

Statement of CRUADALACH to Northern Lights 2011



As you may know, this Friday (on 24th of June) the metal festival **Northern Lights 2011** takes place in Reichenenthal, Austria. Festival has got a multiyear tradition and it is far-famed celebration sought-after by many metal fans. We, Cruadalach, had enthusiastically promised our attendance at this event with intention to enjoy this peaceful and friendly festival in beautiful surroundings of Grassmühle, side by side with great bands. Unluckily, not everyone welcomes this musical event. Some political forces along with some media as well as questionable activist groups long to ban this festival with reference to doubtful political views of some individuals among the hundreds of performers. As it seems, mentality of totalitarian ideologies is actual over the last 20 years after its fall in middle Europe. These political forces started to run the campaign just few weeks before event itself. By this they endangered the reputation of festival

requiring its ban despite of the fact that line-up of bands is known and public from February of 2011. It is very likely that these political forces and activist groups are very well aware of this fact. In the end, they want nothing less than to hurt organizers as much as possible.

These groups exposed organizers of the festival to unbearable medial and political pressure without any legitimate, the less legal reason. Investigations of state bodies and police didn't prove any of accusations concerning "unhealthy ideologies" of "marked" bands to be true. Regardless two of these marked bands quited their attendance to festival regarding to medial pressure on organizers. **With no respect to extreme ideologies or racial hate we ask -- is it Austrian democracy that weak that it is scared of bunch of metal bands? Is it right when few hateful individuals and activists have might to ruin a cultural event due to a reason based on their accusations towards some performers?** Cruadalach is a peaceful, open-minded and liberal band and we surely don't agree with any expression of racial or other hate, which in our opinion simply shouldn't be part of modern society. As well, we have no respect for individuals collecting political points on their conviction to be guardians of public order. If you think you are voice of the law and freedom, show us in which way **Northern Lights 2011** endangers Austrian democracy or public order and we will be the first who will quit our participation. Until then, we support this musical event and you self-assigned social engineers just go fuck yourselves.

Tribe of CRUADALACH supports festival Northern Lights!

Shame on us if we won't stand for our host!

(In Prague, Czech Republic, 19th of June, 2011)