Protest

Preface

This handbook idea came out of the recent events happened in Turkey. The mayor of Istanbul, Ekrem İmamoğlu got under arrest on the day of March 19, 2025, hours after his university diploma got cancelled (4 days before his apply to be a president candidate). After his arrest, protests and boycots followed the news. This one, was a bit different than the previous events like Gezi Park Protests started on 28 May, 2013. During this protests, the new generation of this time got radicalized a lot and protesters were already divided since the day one. The ultra-nationalist young people were using the harsh slurs during the protests and not allowing any LGBTQ+ or Kurdish nationality people (or anything that represents them) marching next to them. Due to this division, police forces was able to use brutal force easly. The plastic bullets, pepper gas, kicking with their boots and hitting with their batons… The personal decision of mine to turn back to politics and close myself fully was my breakup and instead of committing myself to something specific, I decided to commit myself to serve at all. In this small hand book, I will write the discipline of protesting succesfully.

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1-) Before leaving home

a-) What to do with your phone?

Deniz, got a message to his phone and invited to a Whatsapp group created by the leftist club of his university, İstanbul University. It was a call to the meeting in his university with a written schedule. It was also calling everyone to stop attending classes and stop going to works.

EXAMPLE SCHEDULE

10:00 MEETING

10:30 WORKSHOP OF HOW TO MAKE SIGNS CREATIVE

13:00 DANCING CLASS

14:30 TALK BEFORE THE PROTEST

16:30 MEDIA TALK

17:00 START TO WALK THROUGH TAKSİM

Now, what Deniz can do is, beware of the unknown numbers and possible messages that might be received like " Can you give me the names of the people who'll attend?". This is clearly a cop! He might delete the group so in a situation like taking under custody, he can save his other comrades. Remember, police do

not need your phone's passcode, they have the equipment to get all the data from your phone in couple minutes.

b-) What to wear?

Deniz needs to seem same as his comrades. So, nothing shiny, preferably not colorful. It is important for him to cover all of his body, so, no shorts or only t-shirt. Again, prefably, strong boots would be helpful. Wait, does he have a gas mask? He might see some people on the street that has tear gas just to use it for fun! He has an N95 mask… It is not enough, but, he can use it to make something useful! He found a water bottle that is in the scale of 2.5 liters. He started to cut it from the bottom to make it perfectly fit to his face. He used a ducktape to cover the parts he cutted, then, removed the staples of the mask. Now, he can use a stamp to make his renovated gas mask hand-free. He taped the N95 mask to the top of the bottle (the top of the mask will be looking to his mouth). He has his mask now!

c-) What to put into your backpack?

Deniz, do not know how long he will be there, so, he needs to be prepared, right? He will get some couple boxes of milk just in case if he would need to use it for his eyes, well, he can get some Talcid from the pharmacy and mix it with water and milk to get himself a heal potion! Argh… Tear gas makes his stomach sick, as much as the cops… He would use some Rennie for his stomach, or buy it again from the pharmacy if he do not have any. No mask for covering face? No problem, he knows how to make a mask out of a t-shirt. As he do not know how long he will be out again, he might use some water, biscuits etc. to keep himself alive at least. Did he put his powerbank to his backpack? Well, he needs to. The cops that lose it's equipment's efficiency would get punished by his superiors, we don't want it, so, that is why we will not put black spray paints, black liquid paint and fill them into little baloons to throw them to police's mask or shield. We wouldn't like them to get punished. So, Deniz, did not put spray and liquid black paints as well as with the little baloons or maybe with some condoms.

2-) On the road

a-) What to avoid?

Deniz should be aware of the roads that might be blocked by police. Some of them might wait in the stations of subway and try to block people to not leave in some specific stations. Some of them might take videos to detect people's faces. He shouldn't let any police to take a look into his backpack, no videos, stay with the group of people he knows and if necessary, push the civillian/formal police away with your group and get rid of them, no one can stop you!

3-) In the meeting place

a-) Route plan

Deniz has arrived to the meeting place, now, they are going to plan their route. In the route, they will be walking with everyone while they are shouting. In this route, they will have new people who will join them from several different directions. So, in the end, it is aimed to be bigger as a group till the final destination for the protests.

b-) oopss... Police barricade / Are you getting under custody?

During the walk, Deniz and his comrades faced against a police barricade, police is there waiting in front of them, also, they might plan to blockade the whole group. Alright, Deniz is not really experienced in protests, so, he positioned himself in the middle of the group. Because, the ones on the front are the most experienced ones and they will force the barricade. The ones on the corners are going to keep the group together as they are also experienced. What Deniz can do? He should be wearing his mask that he made out of his t-shirt, because, it is likely that there will be civillian police among them taking their videos. How can you recognize a civillian police? Deniz can recognize them if they are starting to shout irrelevant slogans, if they are pushing people in front of

the police while you are thinking they are just trying to break the barricade, you might end up in between cops. Deniz is waiting, moving with his comrades. If something terrible would happen to Deniz, if he would get under arrest by cops, he would shout his name to other people around him so someone could save it, so, cops, would not be able to do anything illegal to him.

4-) Congrats, you've reached to the exact area planned

a-) Defend / repeat / did you get hurt?

In the exact area, it is Taksim Square for Deniz, all of his comrades, all of his nation should defend everything. Camping, having watches repeadetly, creating a commune there is the most important thing. During the violent police attacks, you should have your blood type written on your body, on somewhere visible and easly reachable. Defend, keep defending. Boycot, strike and fight for the freedom. Deniz is aware of one thing, economy is the weakest point of the power. Boycot and fight. Countrywide protest is a semi-civil war situation, do not submit.