

**In Saint-Denis and elsewhere,
Who are the ones who take advantage
of urban renewal ?
Meeting/debate with the Plaie commune group
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd 2014 FROM 2 P.M
At the autonomous social center « l'Attiéké »,
31 bd Marcel Sembat**

« Our aim is to take back the shops. We create social diversity in the buildings, but at the same time, we want diversity in the shops (...) We don't want streets, or neighborhoods where 60 to 70 % of the shops are sandwiches shops, call shops or cheap hairdressers. »

This is what Stéphane Peu, assistant mayor in charge of housing and chairman of Plaine Commune Habitat, said on Thursay, November 22nd, about local shops in Saint-Denis station neighborhood.



With the successive urban renewal plans, and particularly with the launch of the city center renewal plan (PNRQAD) in 2010, the will of the authorities (city council, local council community, State...) is obvious : they pretend fighting against insalubrity and renovating housings, transportation and shops, but in reality they are performing a deep change in population :

- **There are more and more evictions, putting a lot of people out in the street, without any relocation remedy.**
- **Unlike what politicians say, less people have access to social housings because of renewal plans.**
- **In La Plaine neighborhood, headquarters of big companies are standing in for industry, and Parisian executives are standing in for the old workers, who have been expropriated.**
- **A town-hall decree requires 70 shops of the station neighborhood to close at 8 p.m. This curfew completely stifles the shop owners.**

All neighborhoods are dealing with the same logic : sacking the poorest people to change the face of the city.

Some inhabitants have decided to react to this class contempt expressed by the city council. A group of inhabitants is occupying a building since October. This building has been empty for 2 years. It is now a place for living, organizing and fighting.

To face up to housing issues and urban renewal politics, Plaie Commune is planning a meeting to share our information and think about struggle strategies.

Come in numbers Sunday, February 2nd, 31 bd Marcel Sembat, occupied building

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