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"A new stage in the repression of opponents to the burial of nuclear wastes at Bure. One lawyer searched and placed under house arrest"

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...in the wake of a massive search operation on Bure (7 arrests) and the arrest of a lawyer in Paris.

"Acting in the context of public information on facts going back to 2017, about two hundred gendarmes proceeded this morning (20 June) to conduct searches and arrest operations in several homes of people opposed to the Cigeo Project at Bure in eastern France. Exceptionally, the activists' lawyer was visited at the same in his Paris offices and placed under house arrest. This coercive measure forms an unprecedented turning-point in the repression of a movement opposed to the burial of radioactive wastes.

"Several searches and arrest operations were conducted from this morning in at least five residences of activists opposed to the Cigeo Project for burial of nuclear wastes - one was at the iconic "House of Resistance" in the village of Bure. Seven activists are reported to be under house arrest for actions done a few months ago and already before the courts.

"What is even more concerning is that the lawyer representing many activists was himself subject to a search in his Paris offices and placed under house arrest. Such an action not only jeopardises the right to effective defense but also constitutes a very serious challenge to full exercise of the lawyer's profession, even though this is something guaranteed by the law and by the European Convention on Human Rights.
"While searches, raids and condemnations have been multiplying in the Meuse region since last winter, the size and seriousness of today's police action show a new stage in the repression of movements opposed to the Cigeo Project.

"We vigorously denounce these disproportionate and shocking methods which trample on the most essential of fundamental freedoms: the right to defend oneself and to have legal defense.

"We, as lawyers, associate ourselves fully with the call for public demonstration initiated by the anti-nuclear NGOs - rallies to take place at 6pm in front of all French prefectures and in Paris in the place St-Michel."

First signatories:

[Here follows a list of over 50 signatures of lawyers in Paris, Rouen, Nantes, Lille, Lyon, Toulouse, Seine St-Denis, Clermont-Ferrand, Grenoble, Montpellier, Laval, Aix-en-Provence and Nancy.)

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