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Faroese police arrest the 'Blubber Butcher' on false charge

The shadowy figure of the #BlubberButcher was arrested in the Faroe Islands today (28th June 2024) during a grindadráp at which over 200 long-finned pilot whales were killed in Hvannasund.

The Faroese police decided the Blubber Butcher needed to be removed from public/media view - despite the horror of hundreds of pilot whales (a species of dolphin) being brutally hacked to death in the background.

Their excuse for arresting the Blubber Butcher was that he might have been responsible for a drone being flown over the killing despite there being no evidence of this and the charge obviously being false as the butcher carried no equipment or belongings - which was confirmed by a basic search.

Taken to Klaksvik police station, the 'Butcher' was first told that "he had the right to remain silent" - but was then later arrested and charged for failing to provide a name and address to authorities under code 769 of Danish law.

"I was told that if I paid a fine and signed a document written in Faroese - which I am unable to read, I would be released. Later, police admitted that the document was a confession".

"My role [as the Blubber Butcher] here in the Faroes is to focus global attention on the horrific grindadráp - the 'butcher' character representing the actual whale and dolphin killers".

"The poor dolphins today were first harassed and chased for hours by powerboats, then their huge bodies were hauled onto a rocky shore by hooks in their blow holes, before eventually being paralysed with a lance and then cut open to bleed out until they finally lost consciousness".

"Today that killing took well over an hour. The Faroese arguments of them having a 'free life in the wild' are of little comfort to the adult pilot whales, their young calves and unborn fetuses" - The Blubber Butcher

The Blubber Butcher was held for three hours and has now been released after refusing to admit guilt, sign unknown confessions in Faroese, or pay any fine - with police threatening that if he attempts to leave the country, he will be re-arrested.

"Today our activist was arrested simply for wearing clothing covered in fake blood, while dozens of Faroese men drenched themselves in the blood of dying dolphins. The Butcher never entered a restricted area, never flew a drone, he just walked down the road past members of the public and Neptune's Pirates UK's operation bloody fjords crew.

"The real butchers here today were the men in the water. Killing over 200 dolphins under the excuse of 'tradition'.

"What makes today's killing more outrageous is that the freezers of Hvannasund are still overflowing with meat and blubber from the last grindadráp in early June.

This is not killing for necessity - this is simply killing because the animals are there and the Faroese enjoy this as a sport" - Rob Read, Chief Operating Officer, Neptune's Pirates UK.

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Long finned pilot whales

Long-finned pilot whales (actually dolphins) are renowned for their close knit family groups headed up by a senior matriarch. Breeding and mating usually takes place between the months of April and September and a single calf is born every 3 to 6 years. Older and non reproductive females help care for the calves in the pod.

Female long finned pilot whales can live up to 60 years, whilst males can live up to 45 years. Like all cetaceans (whales, dolphins and porpoises), long-finned pilot whales play a vital role in ocean ecosystems, helping to keep the oceans alive and thriving.

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