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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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Germany

Number of incidents: 33

02/01/2009

60313 Frankfurt am Main

In connection with the Youth Environmental Congress (Jugendumweltkongress), held in Frankfurt am Main from 27 December 2008 to 4 January 2009, a gathering "against the fur industry" took place on 2 January 2009. During this gathering, seven female persons stormed the ESCADA fashion shop, throwing confetti and deliberately disturbing ongoing business.

They were asked to leave the shop but did not comply with the request until police arrested them.

05/01/2009

39104 Magdeburg

Stones were thrown against the entrance door of a fur shop.

05/01/2009

90491 Nürnberg

Graffiti saying "Go Vegan" was spray-painted on a wall.

09/01/2009

95028 Hof

The wall of a butcher's was painted. The word "Mörder" (murderers) was spray-painted on it.

22/01/2009

94032 Passau

Butyric acid was sprayed in a clothes shop. Graffiti saying "Folter-Stop" (torture stop) and "Pelz-Boycott" (fur boycott) was spray-painted on the shop windows. No details regarding the value of the damage are known.

23/01/2009

37127 Scheden

Three hunting towers were destroyed. Value of damage unknown.

23/01/2009

79104 Freiburg

Graffiti spray-painted on the wall of Freiburg University. Value of damage unknown. Two masked persons spray-painted "ALF", "STOPPT TIERVERSUCHE" (stop animal experiments), "HIER WERDEN TIERE GEFOLTERT" (here, animals are tortured), "MÖRDER" (murderers).

24/01/2009

84307 Eggenfelden

Butyric acid was sprayed in a fur shop. Value of damage unknown.

01/02/2009

95030 Hof

The wall of a restaurant was spray-painted with the words "Fleisch ist Mord" (meat is murder).

02/02/2009

95030 Hof

The wall of a snack bar was spray-painted with the word "Mörder" (murderers).

02/02/2009

95030 Hof

Graffiti was spray-painted on a wall, saying "Fleisch ist Mord" (meat is murder).

05/02/2009

39104 Magdeburg

The wall of a fur shop was painted with red, blue and black paint.

07/02/2009

99423 Weimar

Paint bombs were thrown at the wall and windows of a fur shop. In addition, graffiti sprayings saying "Pelz ist Mord" (fur is murder) and "ALF" were detected on the wall. Value of damage unknown.

08/02/2009

37124 Rosdorf

Violation of the German law regulating public meetings (Versammlungsgesetz) during a demonstration against a circus.

20/02/2009

391104 Magdeburg

Stones were thrown against the entrance door of a fur shop.

01/03/2009

37127 Jühnde

A hunting tower was destroyed. Value of damage unknown.

01/03/2009

47906 Kempen

Graffiti saying "MORD" (murder) and "Warum kann man Leben kaufen?" (Why can you buy life) were found on the walls of a fur shop. Value of damage unknown.

06/03/2009

39104 Magdeburg

Graffiti saying "Jedes Tier hat ein Recht auf Leben!" (Every animal has a right to live) were found on the windows of a fur shop.

08/03/2009

37077 Göttingen

The fence of a private research centre was destroyed.

14/03/2009

60313 Frankfurt am Main

Resistance to law enforcement officers on the occasion of a "demonstration against the fur industry".

17/03/2009

12357 Berlin

Acid attack on the windows of a fur shop. Value of damage unknown.

18/03/2009

38302 Wolfenbüttel

Four hunting towers were destroyed. Value of damage unknown.

19/03/2009

35614 Aßlar

A threatening letter was received by a Turkish butcher (*halal* slaughter), stating the following:

"Der Staat mit seinen Bütteln toleriert und unterstützt den Schächter [REDACTED] Wird das bestialische Abschachten der Tiere nicht unverzüglich eingestellt, kommt es zu einer Liquidation des [REDACTED]"

"Der türkische Halsabschneider wird so leiden und krepieren, wie die gequälten Kreaturen in seinem Schlachthaus.

"Keine Gnade mit den muslimischen Tiequälern

"A.L.F."

Translation:

"The state and its stooges tolerate and support slaughterer [REDACTED] Should the bestial butchery not be abandoned immediately, [REDACTED] will be liquidated.

"The Turkish cut-throat will suffer and die in the same way as the agonised creatures in his slaughterhouse.

"No mercy for the Turkish animal tormentors.

"A.L.F."

21/03/2009

31535 Neustadt

Three hunting towers were destroyed. Value of damage unknown.

21/03/2009

65195 Wiesbaden

Graffiti was spray-painted on the walls of a hunting club. Value of damage unknown.

25/03/2009

39576 Stendal

The following graffiti were spray-painted on several walls: "Love Vegan" and "Hate Fascism".

27/03/2009

70569 Stuttgart

A hunting tower was destroyed.

31/03/2009

40489 Düsseldorf

A wall was spray-painted with graffiti. The tyre of a car was stabbed. A paint-stripper-type substance was poured over 2 cars. Value of damage unknown. The incident was claimed at www.directaction.info, Bite Back, 6 April 2009. Please see annex.

31/03/2009

40629 Düsseldorf

A wall was spray-painted with the following graffiti "DROP HLS OR YOU' L BE DEAD" and "NOVARTIS SCUM [REDACTED] ANIMAL KILLER". In addition, a paint-stripper-type substance was poured over two cars. Two tyres of each car were stabbed. Value of damage unknown. The victim is an executive of several German companies, including Novartis.

The incident was claimed as follows at www.directaction.info, Bite Back, 6 April 2009. Please see annex.

31/03/2009

41542 Dormagen

The front door of the house of a BAYER manager (customer of HLS) was spray-painted with graffiti as follows: "SCUM", "ALF", "TBF", "KILLER". Moreover, all tyres of a car were stabbed, and a paint-stripper-type substance was poured over the victim's car and the car window was spray-painted. Value of damage unknown.

The incident was claimed at www.directaction.info, Bite Back, 6 April 2009. Please see annex.

31/03/2009

51381 Leverkusen

Walls and garage door of the home of a BAYER manager were spray-painted with graffiti as follows: "BAYER-ANIMAL AUSCHWITZ", "DROP HLS OR YOU'RE FINISHED", "DROP HLS", "SCUM" "ALF WATCHING YOU". Value of damage unknown. The incident was claimed at www.directaction.info, Bite Back, 6 April 2009. Please see annex.

31/03/2009

51381 Leverkusen

Walls and garage door of the home of a BAYER manager were spray-painted with graffiti as follows: "Drop Huntingdon Life Sciences or your wife will be in Danger T.B.F.", "Baby Killer", "ALF", "TBF" and "SCUM".

The incident was claimed at www.directaction.info, Bite Back, 6 April 2009. Please see annex.

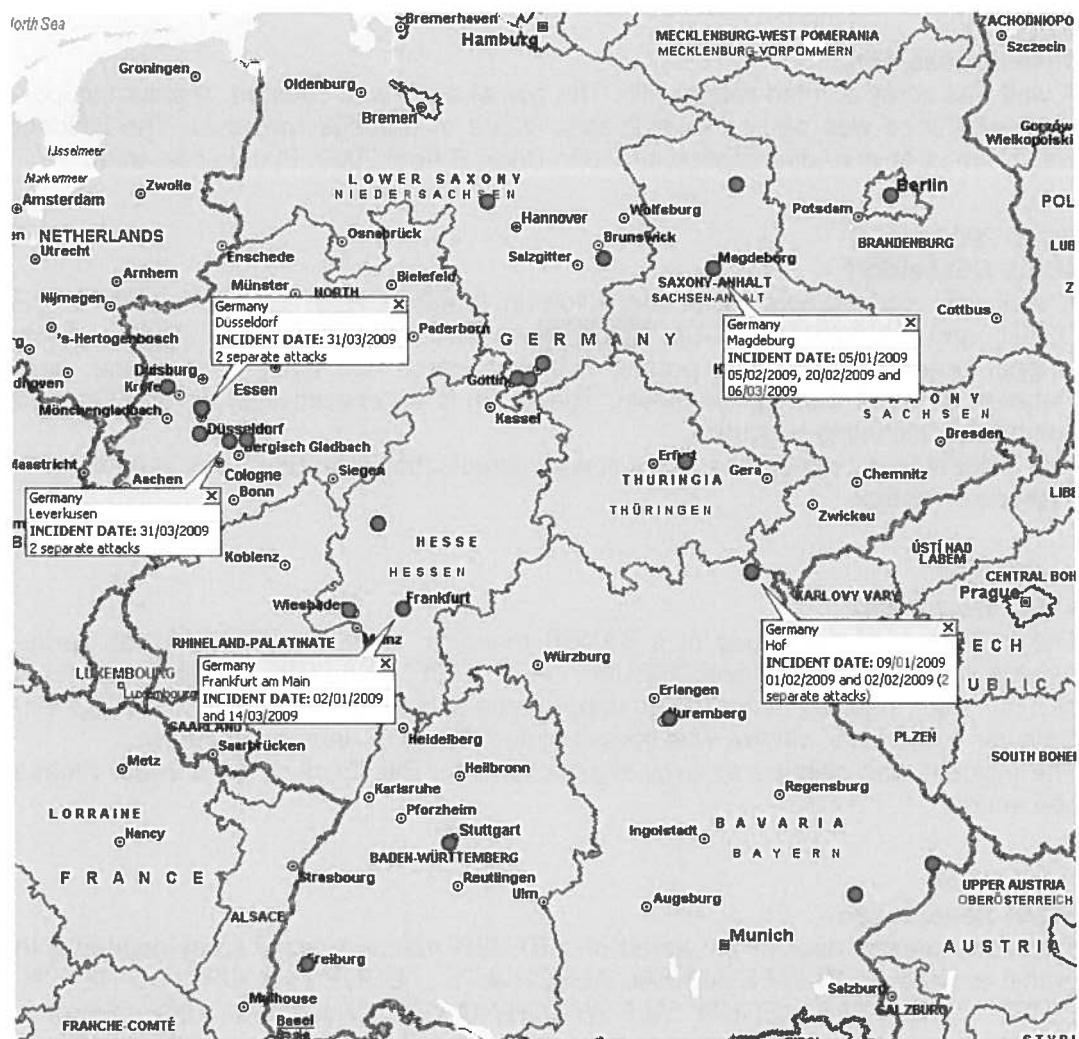
31/03/2009

51399 Burscheid

Walls and front door of the home of a BAYER manager were spray-painted with graffiti: "Killer" and "Scum".

Moreover, all tyres of a car were stabbed, and a paint-stripper-type substance was poured over the car. Value of damage unknown.

The incident was claimed at www.directaction.info, Bite Back, 6 April 2009. Please see annex.



 **Italy**
Number of incidents: 7*13/01/2009***REGGIO EMILIA**

The owner of a chain of pet shops received in the mail an envelope containing a letter claiming responsibility for the damage to the front door of his house, inflicted on 25 December 2008. The letter, signed A.L.F. - FRONTE LIBERAZIONE ANIMALE, contained threats.

*17/01/2009***REGGIO EMILIA**

In the evening, in the vicinity of a "MAX MARA" shop, around 50 members of anarchist/animal rights movements of Reggio Emilia held a demonstration against the sale of clothing containing pieces of fur. Two demonstrators, violating the orders of the authorities, crossed the security cordon and entered the shop, damaging two shop dummies and other furnishings; they then chained themselves to the shop's theft alarm barrier. The two demonstrators were sent to the Public Prosecutor's office, charged with disturbing free commerce and aggravated damages, while all those taking part in the protest were reported for demonstrating without prior notice.

*22/01/2009***SANSEPELCRO (AR)**

In the night, unknown persons defaced the entrance of a "MAX & CO" shop with red paint. Two paint cans were found on the spot, inscribed with: "MAX & CO ANIMAL TORTURE" - "ENOUGH WITH THE FUR".

*31/01/2009***PADOVA (PD)**

The responsible for the veterinarian service of the Local Health Authority reported having received in the mail a package containing a projectile and a threatening message.

*10/02/2009***Carpi (MO)**

Early in the morning, unknown persons, probably members of animal rights movements, having cut the fence of the "ROSSI Italo Allevamento Visoni" company, located in Carpi, on via Remesina Esterna nr.34, entered the farm and freed 1,000 minks. Most of the animals were recovered in the vicinity of the company. The following inscription was found: "LET'S CLOSE THIS CONCENTRATION CAMP AS WELL, A.L.F.", written in red spray paint.

*25/02/2009***Cumiana (TO)**

During the night, unknown persons, probably members of "A.L.F." (Animal Liberation Front), using 5 bottles of inflammable liquid with a trigger, started a fire at some structures in the vicinity of the entrance to the offices of the park "Zoom Torino", formerly "Laghi Baite e Baitelandia", in Piscina 26 of Cumiana (TO). The fire destroyed some aviaries and killed an unknown number of birds. The location, which extends to some 180,000 m² and houses numerous animals, is a natural park for animals set

free. The perpetrators claimed responsibility for the act by writing "THIS IS FOR THE IMPRISONED ANIMALS", signed A.L.F. (Animal Liberation Front).

07/03/2009

Pesaro (PS)

In the night, unknown persons entered the "Centro Fagiani San Bartolo" in the province of Pesaro, a centre that reproduces pheasants for hunting. Having damaged some cages, they released approx. 5,000 birds. Further, they left the following inscription in green spray paint on a wall close to the entrance: "TONIGHT WE RE-EDUCATED YOU IN FREEDOM". They used the same paint to put three dots on the letter 'R' of 'freedom'.



The Netherlands

Number of incidents: 19

05/01/2009

Lelystad

Insulating foam was applied to a car's exhaust pipe and roof. The foam hardened.

23/01/2009

Wageningen

Slogans were painted with orange paint on the wall and windows of a building and on a footpath.

29/01/2009

Burgh-Haamstede

A hunter of fallow deer was pulled out of his car, while an anti-hunter called him a murderer.

30/01/2009

Oosterhout

The owner of a rabbit farm was attacked. The meat rabbits were stolen.

04/02/2009

Emmen

A truck used for transport of livestock was painted with the letters "ALF". Moreover, the words "Liberation" and "SCUM" were written on the truck.

06/02/2009

Houten

The windows of a pharmaceutical office building were painted with red paint. For a number of weeks, SHAC held demonstrations near this building. In the past, houses of employees have been painted by animal rights extremists. However, none of the victims wanted to report these incidents to police.

06/02/2009

Meppel

Five paint bombs (red) were thrown at the outer wall of the pharmaceutical company Astellas.

11/02/2009

Zaandam

Ninety-seven billboards of the state circus were damaged by kicking.

23/02/2009

Rouveen

Theft of muskrat traps and damage of muskrat catch cages belonging to the district water board.

23/02/2009

Wageningen

Two cars of Wageningen University were damaged by scratching. The incident was claimed by the ALF on their website.

06/03/2009

Wageningen

Paving bricks were thrown into the ground floor windows of Wageningen University.

11/03/2009

Alphen a/d Rijn

Muskrat traps belonging to the district water board of Alphen a/d Rijn were stolen.

12/03/2009

Deventer

The windows of a McDonald's restaurant were smashed. The alarm signal did not go off. The incident was claimed at www.directaction.info by AROMA (Animal Rights One Man Army).

15/03/2009

Stavenisse

The fence of a mink farm was damaged. Between 2500 and 3000 minks escaped. About 300 mink could not be recovered; some were run over by cars and killed.

17/03/2009

Rotterdam

An unknown person went into a shop and asked if they sold fur. One day later, a letter with the words "hallo murderer" and "we know where you live" was received by the shop. Sender: 3062 t/m 0.

On 23 March 2009, the shop walls were spray-painted with red paint. One nameplate was removed, while "Murderer" was written on other plates. The handwriting was the same as in the letter received on 18 March 2009.

19/03/2009

Bergambacht

Muskrat traps belonging to the district water board of Bergambacht were stolen.

19/03/2009

Ter Aar

Muskrat traps belonging to the district water board in Ter Aar were damaged.

26/03/2009

Deventer

In total 6 windows of the entrance hall of a company producing milk machines were smashed.

The incident was claimed on [www. Animalrights.nl](http://www.Animalrights.nl) by AROMA (Animal Rights One Man Army).

30/03/2009

Deventer

The windows of a McDonald's restaurant were smashed.

The incident was claimed on www.animalrights.nl by AROMA (Animal Rights One Man Army).



Norway

Number of incidents: 1

01/03/2009

Støren (50km south of Trondheim)

A chicken breeding production site was attacked. The attackers tried to set fire to several trailers on the premises. A total of five fireplaces were detected. Only trailers belonging to the company Norsk Kylling were targeted, although a number of vehicles belonging to other companies were stationed at the same parking area.

Several plastic bottles filled with diesel and connected to a timer (possibly a small battery radio) were found. The devices were destroyed in the arson. The seized material was sent to NCIS for forensic examination.

The Norwegian wing of the ALF, Dyrenes Frigjørings Front (DFF) supported the attack on their website. The attack seems to be related to ARE activists.



 **Spain**
Number of incidents: 7*24/01/2009***RODEIRO (PONTEVEDRA)**

Around 200 people delay the Spanish national fox hunting competition. This is followed by a gathering of around 100 people in town.

The event was called for by the following organisations: MATAR POR MATAR NON, ADEGA, EQUANIMAL, LIBERA, ABEIRO, AMIGOS DE LA TIERRA, AMIGOS DE LOS ANIMALES, ASTURIAS VERDE, and FUNDACIÓN ALTARRIBA FEDERACIÓN ECOLOGISTA GALLEGA

*14/02/2009***SEVILLA**

During a demonstration organised by the Colectivo Igualdad Animal in the public market (mercado de abastos), three members of the group poured paint on the ground in two butchers shops. They were beaten and abused by the staff of the shops.

*14/02/2009***MADRID**

At Madrid's trade fair grounds (IFEMA), four activists of the NGO Igualdad Animal were arrested for pouring out several litres of red paint and chaining themselves to one of the stands.

*20/02/2009***Place of crime unknown**

The windows of a Max Mara shop are smashed by throws of stones for its involvement in the leather industry.

*23/02/2009***IFEMA, Madrid**

At Madrid's trade fair grounds (IFEMA), two activists of Igualdad Animal bursted into the fashion show of designer Roberto Torretta, displaying placards with the words "Piel is asesinato" (leather is murder).

*25/02/2009***IFEMA, Madrid**

During the Cibeles Madrid Fashion Week at IFEMA, two persons bursted into the fashion show of designer Miguel Marinero, carrying two placards with the slogan "PIELES NO" (leather no). The two individuals were detained. The incident was claimed at EQUANIMAL.ORG.

*15/03/2009***Puerta del Sol, Madrid**

Around 100 people take off their clothes in protest of the killing of seals in Canada and the fur industry. The event was claimed at EQUANIMAL.ORG.



United Kingdom

Number of incidents: 39

03/01/2009

Brockencote Hall Country Club, Chaddesley Corbett, near Kidderminster, Worcestershire

Unknown person(s) removed the globe light covers from lamps illuminating the driveway and, in the process, damaged one of the lights.

A leaflet was left expressing a negative opinion on the production and sale of *foie gras*.

03/01/2009

Essex & Suffolk Hunt, Pigeon Hall Farm, Naughton, Suffolk

Five hunt saboteurs attended a meeting of the Essex and Suffolk hunt. At one point, the hunt tried to extract a fox from a hole in which it had taken refuge, and the saboteurs attempted to block the hunt gaining access to the hole. Police attended and, after giving several warnings, the five hunt saboteurs were arrested for aggravated trespass.

05/01/2009

HLS, Woolley Road, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire

A malicious and abusive email from a named author was received by the HR Recruitment mailbox, threatening violence towards HLS staff. Industry report.

12/01/2009

Bybrook Barn Garden Centre, Cemetery Lane, Kennington, Ashford, Kent

Unsolicited, malicious and threatening letters were received by five different franchises within Bybrook Barn Garden Centre, requesting them to sever ties with the garden centre due to the centre's alleged links with HLS. The letters stated that information and details of known association will be revealed to various animal rights groups and the press on or around 28 February 2009.

14/01/2009

Home Address, Residents car park, near Mayne Avenue, Hereford, Herefordshire

Unknown person(s) tampered with the left front wheel of a motor vehicle parked in a residential car park in Hereford. The wheel cover had been removed, the wheel nuts loosened and the cover replaced.

The owner noticed a deterioration in the vehicle's performance and had the wheel checked. The vehicle's owner works for Hereford Catering & Super Sandwich, Beech Business Park, Hereford, which supplies Sequani daily.

16/01/2009

Monmouth Hunt, Llanvihangel Gobion, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire

Overnight, unknown person(s) caused damage to the kennels. Graffiti had been spray-painted on the building and acid poured over one of the parked lorries.

A group of anti-hunt protestors had been present during a hunt over the previous weekend.

17/01/2009

Ambleston, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire

Two individuals were disturbing badger baiting in the Ambleston area of Pembrokeshire. The pair drove from the scene but was later stopped by police.

Police arrested the two individuals on suspicion of badger baiting offences. Both individuals were interviewed and fully admitted to interfering with the badger sets, and were cautioned.

19/01/2009

Moda Show, Brick Lane, Shoreditch, London

Three protestors held a demonstration outside Moda Show in protest against the sale of fur. Police attended and arrested one individual for breaching Section 50 of the Police Reform Act 2002 after refusing to provide personal details.

22/01/2009

Ilkley, West Yorkshire

Overnight, unknown person(s) caused damage to two motor vehicles parked on the driveway at a home address in Ilkley. Paint stripper was poured over the vehicles and the tyres were slashed.

The address is of a councillor for Ilkley on Bradford Council, who had agreed to the restoration of grouse shooting on Ilkley Moor, which is owned by the council. The incident was claimed on Indymedia website.

22/01/2009

Yorkshire Farmhouse Eggs, Catton, Thirsk, North Yorkshire

Overnight, unknown person(s) caused damage at the premises of an egg producer. Approximately 27,000 eggs were smashed. A number of hens died during the incident.

The incident was claimed on Biteback website.

27/01/2009

HLS, Woolley Road, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire

An unsolicited, anonymous and threatening letter was received by HLS, addressed to the [REDACTED]. The letter stated that following the recent jailing of some animal rights activists, the author has investigated the [REDACTED] work and concluded that they needed to meet but could not promise that the [REDACTED] would enjoy the meeting.

29/01/2009

Collingham Place, Kensington, London

Overnight, unknown person(s) caused damage at the home address of the daughter of the chairman [REDACTED] Bank. The words "SCUM", "DROP HLS", "M-L", "DIE" and "ALF" were spray-painted in red on the communal front door. Also, acid was thrown over a neighbour's parked vehicle.

The incident was claimed on BiteBack website.

29/01/2009

Collingham Place, Kensington, London

Overnight, unknown person(s) threw acid over a parked vehicle.

The vehicle's owner is a neighbour of the daughter of the chairman [REDACTED] Bank and their vehicles are identical.

The incident was claimed on BiteBack website. Unconfirmed case of mistaken Identity.

29/01/2009

Downshire Hill, Hampstead, London

Overnight, unknown person(s) threw acid over a parked vehicle.

The vehicle's owner is a neighbour of [REDACTED] Bank. Claimed on BiteBack website. Unconfirmed case of mistaken identity.

29/01/2009

Downshire Hill, Hampstead, London

Overnight, unknown person(s) threw acid over a parked vehicle.

The vehicle's owner is a neighbour of [REDACTED] Bank. Claimed on BiteBack website. Unconfirmed case of mistaken identity.

29/01/2009

Downshire Hill, Hampstead, London

Overnight, unknown person(s) caused damage at the home address of [REDACTED] Bank. The words "SCUM" and "ALF" were spray-painted on an outside wall. Also, acid was thrown over two neighbours' parked vehicles.

The incident was claimed on BiteBack website.

30/01/2009

HLS, Woolley Road, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire

Two abusive emails were received by HLS at 01:22 and 01:23 hours. The content of both emails was identical and consisted of the words "Burn in f***ing hell animal abusers", which were repeated hundreds of times. The emails were from a named author.

30/01/2009

Chelsea Square, Kensington, London

An unknown person caused damage at the home address of the wife of [REDACTED] Bank starting at 02:16 hours. Acid was thrown over the parked vehicle and the words "SCUM DROP HLS OR [REDACTED] WILL DIE" were spray-painted in red on the garage doors.

The incident was claimed on BiteBack website. Details of the incident were taken, including CCTV footage.

31/01/2009

Old Lawn Farm, Witchampton, Wimborne, Dorset

Seven individuals wearing dark clothing were observed in a vehicle near the farm at 12:10 hours. The farmer disturbed the vehicle's occupants and reported seeing chicken cages and folding ladders inside the vehicle. Police subsequently arrested the individual who had hired the vehicle from Sussex.

31/01/2009

Pheasant Shoot, Brimpsfield Park, Brimpsfield, Gloucestershire

Fifteen "anti-shoot" protestors wearing balaclavas and masks attended a pheasant shoot. Police attended and monitored the demonstration. The protestors moved on from the site, but two individuals were arrested a short time later for public order offences.

31/01/2009

Street Collection, Commercial Road, Portsmouth, Hampshire

Three campaigners set up an animal rights street stall. The stall had animal rights literature on display and a collection box with a SARC (Southern Animal Rights Coalition) label affixed to it. The campaigners were earlier seen collecting signatures on a petition. The protestors did not hold a Portsmouth City Council permit to operate and so were instructed to close the stall and were moved on by police.

04/02/2009

HLS, Woolley Road, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire

An unsolicited, threatening and abusive email was received by HLS. The email referred to a news report and experiments on primates at HLS. Industry report.

07/02/2009

Street Collection, Commercial Road, Portsmouth, Hampshire.

Three campaigners set up an unauthorised street stall starting at 13:00 hours. Various leaflets were displayed, including anti-fur, HLS and greyhound welfare. There was a poster advertising the SHAC City Shakedown on 27 February 2009. Police had warned the campaigners seven days earlier for the same offence at the same location. Police attended and all three campaigners were reported for offences under Section 5 of the Police, Factories (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916. All items were seized, including the collecting tin, table, literature and banners.

09/02/2009

HLS, Woolley Road, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire

An unsolicited, threatening and abusive email was received by HLS. Similar emails were also received by GlaxoSmithKline and AstraZeneca on 10 February 2009.

12/02/2009

The Royal Coach Pub, Brighton Road, Shoreham, West Sussex

An unsolicited and malicious card was received by [REDACTED] of the Royal Coach pub. The card was an International Fund for Animal Welfare card. It is believed to be from an animal rights activist. [REDACTED] had recently appeared on the BBC TV programme "Kill It, Cook It, Eat It".

12/02/2009

University of Bradford, Richmond Road, Bradford, West Yorkshire

The words "Stop testing your s**t on animals" were written on the rear fire exit door of the Biological Unit.

13/02/2009

Stopples Lane, Hordle, Lymington, Hampshire

Unknown person(s) caused damage to a parked motor vehicle. All four tyres were attacked with a sharp instrument, puncturing two of the tyres.

The vehicle's owner is an employee of the Bank of New York Mellon.

The incident was claimed on Biteback website.

14/02/2009

Deer Farm, Treverbyn Cottage, St Neot, Liskeard, Cornwall

Red deer were released from a shed between 19:00 and 23:00 hours. No damage was caused to the shed. Fifteen deer are still outstanding. The premises were previ-

ously subject to a deer release in 2005 when fencing was cut and deer released. The ALF claimed responsibility for this attack.

15/02/2009

European Parliament, c/o St Athans Road, Cowbridge, Wales

A threatening letter from an anonymous author was received by the controller of an EU Parliament website. It stated that if the welfare of pigs does not improve by mid-summer, the author will release a virus among swine herds at 19 EU sites. The virus would make the pigs inedible. The author requested that the letter is published on the website europaworld.org and claimed to have been approached by the ALF but has no links with the group at present. The letter is currently undergoing forensic retrieval.

23/02/2009

DLK Furniture Store, Bristol Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire

One well known activist was seen to throw a brick at the front window of a furniture shop at 00:45 hours causing it to shatter. The store sells leather furniture and has previously been targeted with animal rights graffiti.

The incident was observed by a police officer. The activist was arrested for criminal damage and a search of his home revealed two yellow safety style jackets with NETCU written on the back in black pen.

28/02/2009

Cheetham Close, Turton, Lancashire

A livestock trailer's front tyre was set on fire overnight outside a farm building out-house. It is thought that the incident was caused by animal rights activists, but this has not been confirmed. The farmer had been reported for having animals in overcrowded conditions.

Game shooting and vermin control are also allowed on the farm land.

28/02/2009

Surrey Union Hunt, Reigate, Surrey

Seventeen hunt monitors attended a meeting of the Surrey Union drag hunt for four and a half hours. Several of the monitors wore balaclavas. Police arrested two hunt monitors; one under Section 69 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 for aggravated trespass, the other under section 60AA of the same act for failing to remove their facial covering.

09/03/2009

Long Marston Airfield, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire

A hunt supporter was killed in a collision with a gyrocopter at Long Marston airfield. It was alleged that the gyrocopter had been monitoring several hunts in the area over the previous weeks.

19/03/2009

Ditchling Beacon, Standean, Brighton, East Sussex

Between 19 March 2009 and 21 March 2009, unknown person(s) caused criminal damage to a release pen used for pheasant shoots on Ditchling Beacon, near to Standean Farm.

21/03/2009

Garth & South Berks Hunt, Marlston, Hermitage, Thatcham, Berkshire

Twenty hunt saboteurs attended the meeting. They were organised and used walkie-talkies, OS maps and a hunting horn. Some wore scarves to hide their identity. One well-known activist was arrested after refusing to leave private land.

23/03/2009

Herefordshire Hunt, Ballingham Hall, Ballingham, Herefordshire

A hunt supporter reported that the wheel nuts on a trailer had been loosened. The trailer had been parked in a pub car park, where anti-hunt activists had been present filming hunt activities.

23/03/2009

Mapperton Farm, Beaminster, near Bridport, Dorset

Between 03:00 and 05:00 hours, animals were released from their pens into the fields of the farm. The motive is unknown as this is a free range farm.

27/03/2009

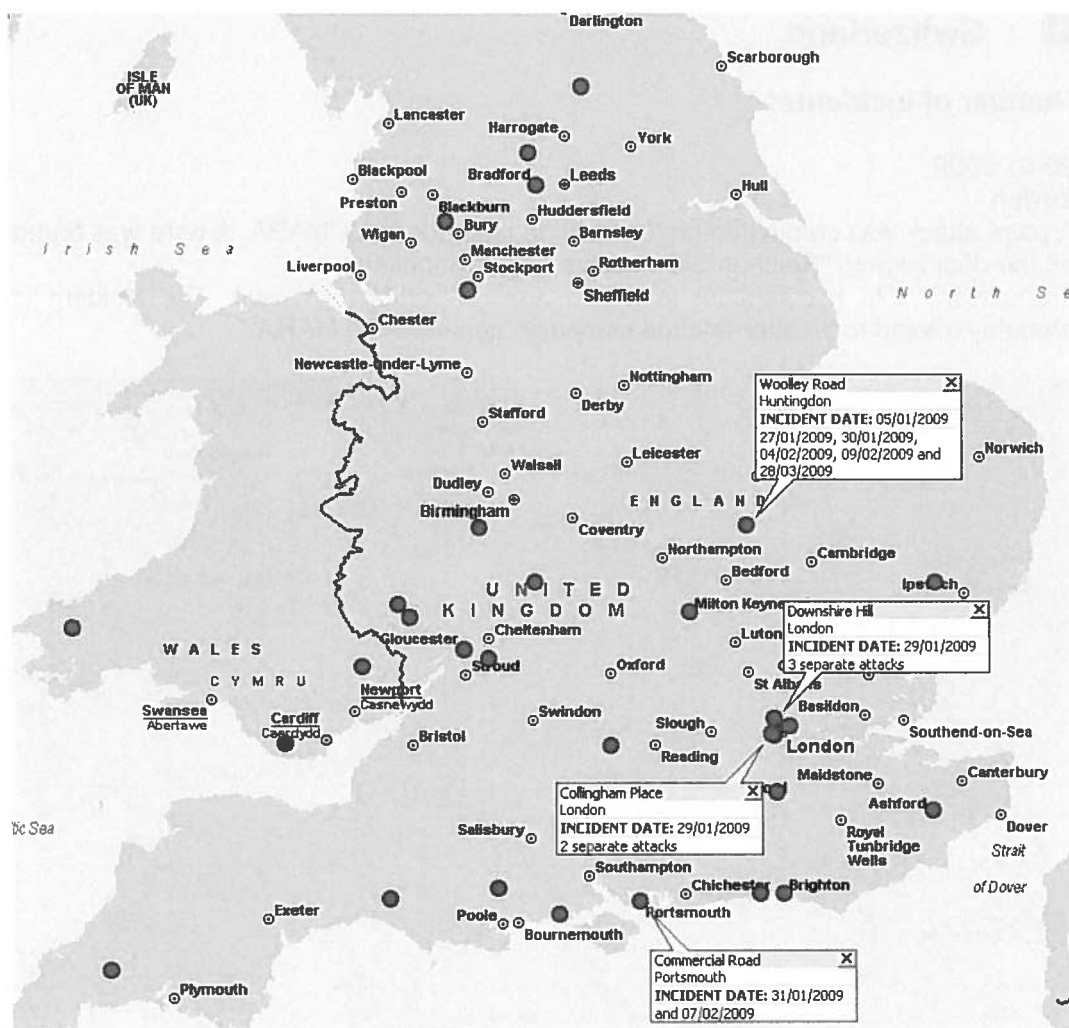
Styal, Wilmslow, Cheshire

At 04:47 hours, a member of the public reported discovering several broken windows at a restaurant in Styal. Police confirmed that six windows had been smashed and graffiti in red paint had been left on the walls and windows. The graffiti read "FOIE GRAS" and "DUMP FOIE GRAS".

28/03/2009

HLS, Woolley Road, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire

An anonymous, threatening letter was received by HLS, addressed to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advising that a time and date for their meeting had now been confirmed. The letter appears to be a direct follow up to the threatening letter received by HLS on 27 January 2009.



Switzerland

Number of incidents: 1

23/01/2009

Zürich

A paint attack was committed on the fashion boutique MAX MARA. A note was found on the door saying: "Reichen Sie Anzeige gegen unbekannt ein"

Translation: "File a complaint to police against person unknown. The incident is probably related to an international campaign against MAX MARA."



Denmark

Number of incidents: 1

25/03/2009

Alslev

Unknown perpetrators opened the cages and toppled fences on a mink farm in Alslev. Approximately 1000 mink escaped.



■ ■ France

Number of incidents: 1

27/03/2009

Ussel, Corrèze 19200

In the night of 27 to 28 March 2009 in Ussel (Corrèze), an arson damaged part of the administrative offices of the "Marché au Cadran", a company specialised in organising cattle auction sales in the Auvergne and Limousin regions. Three seats of fire were reported. Tyres and oil marks were found on premises. The ALF logo (an A in a circle) was painted in red on the façade of the building.

These facts were mentioned on 2 April 2009 on the "Bite Back" website, which reports the actions attributed to radical ecology activists. However, there was no claim of responsibility for the aforementioned arson.



ANNEX:

Incidents of 31 March 2009 in Germany were claimed anonymously as follows on [www.directaction .info](http://www.directaction.info), Bite Back, 6 April 20.09

"NIGHT: Monday 30 - Tuesday 31 March

TARGET: 6 Bayer and Novartis criminals

AIM: Hitting them where it hurts and making their lives miserable. Dropping HLS.

MISSION MESSAGE: There is just one message for Bayer and Novartis. Drop Huntingdon Life Sciences or things will only get worse. You make the animals suffer, we will make you suffer. And Bayer we will never forget you have been supplying gas to the nazi's for killing jews. You are a company without any remorse.

MISSION REPORT:

HLS Customer: Novartis

[REDACTED]

Details: We climbed over his gate. Smashed his doorhandle. Went up to his house and covered the front in spraypaint. We ran to car park. Poured paintstripper over his Porsche and other sports car. Slashed all tires of all cars.

HLS Customer: Bayer

[REDACTED]

Details: House got covered in spraypaint. Car got paintstripped and all tires slashed.

HLS Customer: Bayer

[REDACTED]

Details: House got covered in spraypaint. Car got paintstripped and all tires slashed.

HLS Customer: Bayer

[REDACTED]

Details: House got covered in spraypaint. Huge slogan was left on his dark garage-door with white spraypaint, visible from whole street.

Special: You and your family are the worst scum of all. Your dad worked for Bayer during the second world war and that was when Bayer supplied gas to the nazi's for gassing the jews. You followed your dad and just couldn't resist taking more lives of innocent animals. You are part of criminal bloodthirsty family. We will not hold back.

HLS Customer: Bayer

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Details: While lights in the house were on and a dog was barking we covered his house in spraypaint. Two cars got paintstripped and tires got slashed.

HLS Customer: Bayer

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Details: House got covered in spraypaint. On big white wall we left message 'Bayer - ANIMAL AUSCHWITZ. DROP HLS'

Special: How was your retiring day [REDACTED]? When you woke up on Tuesday morning March 31 that this will be your last day at Bayer and live your life without your past. But none of this is true. We will keep hunting down the scum who killed animals, not forgetting about gassing the jews by Bayer. We will never let the scum like you live in peace. Your past will always follow you. BTW sorry we missed your birthday on [REDACTED]

MISSION COMPLETE - NOW FOR ROUND 2...

Militant Forces against HLS

Tier Befreiungs Front/Animal Liberation Front"