

GOLDEN DAWN TRIAL THF

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GOLDEN DAWN WATCH

An initiative to monitor the trial against Golden Dawn, Golden Dawn Watch was set up by the Hellenic League for Human Rights. the Greek Observatory against Fascism and **Racist Speech in the** Media (part of the **Educational Foundation** of the Athens journalists union ESIEA), the Antifascist League of Athens and Piraeus, and the City of Athens **Migrant Integration** Council. The initiative is supported in a number of ways by antifascist organisations. foundations, NGOs, citizen groups and migrant organisations.

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"Slash and burn those who pollute our race" Golden Dawn newspaper, 12 Jun 1996



Foraet the MPs and their

parliamentary crap ... We've hated them for vears: we've no interest in them. Of course. we take advantage of some of the perks of the job. We can now carry licensed weapons. So there won't be much of a fuss if there's an incident ... we can operate with a little more ease"

Ilias Kasidiaris

"We are Nazis ... because in the miracle of the German revolution of 1933, we caught a glimpse of the strength that will redeem humanity from the Jewish rot" Golden Dawn's journal Emeis, May 1981

"We don't have a president. We've a leader, whom we follow faithfully like real soldiers and we don't back out no matter what he tells us. We strictly follow and execute his

orders" **Stathis Boukouras**

We are soldiers; we are disciplined; we are Golden Dawners. You are like a disciplined army. I thank the boys in black" Nikos Michalol

"They say that we are the evil fascists, the nationalists. The truth is they're not wrong. Our mission is not to improve those inside parliament, to correct political forces that are corrupt and already finished, but rather to get rid of them once and for all"

Michail Arvanitis

2011 January

of Athens City Council,

a newly elected councillor,

Nikos Michaloliakos,

gives a Nazi salute in

front of the cameras.

At the inaugural meeting



1980 December

Nikos Michaloliakos founds the organisation "Golden Dawn" as a closed circle with national socialist sympathies that also publishes a journal under the same name.



980-1990 1990-2000

Late 1985 Golden Dawn is

refounded, this time as a political formation. Its street violence begins.



1992 -2013

Dozens of attacks

targeting leftists,

antiauthoritarians

and, later, migrants

are attributed to the

organisation. Only four

of these cases end up

in court and result in

a conviction.

Murderous attack on three men outside the Evelpidon courts complex in Athens. The chief assailant is the deputy leader of Golden Dawn, Antonis Androutsopoulos ("Periandros").

30 Jun 2008

2010-2012

an attack on Antipnoia, "Greetings from Golden Dawn. You've going to die, cunts."

2000-2010

Attempted murder during a squat serving as a community centre in Petralona, Golden Dawners enter the premises shouting

We do not accept the role of MP. Let them know that we don't like being in parliament. We feel uncomfortable in there; we feel disgust and revulsion. If they want, we'll abandon it from one moment to the next and take to the streets. Then they will know the meaning of Golden Dawn. We'll show them. They'll know the meaning of assault battalions, the meaning of war and struggle. the meaning of bayonets sharpened on the pavement" **Nikos Michaloliakos**

"We will have to function using the organs of the movement, like a political liberation armv of nationalism. and to enforce the firm principles of military dogma – loyal and unwavering obedience to the hierarchy. Long live victory! Long live the leader!" **Christos Pappas**

"We are nationalists and hatred is healthy wherever human beings turn against subhumans. They are dirty, the garbage of the earth, and we will not leave until the last of this scum is gone" Ilias Panagiotaros



INDICATIVE TIMELINE

17 Jan 2013 2012 Sept Murder of Pakistani national 20 A -2013 May Shehzad Luqman in Athens. The trial Series of attacks on begins. 28 Jan 2013 migrants in the central 12-14 May 2011 Athens districts of Attempted murder of Golden Dawn a 16-year-old student in **Kypseli and Agios** organises a pogrom Paleo Faliro. Athens. Panteleimonas, resulting against migrants in physical injuries in the centre and material damage. 10 Jul 2013 of Athens. One sometimes by arson. Attack on the Synergio person is killed. social space in Ilioupoli, Athens 2012-2013 2014-2015 12 Sept 2013 -12 Jun 2012 -Attempted murder of PAME trade unionists at Perama Shipyards, outside Athens. Attempted murder of Abouzid Embarak, an Egyptian fisherman, in 17 Sept 2013 Perama, near Athens. Murder of Pavlos Fyssas in Piraeus. 12 Oct 2012 28 Sept 2013 Performers and Arrest of MPs Nikos Michaloliakos, theatregoers are verbally Ilias Panagiotaros, Ilias Kasidiaris, assaulted at the Hytirio Ioannis Lagos and Nikos Michos. theatre, Athens.

> THE STRUCTURE OF THE TRIAL



The so-called Golden Dawn trial centres on four major cases. The case file also includes a long list of related crimes (see No. 4 below), which are to be tried separately in other courts. They have been included in this trial because they support the charge that Golden Dawn is a criminal organisation.

1. ATTACK ON EGYPTIAN FISHERMEN

Perama, night of 12 September 2012: A group of Golden Dawn members try to break the wooden shutters and windows of a house known to be inhabited by Egyptian fishermen, shouting: "We will fuck your whore of a mother" and "You're going to find out what Golden Dawn means". When they fail to break in, they climb up to the flat roof where, using sticks and iron bars, they beat Abouzid Embarak, who is asleep. He is left with serious facial and head injuries, fractures, wounds, swelling and a bruised lung.

2. ATTACK ON PAME MEMBERS

Perama, night of 12 September 2013: Twenty members of the Communist Partyaligned PAME trade union are painting wall slogans in the district. An "assault battalion" made up of Golden Dawn members from Nikea. Perama and Salamina launches an organised attack on the PAME members, trapping them and beating them with sticks, batons and axes. The Golden Dawners shout, "Fuck your houses, your families, your sisters; you're going to die here, you commie cunts". Nine PAME members are seriously injured.

3. MURDER OF PAVLOS FYSSAS

Amfiali, Piraeus, night of 17 September 2013: Pavlos Fyssas and several friends are victims of an organised assault at the hands of a group of members of the local Golden Dawn branch in Nikea. They chase them down the street waving planks and clubs. They shout, "Come here, you chickens! We'll kill you! We'll slaughter you! You're going to die!" Two of Fyssas' friends are beaten, and while Fyssas himself is pinned down by three men, Giorgos Roupakias stabs him twice in the heart and once in the thigh. Fyssas dies at the scene. Roupakias confesses to the crime.

4. MEMBERSHIP AND DIRECTION OF A CRIMINAL ORGANISATION

Under the fourth charge, 20 defendants - including all 18 Golden Dawn MPs from the 2012-2015 parliamentary period - are accused of membership of and directing a criminal organisation. Article 187 (1) of the criminal code defines a criminal organisation as a structured group with continuous activity, made up of three or more persons, that seeks to commit felonies covered by separate articles in the criminal code or by special criminal laws. The law recognises no difference between individuals whose membership dates to the founding of the organisation and those who joined at a later stage.

SOME OF THE RELATED CASES

- 2011 Attack on two Albanian women in Metaxourgio, Athens
- 2012 Pogrom and arson attack targeting Roma in Etoliko, western Greece • Usurping authority in a street market in Mesolongi, western Greece Assault on members of the Piraeus Antinazi Initiative
- 2013 Murder of Pakistani national Shehzad Lugman in Petralona, Athens • Attempted murder of a school pupil in Paleo Faliro, Athens
 - Arson attack on a shop owned by a Cameroonian national in Platia Amerikis, Athens
 - Allegations of protection rackets, burglary, weapons possession and fraud, leading to the arrest of the former district police chief of Agios Panteleimonas, Athens
- 2014 Attack on the Resalto social centre in Keratsini, Piraeus

The trial began on 20 April 2015 in the women's wing of Korydallos Prison, before the first section of the Three-Member Athens Criminal Appeals Court. The victims of charges 1-3 are participating in the trial as civil parties.



> DEFENDANTS AND CHARGES

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Aspropyrgos, as well as the organisation's "nationalist"

Stathis Boukouras

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MP (2012-2014), branch leader. responsible for the hit squads in Corinthia prefecture

Nikos Michos

MP. member of the central committee, responsible for Voitia and Evia prefectures. Accused of illegal possession of firearms with the intention of armino an illegal organisation and purchasing and possession of narcotic substances for personal use

/. **Christos Pappas**

MP. instructor of members and branches, central committee and political council member. accused of violating the law on antiquities

8. Chrysovalantis Alexopoulos MP from 2012-2014 9. Michail Arvanitis-Avramis MP from 2012-2015 10. Antonis Gregos MP, central committee member, responsible for Macedonia-Thrace region 11. Eleni Zaroulia MP, central committee member 12. Polyvios Zisimopoulos MP from 2012-2014, central committee member, responsible for Macedonia-Thrace region 13. Panagiotis Iliopoulos MP from 2012-2014, central committee member, responsible for the ideological indoctrination of new members, head of the branches in Magnisia prefecture 14. Nikos Kouzilos MP, member and instructor 15. Dimitris Koukoutsis MP from 2012–2014, 2015–16. Artemis Matheopoulos MP from 2012–2015, central committee and political council member, responsible for Thessaloniki, Limnos, Samos, Chios and Lesvos prefectures **17.** Kostas Barbarousis MP **18.** Ilias Panagiotaros MP, political council and central committee member, responsible for Messinia, Lakonia, Argolida, Arkadia, Corinthia, Nemea, Patras, Kyparissia, Varda (Ilia), Amaliada, Aigio and Mani

21. Themis Skordeli

Head of the hit squads in the central Athens districts of Agios Panteleimonas, Kypseli and Plateia Attikis, responsible for the stabbing of Afghan refugee Ali Rahimi in Agios Panteleimonas for the verbal assault on foreign vendors in street markets, for the attack on and arson of a Muslim place of worship with 40 people inside, and for the verbal assault of Naim Elghandour, the leader of the Muslim Association of Greece

22. Aristodimos Daskalakis

Leader of the branch in lerapetra, Crete. Charged with attacking and the arson of a house in lerapetra inhabited by Pakistani nationals

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41. Markos Evgenikos 42. Thomas Marias 43. Konstantinos Papadopoulos

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44. Kyriakos Antonakopoulos 45. Ioannis Kastrinos 46. Christos-Antonios Chatzidakis

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47. Dionysis Liakopoulos 48. Christos Stergiopoulos

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49. Vasilis Siatounis 50. Athanasios Stratos [**f**]

51. Dionysis Agiovlasitis 52. Christos Galanakis 53. Giorgos Kalpitzis 54. Thomas Barekas (secretary of the Piraeus branch)

> [**a**] 55. Giorgos Apostolopoulos

[h] 56. Antonis Boletis 57. Nikolaos Papavasiliou 58. Giorgos Perris

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59. Savvas Garofalakis

- 60. Emmanouil Mavrikakis
- 61. Giorgos Petrakis
- **62.** Emmanouil Psyllakis
- 63. Nikolas Apostolou 64. Nikoletta (Nikol) Beneki
- 65. Venetia (Veta) Popori (policewoman; illegal possession of weapons and
- ammunition) 66. Theoni Skarpeli (perjury, illegal possession of ammunition)

68. Theodoros Stefas (illegal possession of weapons and ammunition)

69. Anastasios Chilios (illegal possession of weapons, purchase and possession of narcotic substances