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It's been more than 5 years since the revolt of Rosarno migrants. On that occasion, the straw that broke the camel's back was yet another case of violence: the targeting of migrants by gunfire from a speeding car on the road leading to one of the many residential ghettos between Rosarno and the neighboring town Saint Ferdinand in plain of Gioia Tauro in Calabria. The violence was predictable. Unexpected, however, was the response of migrants in the early days of January. In a few hours, they transformed places of exploitation and alienation with one of the strongest expressions of migrants' views in Italy since the case of Castel Volturno near Naples. Five years later, with the echo of the tumult muffled, two migrants were attacked on the back road , stunned with a stick and left unconscious on the roadside. The citrus harvest is season now at the end; the chance to work as back labor in the day for a couple of euro per hour and under the control of "corporals" is at least reduced. As has already happened many times over the years, this has lead to a resumption of the violence against migrants. It's difficult to assess what the reaction to these brutal acts will be. However, it is always good to remember that he who sows the wind reaps a whirlwind. There in the plain of citrus and olive trees, the reasons to explode are different: the exploitation of labor , inhumane living conditions and the lack of care and services.

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