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Modkraft.dk has received the following eyewitness report. The identity of the reporter is known to the editors.

As Modkraft has asked for reports and photos, some of us under arrest would like to chip in now the day after. Also just to write it down and communicate it, as we are left with a very frustrated feeling of having been violently affronted during police custody. We would like to confirm the rumours which have already circulated about the conditions at Valby police station. We have been sitting up to 12 hours in strips (the period I myself sat) on the bare concrete floor in the parking cellar of Valby station. The temperature was about the same as out-of-doors, as the door to the cellar could not be shut, allegedly because the police couldn't make it work. After 7-8 hours we were given some water, and an hour later we got 5 mattresses and some blankets. At this time we were still about 200 people in the cellar, so you might imagine how much this "luxury", as the police called it, helped against the cold. After about 10 hours, cheeseburgers from McDonald's were served to please the people who were not vegetarians or vegans, which were not many. The general conditions were such that it was almost impossible to go to the toilet until later in the evening, when some were released or in the detention. The police were brutal as always, and we were told several times that when you are under arrest, you have no rights as regards food, drink, heat and basic human rights. Police officer Michael Larsen from Alfa 4 thus said "I don't give a damn for your rights. This is not a hotel." He then made to strangle a girl who refused to sit down on the cold concrete floor after having sat there for 5 hours. The last two hours of the arrest were spent in the detention. Here it was hot, very hot. We were up to 16 people in each cell, and here water was not on offer. Not until early in the morning did they come to their senses, and we were given water in the 35 degree hot cell, where you could hardly sit or lie down.

With kind regards
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