



# Global Nonviolent Action Database

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## Lampedusa inhabitants strike against nuclear dumping 1968

September 8

1968

to: September 12

1968

**Country:** Italy

**Location City/State/Province:** Lampedusa

**Location Description:** *The largest island of the Italian Pelagie Islands in the Mediterranean Sea. It is the southernmost part of Italy.*

### Goals:

The village council, the Communists, and the local priests organized a general strike in order to prevent a ship from unloading nuclear drilling equipment onto Lampedusa's docks.

## Methods

### Methods in 1st segment:

- 047. Assemblies of protest or support › 4,487 islanders assembled on Lampedusa's docks.
- 078. Workers' boycott › Workers refuse to return to their jobs.
- 097. Protest strike › Workers strike in order to participate in protest on docks.
- 172. Nonviolent obstruction › Blocked dock to prevent ship from unloading cargo.

### Methods in 2nd segment:

- 047. Assemblies of protest or support › 4,487 islanders assembled on Lampedusa's docks.
- 078. Workers' boycott › Workers refuse to return to their jobs.
- 097. Protest strike › Workers strike in order to participate in protest on docks.
- 172. Nonviolent obstruction › Blocked dock to prevent ship from unloading cargo.

### Methods in 3rd segment:

- 047. Assemblies of protest or support › 4,487 islanders assembled on Lampedusa's docks.
- 078. Workers' boycott › Workers refuse to return to their jobs.
- 097. Protest strike › Workers strike in order to participate in protest on docks.
- 172. Nonviolent obstruction › Blocked dock to prevent ship from unloading cargo.

### Methods in 4th segment:

- 047. Assemblies of protest or support › 4,487 islanders assembled on Lampedusa's docks.
- 078. Workers' boycott › Workers refuse to return to their jobs.
- 097. Protest strike › Workers strike in order to participate in protest on docks.

- 172. Nonviolent obstruction › Blocked dock to prevent ship from unloading cargo.

**Methods in 5th segment:**

- 047. Assemblies of protest or support › 4,487 islanders assembled on Lampedusa's docks.
- 078. Workers' boycott › Workers refuse to return to their jobs.
- 097. Protest strike › Workers strike in order to participate in protest on docks.
- 172. Nonviolent obstruction › Blocked dock to prevent ship from unloading cargo.

**Methods in 6th segment:**

- 047. Assemblies of protest or support › 4,487 islanders assembled on Lampedusa's docks.
- 078. Workers' boycott › Workers refuse to return to their jobs.
- 097. Protest strike › Workers strike in order to participate in protest on docks.
- 172. Nonviolent obstruction › Blocked dock to prevent ship from unloading cargo.

**Notes on Methods:**

Information on the campaign was very non-specific.

## Classifications

**Classification:**

Defense

**Cluster:**

Environment

**Group characterization:**

- Communists
- Islanders
- Peasants
- fishermen.
- priests

## Leaders, partners, allies, elites

**Leaders:**

The village council, the Communists, and the local priests.

**Partners:**

not known.

**External allies:**

not known.

**Involvement of social elites:**

not known.

## Joining/exiting order of social groups

**Groups in 1st Segment:**

- Communists
- Islanders
- Peasants
- Priests
- fishermen.

**Groups in 2nd Segment:**

**Groups in 3rd Segment:**

**Groups in 4th Segment:**

**Groups in 5th Segment:**

**Groups in 6th Segment:**

**Additional notes on joining/exiting order:**

It seems as though all the islanders joined in the campaign at the same time.

**Segment Length:** 16 hours

## Opponent, Opponent Responses, and Violence

**Opponents:**

National Committee for Nuclear Energy

**Campaigner violence:**

People threatened to attack the ship but were dissuaded.

**Repressive Violence:**

No repressive violence.

## Success Outcome

**Success in achieving specific demands/goals:**

6 points out of 6 points

**Survival:**

1 point out of 1 points

**Growth:**

3 points out of 3 points

**Notes on outcomes:**

Although extremely short, the campaign accomplished its goal of preventing the ship from unloading nuclear drilling equipment onto Lampedusa's docks.

## Research Notes

**Influences:**

(1) The islanders may have been influenced by anti-nuclear groups such as Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace. (2) Lampedusa's actions may have influenced other surrounding islands to take similar action.

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