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We, the Zabalaza Anarchist Communist Federation (ZACF) of southern Africa, stand foursquare with the working and poor people who were apparently the targets of the craven July 7th bus and train bombings in London. We were previously called to task by another leftist revolutionary organisation for offering similar sympathies in the wake of the Madrid train bombing on March 11th last year. But we are unrepentant in our bitter opposition to terrorism in all its forms, whether driven by state or sub-state opportunism.

It matters little to us that a supposed “Secret Organization of al-Qaida in Europe” has claimed responsibility for randomly slaughtering at least 33 ordinary travellers today and injuring scores more. It matters little that the killers may cloak themselves in high ideals, perhaps including religion.

The stench of fascism is real: the only beneficiaries of today’s global “strategy of tension” (the misnamed “war on terror”), that thinks nothing of the lives or ordinary people are those who, like

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the vultures of the G8 elites roosting at Gleneagles, are left cold by the pleas of humanity.

What matters is that humanity refuses to be led like sheep to the slaughter by their leaders, united by the common red blood that was spilled today. We, the “great unwashed”, are the only thing that stands between terrorists – whether they lurk in the shadows or bask on TV – and the barbarism they attempt to midwife.

Our deepest sympathies to those who lost family and friends today and a speedy recovery to those who are hurt.

– Michael Schmidt (International Secretary, ZACF, southern Africa)