# Animal Rights Extremism Quarterly bulletin

October - December 2008

# Caveat

Europol's ARE quarterly bulletin is based on contributions by the Member States and is intended for European Union (EU) law enforcement, as well as that of Switzerland and Norway.

The ARE Quarterly briefly summarises events related to Animal Rights Extremism, as contributed by Member States, as well as Switzerland and Norway, during the previous term. It does not contain personal data. There is no information from Open Sources

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In order to provide you with a better product, this new issue of the ARE bulletin contains maps with the localisation of ARE incidents as well as a corrigendum including the data which should have been included in our previous quarterly bulletin with the updated statistics for the period of time between July to September 2008.

Counter Terrorism Unit - OSINT team

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# **III** Italy

#### Number of incidents: 7

#### 05/11/2008

#### Novi di Modena (Modena)

On 5 November, a group of ARE entered a mink farm in Novi di Modena, in the Rovereto area, via Mazzarana no. 84. Having opened 1,000 of the 4,000 mink cages, they released 2,000 of the 9,000 animals. Following the activation of the alarm system, the unknown individuals managed to escape before the arrival of the Carabinieri. Almost all released animals were found in the area around the farm. A graffiti in white paint stated: "ANIMALI LIBERI F.L.A. (Fronte Liberazione Animali)".

#### 16/11/2008

#### Bassano del Grappa (Vicenza)

2,500 EUR

Overnight, in Via Boschetto no. 12, close to the "Moro Adelisa" farm, unknown individuals broke the padlock and opened the rabbit cages, liberating approx. 50 hares. The damage amounts to 2,500 EUR and is not covered by insurance.

#### 30/09/3008

#### San Martino Buon Albergo (Verona)

For a second time, a group of ARE entered the mink farm of San Martino Buon Albergo on 30 September. Having neutralised the guardian, they released all the animals that had been recovered after the previous 'attack'. The act was not claimed.

#### 15/12/2008

#### Savona (Savona)

Overnight, unknown individuals, having uprooted the fencing, entered Pisacane Alessandro's mink farm, but failed to release the animals because of security measures adopted following a similar incident in March 2007.

#### 17/12/2008

#### Sassuolo (Modena)

Between 4:00 and 6:00 a.m., unknown individuals damaged a branch of the shop chain "MAX&CO", breaking the shop windows, pouring red paint on the entrance and writing "BASTA PELLICCE" on a wall.

#### 21/12/2008

#### Livorno (Livorno)

In the evening, unknown individuals caused damage to the lit-up display of the Circo TOGNI. A company representative stated that in the morning of the same day he had received injurious and threatening phone calls from an environmentalist group opposed to the use of animals in the circus on a mobile phone, the number of which was posted on advertisements for the circus.

#### 25/12/2008

#### Reggio Emilia (Emilia-Romagna)

In the evening, unknown individuals using charcoal slack tried to set fire to the entrance to the residence of a shareholder of the company AGRIZOO S.R.L., responsible for which has already been the target of similar actions.

# Spain

# Number of incidents: 1

05/12/2008

#### Cascante (Navarre)

In an attack on the bullring of Cascante, on 27 November, unknown individuals placed an incendiary device which damaged the building of the presidency. The action was claimed on the website www.lahaine.org in a communiqué sent by Acción Vegana for the F.L.A. (Frente de Liberación Animal).

# Germany

#### Number of incidents: 21

#### 04/10/2008

#### 59846 Sundern

Three hunting towers. Value of damage caused is unknown. The words "Jagd = Mord" and "ALF" were spray-painted.

#### 06/10/2008

#### 55743 Idar-Oberstein

The wall of a fishing accessories shop was painted with "A.L.F.", "FREE ANIMAL", "ANGELN IST MORD". Value of damage caused is unknown.

#### 14/10/2008

#### 40217 Düsseldorf

Shop window of a fur shop.

#### 08/11/2008

#### 39567 Stendal

500 EUR

The wall of a fur shop was spray-painted with "Pelz ist Mord", "ALF".

#### 08/11/2008

#### 50672 Cologne

The shop window of a second-hand shop (selling fur) was spray-painted with "Pelz = Mord", "Tierquäler", "Mord". Value of damage caused is unknown.

#### 13/11/2008

#### 41334 Nettetal

1,000 EUR

Two cars near a fur farm and the wall of a garage were painted with "Hier geht's ins Nerz-KZ", "Wussten Sie, dass ein Massenmörder ihr Nachbar ist?"

#### 20/11/2008

#### 10178 Berlin

Violation of the German law regulating public meetings (Versammlungsgesetz) during an anti-hunting demonstration.

#### 21/11/2008

#### 22587 Hamburg

The shop windows of two clothes shops were spray-painted with "Pelz ist Mord". Value of damage caused is unknown.

#### 23/11/2008

#### 22798 Hude

The walls of a chicken breeding farm were spray-painted with "Konzentrationslager", "Tiere befreien jetzt", "Animal liberation". Value of damage caused is unknown.

#### 03/12/2008

#### 04103 Leipzig

Graffiti on the shop window of a fur shop: "Tiere sind keine Ware", "Animal Liberation Front". Value of damage caused is unknown.

#### 07/12/2008

#### 94032 Passau, Grabengasse 7

500 EUR

Glue on the window of a fur shop.

#### 07/12/2008

#### 94032 Passau, Heuwinkel 4

11,000 EUR

Glue and red colour on the window of a shop dealing in leather goods.

#### 13/12/2008

#### 20354 Hamburg

Violation of the Versammlungsgesetz during a demonstration against an ESCADA store.

#### 16/12/2008

# 79102 Freiburg, Sternwaldstraße 31

22,000 EUR

Graffiti on the walls of a property: "ALF", "SCUM", "DROP HLS"; tyres of three vehicles (one car of a NOVARTIS employee, two cars of neighbours) were punctured; glue on all vehicles. The claim was signed: "the ARM warriors Switzerland".

#### 16/12/2008

# 79336 Herbolzheim-Broggingen, Am Scheibenberg 10-12

12,000 EUR

Two cars were set on fire; graffiti on the walls of a neighbouring property and a car of a neighbour: "DROP HLS", "ALF". The claim was signed: "the ARM warriors Switzerland".

#### 16/12/2008

#### 79539 Lörrach, Breslauer Straße 6

8.500 EUR

Graffiti on the walls of a property: "MURDERER", "We will be back", "DROP HLS"; vehicle tyres punctured; glue on the vehicle. The claim was signed: "the ARM warriors Switzerland".

#### 16/12/2008

#### 79540 Lörrach, Dinkelbergstraße 6

1.500 EUR

Graffiti on the walls of a property: "DROP HLS", "SHAC", "It is a signed of the victim); glue on the vehicle of a neighbour. The claim was signed: "the ARM warriors Switzerland".

#### 16/12/2008

#### 79541 Lörrach, Müllerweg 7

6,000 EUR

Graffiti on the walls of a property: "SCUM", "ALF", "DROP HLS"; vehicle tyres punctured; glue on vehicle. The claim was signed: "the ARM warriors Switzerland".

#### 16/12/2008

#### 79650 Schopfheim, Käppelemattweg 107

1,500 EUR

The walls of the house of a NOVARTIS employee were spray-painted with "ALF", "SCUM", "DROP HLS", "DROP HLS", "MURDERER" (SCUM") is the first name of the victim). The claim was signed: "the ARM warriors Switzerland".

#### 20/12/2008

#### 40212 Düsseldorf

Violation of the Versammlungsgesetz during a demonstration against an ESCADA store. Two persons chained themselves to the door, using a bicycle lock; two others distributed leaflets.

#### 29/12/2008

# 60313 Frankfurt am Main

Violation of the Versammlungsgesetz during a demonstration against an ESCADA store.

# Austria

# Number of incidents: 2

23/10/2008

# 1020 Vienna, Messestraße 2

A fur coat was spoiled with the ink of a ballpoint. The coat was damaged while on display during a trade show specialising in women's clothes.

#### 04/11/2008

# Region of Fernitz and Gössendorf (Styria)

2,000 EUR

Five raised stands were cut down. The victim is the hunting association of Fernitz and Gössendorf.

# United Kingdom

#### Number of incidents: 43

#### 05/10/2008

#### Bernard Matthews, Denmark Road & Waterloo Road, Norwich

Two large billboard posters in Norwich were defaced; the words "We are proud to work for Bernard Matthews" were changed to "We are proud to torture our turkeys". Bernard Matthews recently embarked on a re-branding campaign by way of large billboard posters around Norwich. Animal rights activists in Norfolk see Bernard Matthews as a legitimate target.

#### 06/10/2008

#### Home Address in Elsfield Way, Oxford

A burglary took place at the home address of a senior lecturer at Oxford University. A laptop, palm-top and a box of jewellery were taken. It is unconfirmed whether this incident is animal rights related. There has been no reporting of this incident on animal rights websites to date.

#### 09/10/2008

#### Cargill Europe Ltd, Red Barn Drive, Hereford (Herefordshire)

An anonymous call was received at 8:00 p.m. stating that a group of ten to twelve activists were planning to break into the premises between 4:00 and 6:00 a.m. on 10 October 2008. Entry would be via the fence on Yazor Road. No offences were disclosed. Cargill Europe (previously Sun Valley Foods) is a food processing company which supplies chicken products.

#### 10/10/2008

#### **Bobby Roberts Circus, Mill Lane, St Neots (Cambridgeshire)**

Unknown person(s) caused criminal damage to circus vehicles and trailers between 0:15 and 6:15 a.m. The vehicles were sprayed with animal rights graffiti, doorlocks were superglued and corrosive liquid poured over the bodywork. The main circus tent, public entrance and a generator also had animal rights graffiti sprayed on them. Slogans used included "Animal Abusers", "Scum", "Free Annie" (the circus's elephant) and "ALF".

#### 10/10/2008

#### Wappenshall Farm, Wappenshall, Telford (Shropshire)

Overnight, unknown person(s) released two hundred partridges from Wappenshall Farm. Electric fencing was also taken. Total value 1,400 GBP. Wappenshall Farm breeds partridges for game shooting. The farm has previously been targeted by animal rights activists.

#### 13/10/2008

#### Barclays Bank, Lower Northam Road, Hedge End (Hampshire)

Overnight, unknown person(s) spray-painted the words "SCUM" and "ALF" in red on the outside of the building. An attempt was made to glue the door lock. Incident claimed on BiteBack.

#### 13/10/2008

#### Barclays Bank, The Square, Bishop's Waltham (Hampshire)

Overnight, unknown person(s) spray-painted the words "SCUM", "ALF" and "MUR-DER's" in red on the walls and windows of the bank. The ATM and door locks were glued. Incident claimed on BiteBack.

#### 13/10/2008

#### FedEx, B2177 between Bishop's Waltham and Waltham Chase (Hampshire)

Overnight, unknown person(s) attacked a FedEx vehicle. Three tyres were slashed and the words "SCUM" and "ALF" were spray-painted in red on the vehicle. Incident claimed on BiteBack.

#### 13/10/2008

#### Hardings Lane, Partney (Lincolnshire)

The owner of a nearby farm reported a suspicious vehicle parked up in the village in the early hours of the morning. Police were alerted and arrested the three occupants of a motor vehicle for conspiracy to burgle. Investigations continue.

#### 13/10/2008

#### Highgate Farm, Normanby-by-Spital, Market Rasen (Lincolnshire)

CCTV and perimeter alarms were activated on the farm site at 1:45 a.m. and the owner saw people near to one of the rabbit sheds. Police were alerted and stopped a motor vehicle. The four occupants were arrested and charged with conspiracy to burgle and Section 145/147 SOCPA 2005. The farm had previously been subject to the theft of 129 research rabbits overnight on 06-07 January 2008. Arrests noted on Indymedia.

#### 13/10/2008

#### Various Locations – Basingstoke (Hampshire)

Overnight, unknown person(s) spray-painted the word "ALF" in blue at various locations in Basingstoke, including the Hatch Warren estate, A30 Kempshott roundabouts and traffic furniture.

#### 17/10/2008

#### The Star Inn, Harome, Nr. Helmsley (North Yorkshire)

Unknown person(s) caused criminal damage between 0:15 and 7:15 a.m. The words "BAN FOIE GRAS" and "ALF" were left in red paint on the premises' walls, windows and a bench. A refrigerated van belonging to the inn had a mixture of paint stripper and cooking fat poured over it and all four tyres were punctured. The inn is run by who recently published a book entitled

Incident claimed on BiteBack.

#### 20/10/2008

#### Cargill Europe Ltd, Red Barn Drive, Hereford (Herefordshire)

A telephone message was received at 1:12 a.m., allegedly from Welsh Water, requesting Cargill not to use their water for the next three days as the water was being tested following a poisonous leak in the water system at the depot. Cargill Europe (previously Sun Valley Foods) is a food processing company which supplies chicken products.

#### 27/10/2008

#### Home Address In Hampshire, Eastleigh (Hampshire)

Overnight, unknown person(s) caused criminal damage to a motor vehicle parked at a home address in Hampshire. Paint stripper was poured over the vehicle and the tyres were slashed. The vehicle's owner works for CIBA.

#### 29/10/2008

#### Shoot cabin, Farm in Lancashire

A shoot cabin at a local farm was burnt down, grouse feeders destroyed and nails scattered around the area prior to a shoot being held at the venue.

#### 31/10/2008

# Home Address in Buckinghamshire, Copse Lane, Jordans, Beaconsfield (Buckinghamshire)

Overnight, unknown person(s) daubed red paint across the entire frontage of the premises. Both residents of the address have links to HLS. One is a former GlaxoSmithKline employee and the other is a former Yamanouchi employee.

#### 02/11/2008

#### Moda Show, Brick Lane, Shoreditch, London

Five protestors held a demonstration in protest against the sale of fur. Four of the protestors entered the shop chanting "Fur Trade, Murder Trade". The group were subsequently stopped by police. One of the protestors refused to provide personal details and was arrested and subsequently charged under Section 50 of the Police Reform Act 2002.

#### 02/11/2008

#### Staples, Newmarket Road, Cambridge

Overnight, unknown person(s) spray-painted the words "ALF", "STOP HLS", "STOP ANIMAL ABUSE" and "NO MORE KILLING" onto the front doors and walls of Staples. Protestors believe that Staples supply HLS.

#### 03/11/2008

#### A1 underpass, Buckden, Huntingdon (Cambridgeshire)

Overnight, unknown person(s) spray-painted the words "CLOSE HLS", "WWW.SHAC.NET" and "PUPPY KILLERS" in red and black graffiti onto the walls of the A1 underpass. It is believed that this incident is linked to other similar incidents that happened along the A1 near Huntingdon in July and September 2008.

#### 05/11/2008

#### **Evergreen Farm, West Woodhay, Newbury (Berkshire)**

Person(s) unknown stole 150 rabbits from farm sheds. The farm breeds rabbits for the meat industry. Incident claimed on BiteBack.

#### 05/11/2008

# Home Address In Carmarthenshire, Clynmelyn, Ffynnondrain, Carmarthen (Carmarthenshire)

Overnight, unknown person(s) painted the words "NO CULL" in red across two entrance walls to the farm and on the roadway. It is believed this incident is linked to a similar incident that occurred overnight in Pembrokeshire. The occupier of the premises speaks on behalf of the Farmers Union Wales, who are supporters of the proposed badger cull to be carried out in West Wales.

#### 05/11/2008

# Home Address in Pembrokeshire, Gellyolau, Gelly, Clynderwen (Pembrokeshire)

Overnight, unknown person(s) painted the words "NO CULL" in red across two entrance walls to the farm and on the roadway. It is believed that this incident is linked to a similar incident that occurred overnight in Carmarthenshire. The occupier of the premises speaks on behalf of the NFU, who are supporters of the proposed badger cull to be carried out in West Wales.

#### 12/11/2008

#### Oxford Biomedical Research Centre, South Parks Road, Oxford

A threatening email was sent to had previously appeared on the BBC broadcast of the opening of the Oxford Biomedical Research Centre.

#### 14/11/2008

#### Max Mara, New Bond Street, Mayfair, London

Ten protestors held a demonstration outside Max Mara between 12:30 and 4:00 p.m. in protest against the sale of fur products. Police attended. The shop is in the London Dispersal Zone, so the protestors were warned to move on. Three protestors refused to move and were arrested. They were taken to Charing Cross Police Station where they were released.

#### 16/11/2008

#### Barclays Bank, North Street, Brighton, Sussex

Overnight, unknown person(s) left the words "DROP HLS", "ALF" and "DUMP LSR SHARES" in green and black paint on the North Street branch of Barclays Bank. Incident claimed on BiteBack.

#### 16/11/2008

#### Moda Show, Brick Lane, Shoreditch, London

Six to eight protestors held a demonstration in protest against the sale of fur. Police attended and imposed conditions under Section 14 of the Public Order Act 1986. Three protestors were arrested for staying beyond the imposed time limit.

#### 18/11/2008

#### **Barclays Bank, North Street, Brighton, Sussex**

Overnight, unknown person(s) superglued the ATM cash machine on the North Street branch of Barclays Bank. Incident claimed on BiteBack.

#### 23/11/2008

#### Moda Show, Brick Lane, Shoreditch, London

Four protestors held a demonstration in protest against the sale of fur. Police attended and arrested four individuals for breaching Section 14 of the Public Order Act 1986.

#### 24/11/2008

#### Oxford University, Bodleian Library, Broad Street, Oxford

Police arrested an individual regarding a bomb threat call about the Bodleian Library, Oxford. Following the individual's arrest, a Section 18 House Search was conducted by police at the individual's home address in Oxford. Animal rights magazines, including Animal Times (a PETA magazine) and Animal Defender were found at the individual's home address.

#### 04/12/2008

#### HLS, Woolley Road, Huntingdon (Cambridgeshire)

An unsolicited and malicious letter was received by HLS. The letter requested HLS to discontinue animal experiments by noon on 24 December 2008 or else they will be placed in extreme danger. The letter was typed in red and is similar to a previous letter received by HLS in May 2007. A similar letter was received by Sequani on the same day. Officers attended and seized the letter. Details of the incident were taken and an investigation is underway.

#### 04/12/2008

#### Sequani Ltd, Bromyard Road, Ledbury (Herefordshire)

An unsolicited and malicious letter was received by Sequani. The letter was headed "Stop Ledbury Animal Cruelty" (SLAC) and requested Sequani to discontinue animal experiments by noon on 24 December 2008. The letter also stated that if Sequani did not comply with the demand then it may receive a riot and the company will be in extreme danger. The letter was typed in red. A similar letter was received by HLS on the same day.

#### 06/12/2008

#### Joseph, Old Bond Street, London

Seven protestors held a demonstration outside Joseph in protest against the sale of fur. One of the protestors recorded the police actions on a camera. Police attended and monitored the demonstration. The protestors caused an obstruction but refused to move. They also refused to provide personal details. Six of the group were arrested under Section 50 of the Police Reform Act 2002.

#### 07/12/2008

#### Moda Show, Brick Lane, Shoreditch, London

Twelve to sixteen protestors held a demonstration outside Moda Show from 2:00 p.m. in protest against the sale of fur. The number of protestors was boosted by the Whitechapel Anarchist Group. Police attended and arrested ten individuals for breaching Section 50 of the Police Reform Act 2002.

#### 07/12/2008

#### Norwich Covered Market, Gentleman's Walk, Norwich (Norfolk)

Overnight, unknown person(s) left the words "Meat is Murder" and "ALF" on several butchers stalls and stalls selling meat products in Norwich Market. This incident is similar to previous incidents of criminal damage in Norwich Market during April and May 2008 which resulted in the arrest of an individual. Police attended and CCTV footage will be viewed.

#### 08/12/2008

#### Geldeston, Beccles (Norfolk)

A member of a shooting party parked their vehicle in Geldeston and was then verbally abused by a known animal rights activist and hunt saboteur. On returning to their vehicle, the owner found that a window on the vehicle had been smashed. The owner's camouflage jacket had been stolen from the vehicle and a note placed on the window stating "WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO PROTEST". Details of the incident were taken and the written note was seized for examination.

#### 08/12/2008

#### PDP Courier services, Plane Tree Crescent, Feltham (Middlesex)

An unsolicited and malicious letter was received by PDP Courier. The letter stated that the company had until midday on 24 December 2008 to stop trading with HLS. It also stated that employees were in extreme danger and vans may be destroyed. The letter was signed "Stop Abject Cruelty To Animals Militia" (SACTAM). Officers attended and seized the letter.

#### 08/12/2008

#### Teva, Bruntcliffe Way, Morley, Leeds (West Yorkshire)

An unsolicited and malicious letter was received by Teva, threatening the company unless they stop all dealings with HLS by 24 December 2008. Officers attended and seized the letter.

#### 12/12/2008

#### **Near the Old Rectory, Crostwick (Norfolk)**

Unknown person(s) stole several bird feeders and feed, along with several fence sections from a location in Crostwick. The pens at the location were used for the rearing of birds for a local syndicate shoot at a private address.

#### 15/12/2008

# Brockencote Hall Country Club, Chaddesley Corbett, Nr Kidderminster (Worcestershire)

A threatening telephone call was received by the hotel stating: "If foie gras is not taken off the menu, direct action will be taken". The caller withheld his telephone number.

#### 17/12/2008

#### PDP Courier services, Plane Tree Crescent, Feltham (Middlesex)

Unknown person(s) sprayed the word "Known" next to the front door of the premises. There is concern that animal rights activists know the company's relatively new address.

#### 20/12/2008

# Barking Construction, Road Three, Winsford Industrial Estate, Winsford (Cheshire)

At 0:22 a.m., a site security guard reported discovering an improvised explosive device in an electricity sub-station which feeds the company warehouse. The device was later deemed to be a hoax. At present, the motivation for the incident is unconfirmed.

#### 23/12/2008

#### Winchester Crown Court (Hampshire)

A jury returned guilty verdicts on four of five SHAC activists charged with conspiracy to blackmail HLS. The fifth defendant was cleared of all charges. Sentencing was due on

#### 25/12/2008

#### Home address, Ditchling (Sussex)

At 9:30 p.m., two individuals wearing balaclavas were seen coming away from a private address in Ditchling, where a member of the Southdown and Eridge Hunt had their vehicle parked on the driveway. The vehicle's brake lines had been cut. The hunt member has recently been to court over an incident at a hunt involving anti-hunt protestors.

#### Belgium

Number of incidents: 1

08/10/2008

2680 Sint-Katelijne-Waver, Kuikenstraat 11
Red paint on house (no message written) and two motorcycles damaged.

# + Finland

# Number of incidents: 2

17/11/2008

# 62630 Karvala, Ylirannantie 350B

Release of 550-600 foxes. The foxes were painted, and register cards were destroyed.

28/11/2008

#### Nurmes

Damage to property in chicken yard; 6,000 chickens were killed.

# The Netherlands

# Number of incidents: 4

29/10/2008

ALF targeted animal laboratory employee.

12/11/2008

Livestock trucks painted.

14/11/2008

Fire destroys cars at home of

02/12/2008

Activists visit mink farmer at home.

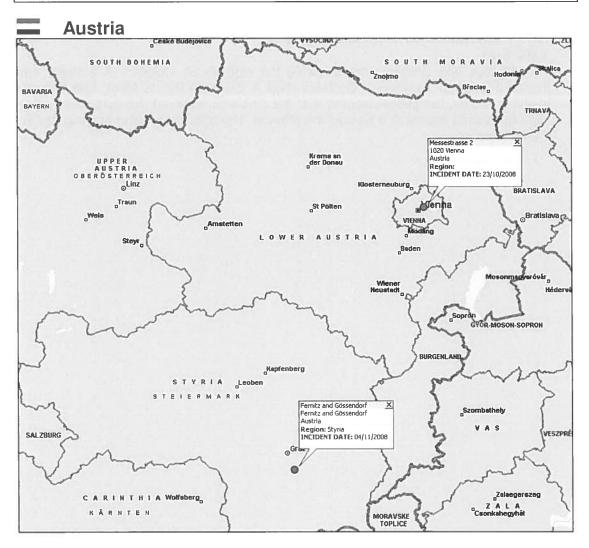
# **Norway**

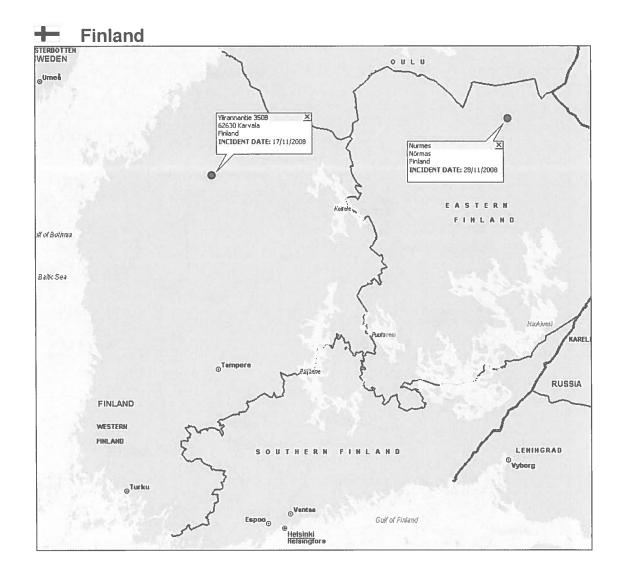
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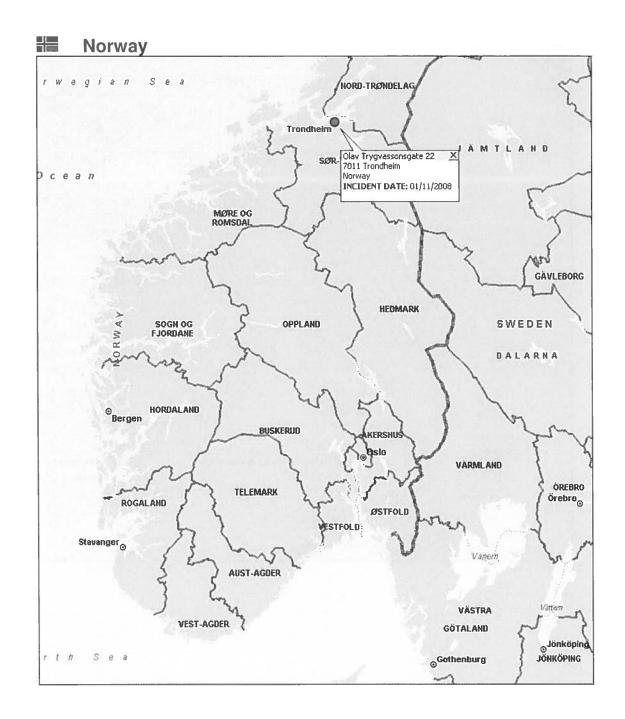
01/11/2008 **7011 Trondheim, Olav Trygvassonsgate 22** 1,200 EUR

The damage was probably made during the night of 31 October. A a stone was thrown through the window of the retail shop A. Evensen Pels & Mote. The offender is still unknown, but police assume that the so-called "Nettverk for dyrs frihet" (Network for animal freedom) is behind the offence. The offence is being investigated by the local police.

# Maps



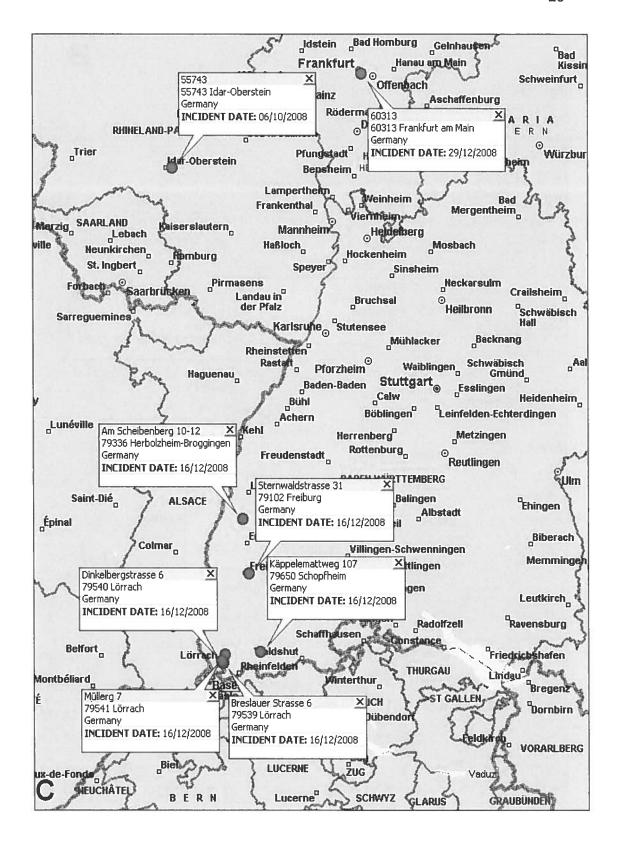


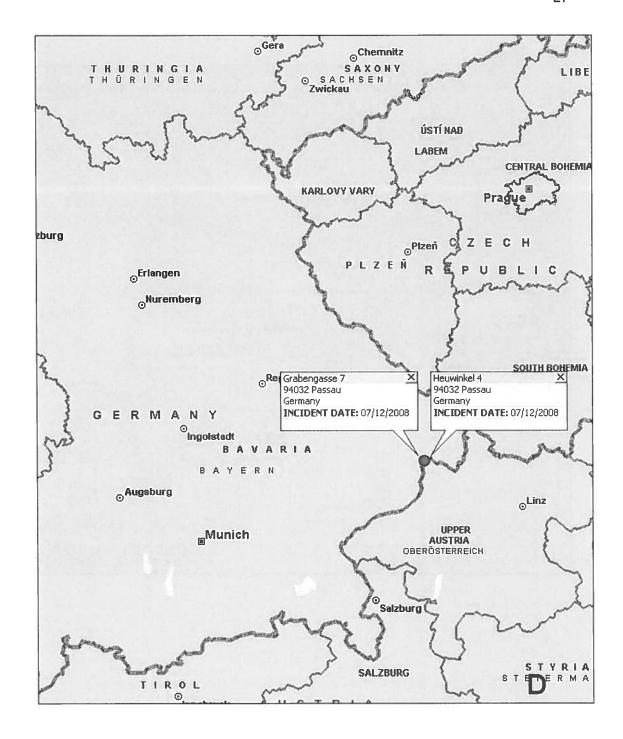


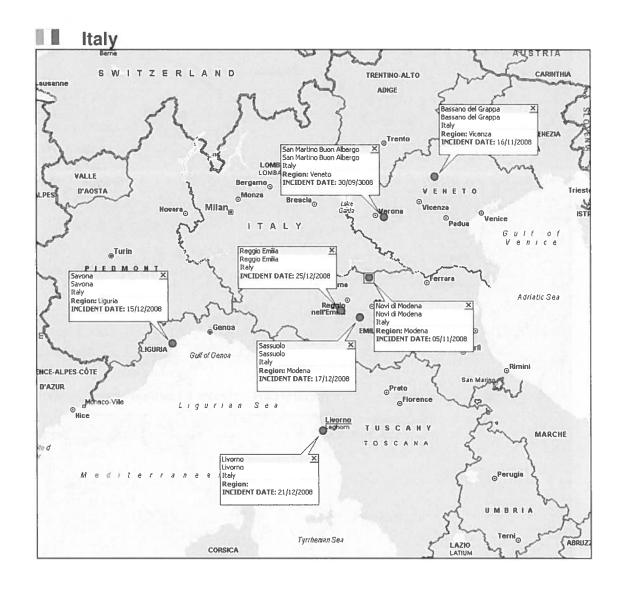






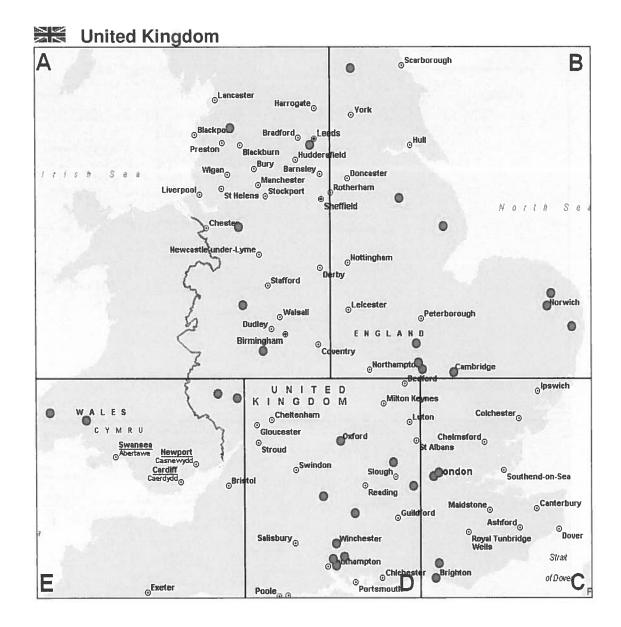


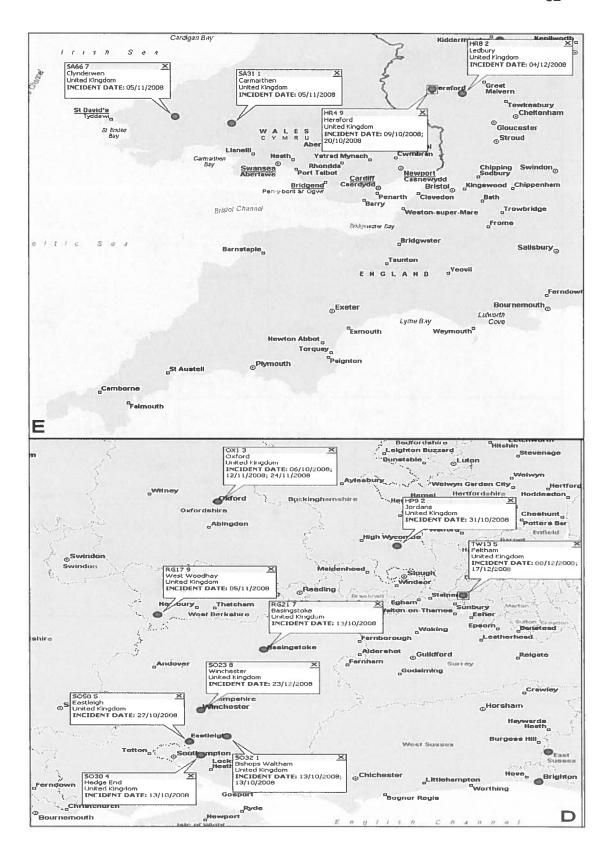


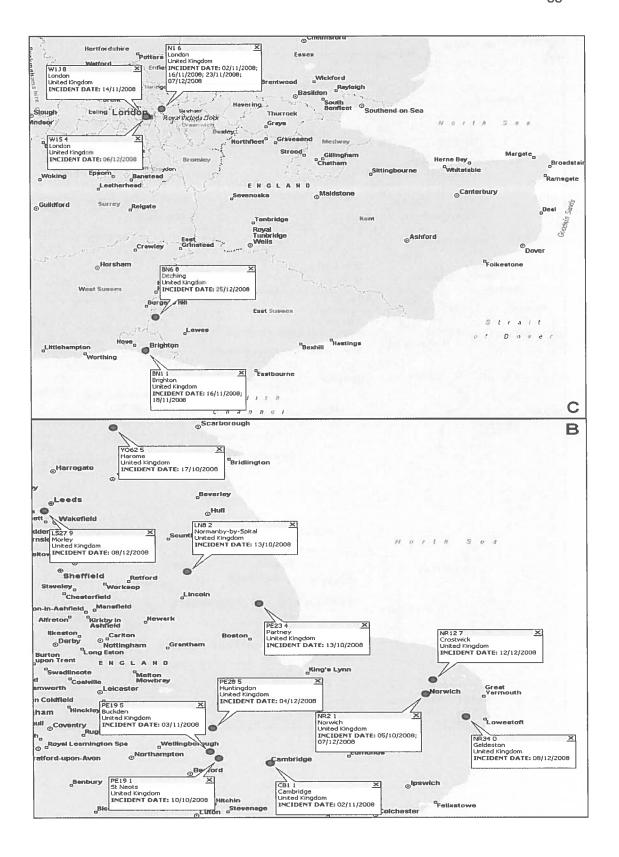
















# Corrigendum

#### France

01/01/2008 - 31/12/2008

The data contributed by France originates from the Counter-Terrorism Unit of the French Gendarmerie, BLAT. It was contributed to Europol just recently and could therefore not appear in previous bulletins. Due to BLAT's geographical areas of responsibility, only the incidents outside the big cities are reflected in this summary.

A total of 49 ARE incidents (including 6 unlawful demonstrations) throughout 2008 were reported by BLAT. Only 18 of these incidents were claimed on the BiteBack website.

Despite a significant decrease in the total number of attacks compared to 2007 (130 incidents), BLAT reported that there is a clear increase of attacks in rural areas. In addition, the attacks have become more violent and were less frequently claimed on the respective websites.

The most prominent case reported was a bomb attack against the laboratory Charles River in Saint Germain sur l'Arbresles (Rhône) on 28 June 2008.

In 10 cases, activists sabotaged hunting events which are traditionally held in the northern parts of France. Furthermore, three threatening letters against laboratories or research centres were seized and four attacks against properties, research institutes and commercial premises, followed by claims of responsibility on the Internet were committed.



Area of increased numbers of attacks relating to animal rights extremists



Areas of sabotaged hunting events

## Spain

#### 05/07/2008

#### Pamplona (Navarre)

The associations ANIMA NAURALIS and PETA demonstrated against bullfighting in Pamplona. Seventy persons attended.

#### 07/07/2008

#### **Embassy of Spain in Budapest (Hungary)**

The embassy of Spain in Budapest received a threatening letter sent by with the text "COBARDE CHUSMA ESPAÑOLA DE CORRIDA DE TOROS, LLEGARA BOMBA, MUERTE Y DESTRUCCION SOBRE ESPAÑA."

#### 09/07/2008

#### Zaragoza

Closure of three fur shops and a pet shop. Action claimed on the website of Acción Vegana in support for those "arrested in Austria".

#### 11/07/2008

#### Badalona (Barcelona)

Action claimed on the website of Acción Vegana for the FLA with the text "FUERA EXPLOTACION ANIMAL". Several shops in Badalona purportedly linked to "the exploitation of animals" had their security locks painted.

#### 13/07/2008

#### Barcelona

Approx. 70 individuals demonstrated in front of the bullring of Barcelona against bull-fighting.

#### 15/07/2008

#### Madrid

Action claimed by the association IGUALDAD ANIMAL in protest for the treatment of animals and to denounce the publicity campaign which, in their view, is aimed against vegetarianism.

Twenty activists of the association IGUALDAD ANIMAL left 15 dead boar in the offices of the butcher's company CAMPOFRIO.

#### 18/07/2008

#### Madrid, Barcelona, Bilbao, La Coruña

Actions claimed simultaneously on the website of Acción Vegana.

- Damage to a fur shop in Madrid.
- Stones thrown at an ESCADA shop (unknown locality).
- Anonymous threatening phone call to Procter and Gamble informing them of contamination of batches of Head and Shoulders shampoo.

#### 19/07/2008

#### **Pontevedra**

The local police identified five youths who were painting graffiti against bullfighting.

#### 28/07/2008

IGUALDAD ANIMAL released four minks from a farm in northern Spain.

#### 30/07/2008

#### Alcabon (Toledo)

Action claimed on the website of Acción Vegana for FLA with the text "CONTRA EL ESPECISMO SIEMPRE".

Unknown individuals released three chickens from a grange.

#### 31/07/2008

#### Pontevedra

In several streets of Pontevedra, anti-bullfighting posters were placed asking for the "immediate abolition of bullfighting".

#### 17/08/2008

#### Calahorra (La Rioja)

Against the use of animals in the circus. ANIMANATURALIS

#### 31/08/2008

#### Tordesillas (Valladolid)

Damage of property in regard to anti-bullfighting by spraying the following slogans on walls: CONVOCA: ACTYMA, ALDEBA, AMNISTIA ANIMAL, ANIMANATURALIS, ASOCIACION PROTECTORA DEL CONEJO, ASOCIACION PROTECTORA HUELLAS, AVAT, COLECTIVO ANDALUZ CONTRA EL MALTRATO ANIMAL, CAS, COORDINADORA I ASESORA DE PROTECTORES D'ANIMALES, CLUB ANIMALISTA GALILEO 13.

#### 05/09/2008

#### Ahigal de los Aceiteros (Salamanca)

A group calling itself "INITIATIVA CHARRA CONTRA LA DESAPARICION DEL TAURICIDIO" claimed to have stolen the statue of Julio Torres on www.accionvegana.org.

#### 23/09/2008

#### Galapagar (Madrid)

Paintings on the walls of a private property. Claim available on the website www.accionvegana.org. Tags on the walls of the property of the father of the torero

# **Italy**

#### 30/07/2008

#### Figino Serenza (Como)

Overnight, unknown individuals entered the farm "II Roncone S.a.S." and released approx. 3,000 pheasants by cutting the perimeter fence.

#### 21/08/2008

#### Castronno (Varese)

Employees of the company Tecnoplast specialising in the production of items in stainless steel and animal cages used in research laboratories, found three bottles containing a suspicious liquid. The bottles were placed on some wooden boxes close to a window that had been forced open. Blackening on the ceiling indicates that unknown individuals had tried to start a fire. On a wall was a graffiti spelling "A.L.F." The attempted attack may have taken place at a time between Friday, 8 and Thursday, 20 August, when the factory was closed for the holidays.

# United Kingdom

#### 17/08/2008

#### Ash Drive, Eye (Suffolk)

Overnight, unknown person(s) caused damage to a motor vehicle parked on the drive at an HLS animal technician's home address. Brown paint was thrown over the vehicle. The vehicle's owner was previously targeted in 2002 when he lived in Diss, Norfolk. HLS security are not aware of any similar, recent incidents.

#### 14/09/2008

#### Home Address in Surrey, Quarter Mile Road, Godalming (Surrey)

Overnight, unknown person(s) caused criminal damage to a motor vehicle parked at a home address in Surrey. Paint stripper was poured over the vehicle. The address is of a director of Goldman Sachs, targeted due to links with HLS. Incident claimed on BiteBack.

#### 14/09/2008

#### **Home Address in Sussex**

The word "Scum" was spray-painted onto a garage belonging to a neighbour of a Novartis employee in Horsham. Incident claimed on Biteback.

#### 27/09/2008

#### Knightsbridge, London

Two hundred and forty protestors held the annual anti-fur march through Knights-bridge. The route took the protestors past Harrods and other fur retail outlets. A small number of protestors attempted to hold a small impromptu demonstration outside Harrods.

#### 28/09/2008

#### Boat Shed, Emma Jayne Fisheries, James Street, Selsey (Sussex)

Overnight, unknown person(s) caused criminal damage, including graffiti to the winch house and signs, with the words "Lobster Liberation Front" and "ALF". Incident claimed on Biteback.

#### 29/09/2008

## Collins Stewart Tullet Plc, Wood Street, London

An item of unsolicited mail was received by The envelope contained white powder and a letter with biohazard logos and the words "HAVE FUN WITH THE WHITE POWDER!!!" Police seized the envelope and its contents for forensic examination, and an investigation is underway.

#### 29/09/2008

# Home Address in Farnborough (Hampshire)

Unknown person(s) caused criminal damage to a motor vehicle parked at a home address in Hampshire. Paint stripper was poured over the vehicle, "ALF" was spray-painted on it and the locks were superglued. BiteBack mistakenly claimed that the vehicle's owner worked for Baxters, a company linked to HLS.