, were in fact bombs and the group were potentially 'simulated weapons of mass destruction'. Having been let off with the minor charge of 'disorderly conduct' this was "not a case of police overreacting," said Inspector Janee Harteau, "why would you have those bags if not to intimidate people?"

### STOP AIRPORT

#### EXPANSION NEAR YOU

**Airport Watch** - a national umbrella group opposing aviation expansion see [www.airportwatch.org.uk](http://www.airportwatch.org.uk)  
**Luton:** [www.stoplutonairport.org](http://www.stoplutonairport.org) & [www.ladacan.org](http://www.ladacan.org)  
**Bristol:** [www.nobristolairportexpansion.co.uk](http://www.nobristolairportexpansion.co.uk)

**East Midlands:** [www.demand.uk.net](http://www.demand.uk.net)

**Shoreham:** [www.adurcare.wanadoo.co.uk](http://www.adurcare.wanadoo.co.uk)

**Birmingham:** [www.bhamantoinoise.org.uk](http://www.bhamantoinoise.org.uk)

**Stansted:** [www.stopsianstedexpansion.com](http://www.stopsianstedexpansion.com)

**Heathrow:** [www.hacan.org.uk](http://www.hacan.org.uk)

\* Flying somewhere soon? Calculate how much carbon is generated per seat at [www.climatecare.org/calculators/flights\\_calc.cfm](http://www.climatecare.org/calculators/flights_calc.cfm) (but ignore the marketing)

\* To check your general 'carbon footprint' see [www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.html](http://www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.html)

judge had a personal relationship with Dubya Bush. After this third failure a spokesperson for the US Embassy in Dublin was said that US Inc. was 'very disappointed' with the result.

This is, yet again, a vindication that members of the public - a jury - have agreed with the protesters and their claims that they were preventing the greater crimes of war and genocide, as opposed to simply taking the criminal damage charges at face value. This comes virtually on the tenth anniversary of the four Ploughshares women being found not guilty by a jury in Liverpool Court after having done £2.3million damage to Hawk Jets. They represented themselves and also won with the prevention-of-genocide argument (See SchNEWS 84)

But despite this victory Shannon Airport is still being used by the US military, and the Shannon Planespotter continue to report sightings of CIA Rendition and other covert aircraft. Just last month cleaning staff at the airport claimed to have seen a man in shackles on board a US aircraft.

\* For more see [www.indymedia.ie](http://www.indymedia.ie) and [www.wartrial.com](http://www.wartrial.com)

# PARTY & PROTEST

**AUGUST 5 - Brighton Pride** - The biggest gay festival in the UK, watch out for Queerup's subvertising of the increasing corporatisation of Pride. Parade from Madeira Drive at 11am to festival in Preston Park until 8pm. [www.brightonpride.org](http://www.brightonpride.org) \*\* 5 - **The Incredible Veggie Roadshow**. Everything you ever wanted to know about going, being or staying veggie/vegan. Food tastings, cookery demonstrations, talks, free diet and health advice, stalls, competitions, vegan fashion and footwear, beauty products, books, vegan food products, information and campaign Grand Theatre, Singleton Street, Swansea. [www.viva.org.uk/roadshows0601179441000](http://www.viva.org.uk/roadshows0601179441000) \*\* 6 - **Peace Cycle Start Rally & Mass Cycle Ride**. Mass cycle ride from Embankment Gardens to Greenwich as part of the send off for the intrepid Peace Cyclists who are embarking on a 6 week journey across Europe and the Middle East to Jerusalem to raise awareness about the occupation in Palestine and call for a just peace. Starts 1pm, with music, speakers and middle eastern food, cyclists depart at 3pm. [www.thepeacecycle.org](http://www.thepeacecycle.org)

## Earth First! Summer Gathering

**August 16-20** - For anyone interested in direct action for people and planet. This is not a festival but a chance to meet, discuss and plan. Food provided by Anarchist Teapot - 3 vegan meals for £4 a day. £15 to pay for running costs. There will be talks, stalls, workshops, kids space, teens space, camping areas. No dogs. If you would like to help with the gathering, give workshops, etc contact soon. See web site for more details, posters, leaflets etc - actual location in West Wales will be published on website one month before. [www.earthfirstgathering.org.uk](http://www.earthfirstgathering.org.uk) email [efgathering@aktvix.org](mailto:efgathering@aktvix.org) phone 0845 223 5254

## Northern Green Gathering

**August 17-20** - After a three year absence, NGG is back on a new site on the Lanes/Yorks border. Featuring music, campaigns area, crafts, organic vegan food, kids area, healing area and 'Earth Spirit' area. £35, £5 kids - Note - because of licensing laws, the event is 'members only' - which means you pay to join the NGG, and entry is free for members. Free entry also for volunteers to take the roles of stewards, first aid, welfare, facilitators, etc. For more see [www.nggonline.org.uk](http://www.nggonline.org.uk)

**18-20 - Beautiful Days**. Festival in Devon put on by the Levellers. Sold Out. [www.beautifuldays.org](http://www.beautifuldays.org) \*\* 19-20 - **V Festival** Virgin Virgin Virgin Virgin.... don't even try to escape the corporate advertising and find the bands... \*\* 19th August - **3rd September - 4th European Peoples' Global Action Conference** in France. The PGA is a tool and a diffuse structure coordinating groups and people sharing common struggles and practices, in accordance with various anticapitalist and anti-authoritarian principles. This conference is in two parts: from August 19th to August 27th, simultaneous decentralized conferences will take place in five locations throughout France; from August 30th to September 3rd, all participants are to gather in Dijon. For more info see [www.pgaconference.org](http://www.pgaconference.org) \*\* 25-27 - **The Carling Weekend**, two festivals in Leeds and Reading. Shit beer, security thugs, rip-off burger bars, oh and a lot of bands. \*\* 26 - **Creamfields** If it is shite and as annoying as their website, it'll be more like vomit than cream. [www.creamfields.co.uk/creamsite/](http://www.creamfields.co.uk/creamsite/) & s=creamfields

## THE CAMP FOR CLIMATE ACTION

**26 August - 4 September** Be part of the growing grassroots movement that is fundamentally challenging the fossil fuel economy. The camp will be a place for this movement to get together. It will be a place for new people, people who have never been 'political' before but who want move beyond concern into activity. It will be a place for experienced activists: old and young, cynical and hopeful. The camp will be in the North of England and location will be announced nearer the time. Box 10, c/o Oxford Action Resource Centre, E.O.C.C., 44b Princes Street, Oxford OX4 1HU [www.climatecamp.org.uk](http://www.climatecamp.org.uk)

**27-28 - Notting Hill Carnival** You and two million dancing in the streets for free. \*\* 27-29 - **Westcountry Storytelling Festival** - Once upon a time in Devon... discover the lost art of storytelling. £60 for a weekend ticket. [www.weststoryfest.co.uk](http://www.weststoryfest.co.uk) 01803 863790

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- 20-22 August -  
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**Twice Brook Rural Fair**  
Shite horse show, back breaking agrarian farming methods, cherry cider competition, wood chopping and whittling raffish. Bring the family and mix your gene pool. August bank holiday, Twice Brook Common, near Barham Woods, off A11066, Norfolk.

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**SEPTEMBER 1-3rd - Permaculture Convergence 2006**, taking place near Dorchester. For more info and booking details see [www.permaculture.org.uk](http://www.permaculture.org.uk) \*\* 3 - **The Incredible Veggie Roadshow**. Everything you ever wanted to know about going, being or staying veggie/vegan. Food tastings, cookery demonstrations, talks, free diet and health advice, stalls, competitions, vegan fashion and footwear, beauty products, books, vegan food products, information and campaign news. Free Entry. 10.30am - 4.30pm, The Guildhall, High St, Bath. [www.viva.org.uk/roadshows06](http://www.viva.org.uk/roadshows06) \*\* 10 - **Festival Of Life & London Vegan Festival** are holding a combined event with vegan food, over 100 stalls and music including Rhythms Of Resistance. 10am-10pm at the Kensington Town Hall, Hornton St, London, W8 7NX. (tube High St Kensington), £1.50/donation, under 16s free. Volunteers wanted - call 0870-7344-888. [www.festivaloflife.net](http://www.festivaloflife.net) \*\* 19-21 - **IMF/World Bank** meeting, Singapore. Global loan sharks backed by western governments and big business meet to rake in the money from the poor. As usual there'll be protests against this, in Singapore you need a permit for a political gathering of more than four people (in Britain a group of two can be called a group by the police and made to disperse). Singapore's Home Affairs ministers said protests may 'attract severe punishment, including caning', ouch! [www.targettwo.revolt.org/node/307](http://www.targettwo.revolt.org/node/307) \*\* 23 - **'No Trident Replacement, Don't Attack Iran'** - a demonstration on the eve of the Labour Party conference, Manchester, called by CND and the Stop the War Coalition. Meet 1pm, Albert Square, Manchester. For more info see [www.stopwar.org.uk/new/events/TimeToGo.htm](http://www.stopwar.org.uk/new/events/TimeToGo.htm) \*\* 30 - **The 10th European Hazards Conference**, "Workers finding a voice in a new Europe" will take place in Jurmula, Latvia for the weekend of September 30th 2006. Full details of the conference and booking arrangements are held on the Hazards Campaign website at [www.hazardscampaign.org.uk/docs/nga.htm](http://www.hazardscampaign.org.uk/docs/nga.htm)

**OCTOBER 8 - The Big Lakenheath**  
heath Airbase. For more contact Lakenheath Action Group [info@lakenheathaction.org](mailto:info@lakenheathaction.org) tel: 01508 550446 [www.lakenheathaction.org](http://www.lakenheathaction.org) \*\* 9-10 - **Faslane Blockade**, part of 'Faslane 365' - a year of continual peaceful protest at the gates of the nuclear submarine base in west Scotland, with music from protest folk stalwarts Seize The Day. [www.faslane365.org](http://www.faslane365.org) \*\* 18 - **Media Democracy Day** - A day of action based on three themes: - Education - understanding how the media shapes our world and our democracy, - Protest - against a media system based on commercialization and exclusiveness, - Change - calls for media reforms that respond to public interests, promote diversity, and ensure community, representation and accountability. "We see great promise in the open communications of the internet and want that openness expanded into every form of media. We envision a global system of communications that has as its foundation in the direct, democratic participation of citizens. To this end, we demand the timely transfer of key media sources back to the people." [www.mediamodemocracyday.org](http://www.mediamodemocracyday.org) \*\* 21 - **Anarchist Bookfair** - how many anarchists does it take to change a light bulb? I don't know but someone's probably done a pamphlet about it, which will be available here. At the 25th Annual Anarchist Bookfair you'll find all things anarchist including books, pamphlets, t-shirts and other paraphernalia. 10am-7pm, at the Voluntary Sector Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Rd, London, N7 6PA. Tube - Holloway Road. [www.anarchistbookfair.org](http://www.anarchistbookfair.org)

**NOVEMBER 4 - National Climate International Climate Protest** - part of a Day of Nairobi Climate Talks, demanding urgent action on climate all round the world. [www.globalclimatecampaign.org](http://www.globalclimatecampaign.org) - 10am - Protest Bike Ride assembles Lincoln's Inn Fields. Goes via ExxonMobil offices, Australian Embassy & Downing Street to US Embassy, Grosvenor Square. - 12 noon - Climate Rally at the US Embassy, Grosvenor Square (Bond St tube) - with music and a comic 'mock trial' of climate criminal Bush, with speakers including George Monbiot, Michael Meacher MP, Caroline Lucas MEP, Norman Baker MP. - 1pm - March for Global Climate Justice from the US embassy, via Berkley Square & Piccadilly Circus to Trafalgar square - 1.45 - 2pm - March joins 1-Count Mass Gathering in Trafalgar Square - This will be the biggest ever climate demo in the UK and part of the biggest ever 'global' climate demo. Join the swelling tide of people all round the world demanding urgent action on climate! More info as it becomes available [www.campaigncc.org](http://www.campaigncc.org)