

SINergy - Italian Timeline

2000 - 2035

2000:

At the beginning of the new millennium Italy's population is estimated at 57,687,936.

While the north of Italy is economical successful the south is subject to high rates of illegal immigration, the ravages of organized crime, corruption, high unemployment, and low incomes and technical standards. Italy is also one of the most important gateways for and consumer of Latin American cocaine and Southwest Asian heroin entering the European market.

2002:

The Euro is successfully integrated into the Italian financial system, the Lire is replaced in all monetary transactions.

While the economy of the industrious North flourishes, Southern Italy is subject to increasing rates of unemployment and organised crime. National reports threaten to rank it as one of the most depressed areas of Europe.

2003:

Demonstrations by Northern Separatists outside the Italian council building in Rome end when Carabinieri officers are ordered to disperse the crowd. Riots within the ancient centre continue until early the next day.

Italian media broadcasters RAI becomes subject to privatisation. Media tycoon and member of the Council of Ministers, Ivano Arduini successfully outbids competitors MEDIASET to become sole owner of the RAI network.

2004:

"*Winter of Discontent*" forces relief workers to concentrate on the poorer areas of southern Italy emitting further strain upon the northern divisions of the welfare state as well as contributing to increased sympathy towards anti-southern factions.

2005:

Anti Southern sentiment continues to spread through Northern Italy and the capital Rome. In the media circus leading up to the 2006 elections, right wing politics dominate the air ways.

The future status of Southern Italy becomes the playground for political debating with extremist right wing media tycoon and Minister Ivano Arduini fighting the side of polar devolution, while Minister Rodrigo di Chiara speaks out for continued unification.

Coverage of the Naples gang scene floods the media with images of extreme violence and police brutality. Minister Ivano Arduini uses coverage to further illustrate the depravity and detrimental consequence of failing to separate the country.

Terrorist Faction *liberazione del sud* (Southern Liberation) claim responsibility for the Death of Minister Rodrigo di Chiara's niece; after Chiara's heart felt speech results in public outcry the polls shift dramatically in his favour.

2006:

Prime Minister Rodrigo di Chiara begins his first term of office defeating his rival Ivano Arduini. The result is a coalition of right wing federalists and the more traditional left wing fundamentalists.

For the first time Italian federalists, The Northern Alliance, win major seats in National Governmental elections, separatist sympathies threaten to tear parliamentary proceedings apart.

The first Naples gang war is sparked by conflicts between rival narcotic cartels. Within weeks the Italian military raids and destroys key targets brining the war to a premature end.

2007:

The UES (United European States) are formed with consensus of EU member states. The Constitution of the Republic of Italy is amended to include various UES clauses.

Northern Alliance begins mass petitioning for the separation of North and Southern Italy into two separate states. The Council of Ministers votes to delay the issue pending public opinion polls. Prime Minister Rodrigo di Chiara openly condemns the separatist movement as undermining the spirit of the Nation and its function as a democratic republic.

2008:

Rumours reach President Salvatore la Furia of the Council of Ministers regarding corruption within the Judiciary and more specifically the Minister of Justice. Wielding new constitutional powers granted by the UES, the President removes the independence of the Judiciary making them answerable to the Legislative and Executive braches of the government.

Plans unveiled by UES for the construction of an artificial island off the cost of Northern Africa within the Mediterranean Sea. European Media propagates the Island as a utopian concept intended serve as permanent housing for the UES senate. Italy places bids for construction rights to the base plate.

The UES also announces the Cityscape Extension Project where each major city in Europe is to undergo massive redevelopment and extensive urbanisation of surrounding areas. Rome is selected as one of three UES cities to be subject to the new experimental development laws.

Vatican City damns the increased urbanisation of Rome as defilement of the Italian landscape and refuses to condone such an act of barbarism.

Independent surveys reveal Naples to have one of the highest rates of organised crime for a peacetime city in Europe. Rumours are circulated regarding Naples connection to the Mafia and various terrorist cells.

2009:

Prime Minister Rodrigo di Chiara, fearing further internal corruption and mafia intervention launches the second wave of the *'clean hands'* investigations. The action is met by open hostility among coalition members forcing many to declare themselves as unwilling to cooperate.

Proof is presented to bodies within the government crediting the recent dramatic rise in gang activity and organised crime to the current situation in Naples. Reports are ignored pending resolution of the *'clean hands'* investigation.

Liberazione Del Sud hold a mass rally on the steps of the Pantheon, southern citizens flock to march in protest of the oppressive north. In an attempt to arrest known terrorist individuals,

four police officers are beaten to death on the *Piazza Della Rotonda*. Carabinieri squads are despatched resulting in a death toll of fifty three.

Public opinion polls commissioned by the Italian Government with the aid of RAI reveal that the majority of the populace of North and Southern Italy favour separatism.

Exterior UES funding leads to the first extensions to Rome City in an effort to mass urbanise the region between Rome and the coast line of Lazio.

2010:

Ministers are forced to cooperate with '*Clean Hands*' investigations or resign. President Salvatore la Furia is rumoured to have openly condemned the questioning of his governmental body.

Terrorist faction the *Red Regiments* declares the '*Clean Hands*' investigations to be bourgeois and fascist; threats and attacks are subsequently made against ministers deemed responsible.

Evidence regarding Prime minister Rodrigo di Chiara's alleged mafia ties reach the media forcing his resignation, the '*Clean Hands*' investigations are postponed indefinitely.

Despite objections from constitutionalists President Salvatore la Furia assumes Prime Ministerial responsibilities as extension to his own until a new Prime Minister can be democratically elected in 2011.

The Red Regiment release a viral toxicant into Rome's water supply killing an estimated 230 civilians. In light of recent terrorist activities funding and support for the Italian police force is dramatically increased.

First '*World Wide Food Scare*' hits the media. Italian states begin stockpiling foodstuffs with the aid of increased taxes and UES funding. Southern Italian states are forced to comply despite rumours of starvation in the more depressed areas. Government and media deny knowledge quoting outdated statistical surveys of the economic status of the southern regions.

President la Furia blocks introduction of GenEn manufactured 'miracle seeds' within Italy with much opposition from Agricultural extremists.

2011:

Elections yield esteemed Minister and owner of the RAI Ivano Arduini as the new Prime Minister of the Council of Ministers. A massive right wing majority carries forth economic and social reforms in favour of the Northern Industries.

Southern Terrorist faction *liberazione del sud* bomb key locations in the city of Rome damaging many historical and priceless monuments as well as killing over 90 tourists and civilians. *Furia Del Nord*, a splinter faction of the political party Northern Alliance retaliate by releasing Anthrax into the streets of Naples.

Prime Minister Ivano Arduini announces a state of emergency, police powers are increased and additional judicial procedures are installed in cases of '*extreme guilt*'. President la Furia speaks out urging the nation to cooperate in times of crisis. The Northern Alliance are rejected from parliament.

President la Furia leads a formal event celebrating the official success of the urbanised connection between Rome City and the coast line of Lazio.

The Separation Act 2011 is passed with a mass majority. North and Southern Italy are split into separate UES member states with Individual governing bodies as per January 1st 2012. The Council of Ministers continues to govern the Northern regions while the Southern League presides in the South.

2012:

Economically crippled and subject to increased depression the Southern League declares its intentions to use Sicily's landmass as a base of operations for the construction and launch of the Artificial Island. UES council agrees to supply funding for necessary redevelopment; northern contractors are also hired despite increased polar tensions.

Despite the influx of capital for the redevelopment of Sicily the Southern League are forced to petition UES for food relief as many citizens become victims of starvation and famine like conditions.

Northern industries out bid French rivals for the construction rites of the Artificial Island base plate. Construction begins at the already stressed northern facilities pending relocation, once redevelopment of the Sicilian Yard is complete.

The Council of Ministers voices its concerns regarding the increased crime rates in Southern Italy and the effect it is having on the northern regions. A commission is launched by the UES.

In light of the forced development of Rome the pope declares Vatican City an isolated state and hence forth its doors are closed to the outside world.

Second Naples gang war rages through the streets unchecked for three months before local gang Nightbreed eliminate their rivals Phobia.

2013:

After intense redevelopment the Sicilian construction facilities are complete. Massively over budget the UES are forced to suspend funding for other aspects of the Artificial Island pending completion of the Base Plate.

Funding is supplied by France for continued redevelopment of Sicily in return for use of the construction facilities for the extension of Paris as per the Cityscape Extension Project; Rome soon follows suit.

Officials acting on behalf of the UES Commission report that Southern Italy has become a portal into Europe for the forwarding of illegal substances and weapons onto the black market. Reports also state that organised crime and gang activity have gripped cities such as Naples to the point of suffocating any future hope of development. However in light of the Sicilian construction yards Northern requests for intervention are denied.

Notable fortification of Vatican City begins as all attempts at diplomacy are met with resistance from the Swiss Guard.

Minister Ottavio Carammana takes over Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

2014:

Domestic funding of the Cityscape Extension Project is increased dramatically as the Council of Ministers offers global corporations extremely competitive tariffs in return for their support of the northern economy. APEX relocate their European offices to Italian soil.

Increased recordings of gang activity, organised crime, violence and black market dealings within Rome City are blamed on the influx of unsavoury elements from Southern Italy. The Council of Ministers in league with the RAI attempt to hide the existence of all such criminal activities

In light of the Vatican's retreat from society the river Tiber is diverted around the outer fortifications in order to prepare for further urbanisation of the nearby districts.

Production of the Artificial Island base plate is completed, however UES restricts further funding based on the success of the Cityscape Extension Project and instead continues redevelopment of Sicily for the aim of assisting the urbanisation of Rome. Base Plate is disassembled and relocated to dry land.

2015:

Sicily is declared as the world's first self-sustaining construction facility. First signs of the Sicilian independence movement emerge.

The Cityscape Extension Project is renewed by the Council of Ministers in light of its overwhelming success. Rumours that the project is hideously over budget are suppressed by the RAI.

France petitions UES for restrictions upon Northern Italian illegal supply lines claiming that the greatest portion of its organised criminal activities stem from Italian related influences and dealings. The UES refuse claiming that the matter is largely domestic and the French standpoint subjective at best.

2016:

Rome is declared by the UES to be the largest city in Europe. The RAI and local UES media present Rome as a mass metropolis of opportunity for individual and corporate investment. The reality is somewhat different as further distinctions between the conditions of the classes threaten to taint the image of the perfect city in the eyes of the world.

Sicily protests the Southern League for Independence but request are formally denied. Sicily appeals to UES for consideration of their claim but are met with a wall of unbreachable bureaucracy.

Chemtech relocate to Southern Italy and begin mass manufacture of previously illegal narcotics, the corporation takes advantage of the already extensive system of supply lines into Europe.

In light of the Vatican's retreat and recent fortification the citadel begins to expand in a mass redevelopment, upwards.

Due to the heightened accounts of cases of STD's the prostitution laws are re-evaluated to provide legal safe sex environments for consumers. Critics' state that reforms are merely the governments attempt to claim taxes from the mass of unfortunates, victimised by the sex for sale underground in Italy.

Prime Minister Ivano Arduini begins his second term in office after winning a narrow majority over his left wing rivals.

2017:

Sicilian Terrorists *ale di libertà* (wings of freedom) bomb key Southern League and UES targets. UES places blame on the Southern Leagues inability to maintain control within their state.

Unable and unwilling to deal effectively with the *ale di libertà* the Southern League is forced to withdraw from the UES.

In retaliation *ale di libertà* threaten the UES with a stolen nuclear weapon. The UES responds by sending commandos to retrieve the weapon and then subsequently order the aerial

bombardment of Sicily. The remains of the Sicilian construction facilities are abandoned by its inhabitants.

Chemtech officially claims sponsorship of the Southern League. Neo Kaduceus and BioTech both relocate major facilities to regions of Southern Italy.

Territorial wars erupt in major Southern Italian cities between rival gangs, cartels and other criminal organisations. The capital Naples becomes the front line for the majority or the battling elements with the local gang Nightbreed mercilessly disposing of their counter parts.

2018:

In order to provide greater urbanisation and much needed commercial incentives to the centre of Rome City, Governmental plans for a massive expansion involving the placement of a foundation plate over the remains of the old city are released to the press.

Evacuation of the Centre of Rome City begins with residents being relocated to the newly designated RIM territory around the prospective edges of the foundation plate.

Government denies rumours of poorer citizens being forced into underdeveloped '*Slum*' areas around the outer areas of the rapidly expanding metropolis. Reports are commissioned however funding is dropped after preliminary findings are declared unsatisfactory.

With the domestic situation escalating large elements of the Military are merged with the Carabinieri and state police to provide a more effective policing force for Northern Italy.

The streets of Naples are officially '*cleaned*' by corporate security forces, many gangs and criminal organisations are forced to disband or relocate. Events surrounding the '*clean up*' operations are closed to the media furthermore Naples is declared as the capital of the Southern regions.

2019:

Re-Construction of Artificial Island base plate yields the foundation for the Rome City centre expansion. Additional supports and pillars are also constructed with further corporate loans and sponsored funding.

Special attention is paid to the diversion of the plate around the towering monstrosity of Vatican City the river *Tiber* is also incorporated into the design by allowing its continued flow underneath the foundation plate.

Police forces are reported to have engaged in mass running street warfare with local gangers and organised crime syndicates. Police officials approach parliament for an increase in funds but are denied due to insufficient budgeting. Government denies rumours of extreme criminal elements re-locating from Southern Italy post corporate '*clean up*'.

Construction of the foundation plate is threatened when street wars break out along the rim of the old city centre. Corporate security forces joined with police battalions and military remnants drive the attackers back into the urban expanse.

2020:

In protest of the breakdown of UES talks with the APEX conglomerate Italy, Germany and Switzerland break away for the UES to form the *European Economic Tripartite* Nation. Northern Italy broadcasts itself as a corporate haven of economic growth and success.

The whole of Rome City watches as RAI broadcast the first shots of the completion of the Foundation Plate and its fixture. Old Rome City sees its last ray of daylight as the final segment is rested upon towering pillars complimented by a complex structure of supports.

Building constructs intended for the Artificial Island are also heisted to the top to form the skeleton of the new centre.

Four skyways are constructed and lifted into position on the foundation plate, then linked in around the centre for future public access.

Tripartite Council launches investigation into the expanse of criminal organisations in Northern Italia. Investigation is suspended after tripartite representatives fail to return from study within the field.

President Ottavio Carammana steps down handing presidency of Northern Italy to Giacomo di Vita a man known for his left wing sympathies.

2021:

Mass urbanisation of the foundation plate begins as many corporations pay individual contractors to complete the structures previously purchased. Parliamentary and other governmental buildings are constructed and furnished to allow for the relocation of the Council of Ministers.

President Ottavio Carammana declares that the expanse of the metropolis that now covers a large portion of Lazio is to be renamed New Rome City. '*Celebrations*' last for three days before police units are dispatched to return the peace.

Rumours leaked to the press regarding the extent of the debt relating to the Cityscape Extension project are released by independent media firm IMN. Broadcasts are hurriedly suppressed and evidence is released tying IMN to the Red Regiment. The government uses the opportunity to merge all domestic media organisations into the RAI, while communicating the dangers of allowing terrorists or extreme nonconformists the power control public broadcasts.

General elections yield no surprises as yet another coalition of powers is brought together by a minor victory for right wing separatist and newly elected Prime Minister Andrea d'Agostino.

2022:

Caesar's Palace opens its doors to New Rome City providing unlimited pleasures for those able to meet the price. Women, men and creatures are contracted from across the world to work in NRC's most infamous night spot. Within days rumours that men and women of the highest positions in NRC frequent the Palace spread through the streets making the hermaphrodite Caesar a celebrity over night.

The Southern League re-develops areas of Sicily to form a maximum security prison for the deportation of convicted criminals. Corporate funding is used to provide the necessary constructs around the perimeter while security and military forces police the waters with instructions to '*eliminate*' any unofficial elements attempting to enter or depart restricted areas.

2023:

Venetians are forced to abandon their homes as flood waters threaten to submerge the historical costal city of Venice. High risk areas of the city are deliberately collapsed to prevent future danger and looting. The majority of the homeless are relocate to designated shelters within New Rome City.

Prisoners of the Southern League are deported to the Sicilian maximum security prison. Before the end of the year over seven and a half thousand convicted individuals have been sentenced to an indefinite period of incarceration.

2024:

Commercial Cyberware is made available to purchase unrestricted upon the New Rome City market. Sales within the first month alone give reason for future Northern Italian based branches of CyberNex, Xues Designs, CyberDyne and Shirow Systems.

Vatican City now breaches low cloud lines and smog to make it the focal point of New Rome. No official communications with the Vatican have been made, speculations as to its being spread through the streets forming multiple urban myths and legends.

France fortifies its Italian border and restricts all travel between it and Northern Italy claiming that it is *'a cancer upon the body of Europe that is no longer benign, content with festering on its own, instead it has become malignant, disastrously infecting the rest of its host.'*

2025:

The expanse of the New Rome City metropolis now covers over seventy percent of Lazio, as a result the President renames the region New Rome Province.

Gangers equipped with Cyberware raid buildings around the circumference of the Political Centre and are met with only limited resistance from police forces. Corporate security is deployed and with little collateral damage to the centre the gangers are retired. As a result security procedures are re-developed effectively making the political centre of New Rome City a police state.

2026:

Funding from the Global Federation allows for the construction of a mass network of Matrix V 2.0 servers across Italy.

Traditional crime rates within the Political Centre drop dramatically however rates along the RIM and other areas of the City are at an all time high. As per Tripartite census New Rome City has the highest annual death rate for any peace time city.

Northern Italy is officially suspended indefinitely from the European Tripartite; France is invited to join Switzerland and Germany in economic union. Major corporations opt to relocate their European headquarters from New Rome City.

With Chemtech based funding the Southern League openly advertises for further corporate sponsorship.

Prime Minister Diego di Miceli comes into power with Italy's first left wing majority of the new millennium; riding upon the wings of his electoral mandate he promises the people of New Rome a radical clean up of the criminal element as well as a massive reduction in taxation through exterior corporate sponsorship.

2027:

The Federal Justice System (FJS) is integrated into the Northern Italian Criminal and Civil justice systems. However the Judiciary are still made answerable to Executive branches of the government.

Despite a mass public our roar the SIN and credit systems are forcefully imposed on the Northern Italian populace as per a directive from the Global Senate. Police officials petition parliament for the release of further powers to aid them in cataloguing the mass volume of SINless citizens. Unwilling to grant an extension of power and unable to reassign funds Parliament refuses.

Italian gang Nightbreed openly declare hostilities towards other local gangs as street warfare once again grips the streets. Police battalions draw back to protect key elements within the RIM as well as the Political centre. Whole neighbourhoods are indoctrinated by Nightbreed

The last remnants of the public health service are privatised with citizens forced to pay for medical insurance in order to receive treatment, in response terrorist organisation Red Regiment bomb corporate medical centres across New Rome. Taxes are slightly reduced in relation to the liberation of further public spending in areas of medical services.

Trauma Team™ offer their services to the consume market of New Rome City. License is granted by the government for use of deadly force in matters of patient extraction and general safety.

Hackers infiltrate the New Rome Matrix server and manage to eliminate thousands of SIN records not yet forwarded to the GF network. The Government is forced to construct an aggressive plan of action to prevent further intrusions. Various grades of AI's and ICE are setup with public announcements that high level Matrix misuse will be met with deadly force.

Prime Minister Diego di Miceli makes a public plea for people to register through the SIN system. His efforts are rewarded by an attempt upon his family's life.

Presidency of the Council of Ministers is passed onto Minister Giacomo di Vita.

2028:

With insistence from its European neighbours Northern Italy's Federal membership is suspended in light of its inability to control the more unsavoury activities that are reportedly leaking into southern Europe. Special notice is also given for the continued integration of the SIN and Credit systems, Northern Italian government is forced to comply or risk the loss of further corporate backing.

Still subject to primary Global Law and FJS rulings the Northern Italian government is forced to allow the legalisation of handguns as well as passing judgement granting police detectives powers to the effect of dismissing any cases of death where the assailant acted in self defence.

Thornberg Inc. based in both Germany and Italy begins the mass construction and distribution of legal calibre handguns on the European market. Thornberg Inc. deliberately target Italy as a major source of income as weapon sales go through the roof.

Using the gang wars as cover the criminal element of NRC begins the mass distribution of illegal items such as weapons and drugs. Illegal narcotics, weapons and Cyberware dominate the market

The Northern Italian government officially condones the use of Bounty hunters to bring in numerous outstanding police targets '*dead or alive*'. In response the NRC Bounty office is set up distributing bounty hunter licenses to accepted candidates.

2029:

Aleutian Industries manufactures of weaponry appear in the top ten global corporations list. Using capital gained they make moves to inject surplus stock onto the Italian market at costs designed to under cut Thornberg Inc. After initial sales swing in Aleutian's favour Thornberg is forced to cut prices dramatically or face losses.

An unmarked mercenary unit destroys warehouses belonging to Aleutian Industries; millions of credits worth of stock is lost. Further merc attacks upon Thornberg In stock houses allegedly sees the two corporations engaging in a savage display of strength with the height of urban warfare technology.

Prime Minister Diego di Miceli is rushed to hospital by a Trauma Team™ after suffering what seemed to his colleges to be a heart attack while making an apologetic speech to the nation over his inability to bring about a lasting peace. He dies after seven hours of extensive heart surgery.

Memorial services for ex-Prime Minister Diego di Miceli are interrupted by an anonymous sniper killing three members of his immediate family.

Large amounts of collateral damage are inflicted upon areas of the RIM as unmarked mercenary units supposedly working for either Aleutian or Thornberg corporations eliminate various marked targets. The New Year dawns as Thornberg Inc are forced into liquidation; resale of stock and facilities are hindered by alleged destruction of records.

Pirate Matrix Station *MindCrime* broadcasts evidence of NRC police corruption over RAI's regular hourly news show. The signal is intercepted by security drones and severed, Police response units storm a lonely apartment room in the RIM, all suspects are killed while attempting to resist arrest.

Dissatisfied with the nation's current domestic situation, President Giacomo di Vita takes over Prime Ministerial duties in extension to his own, as per executive precedent laid by Salvatore la Furia in 2010.

2030:

The gang Nightbreed manage to forcefully stabilise the streets asserting themselves as the dominant municipal authority. The Government and media refuse to comment or even recognise the gang's existence. Most other gangs are run underground while the majority of criminal organisations continue to operate under Nightbreed's watchful eye.

The South of France is devastated by a nuclear explosion. Refugees immediately begin to run the Italian border immigrating to New Rome City in their thousands. The Council of ministers officially declares that refugees will be turned away or transported to '*transfer camps*' until they can be re-located.

The remains of the Italian military are unable to deal with such a large scale border invasion and petition Parliament for relief. The Council refuses stating that it requires its policing forces to maintain domestic peace.

The Council of Ministers led by President Giacomo di Vita approaches the Southern League for aid offering unique distribution rites to sponsored goods on the New Rome Market. The Southern League moves into consultation with its corporate sponsors.

The Southern League and the Council of Ministers individually pass the Unification Act 2030 declaring Italia as a re-united country once more with a few provisions. While the council of Ministers will maintain overall administrative power, the Southern League will still hold parliament in Naples. In conjunction with this break down of power individual regions are merged into states with separate parliaments answerable to Council of Ministers. The new states are Northern Italy, Central Italy, Southern Italy and New Rome Province.

Giacomo di Vita steps down as president of the Council of Ministers and dissolves the present parliament in hope that another general election will herald a leadership born of the new united Italia.

Right wing extreme nationalist Asino Sanguie is voted in as President of the Council of Ministers and delights as his party claims a massive majority of seats within Parliament. He begins his term by successfully disposing of the Prime Ministerial post declaring the powers and duties of a domestic president to be in line with those of the Council thus assuming his post as head of the government's executive branch.

The unification and devolution is met with approval from the Global Senate and while the Italian membership is still suspended the Federate Military is sent to aid in the closure of the Italian borders to all outside traffic except sanctioned Imports and Exports. Critics within the council claim that the Global Senate was merely trying to close the Italian borders to prevent spill over of the more unsavoury elements of Italy into Europe.

The Federal Media Network (FMN) merges its intended Italian division with RAI to form INET. As its first publication INET releases the *Neon Fringe* soon to become NRC's most popular Screamsheet.

2031:

The border between northern Italy and Europe is closed by federate troops; Sardinia is used as a federate base of operations while French refugees are deported to the shores of Corsica. The waters around Italy are also policed with strict orders to prevent any unofficial elements from departing Italian shores.

Experts warn that, with the increasing influx of convicts from New Rome City, the Sicilian maximum security prison will reach its utmost capacity within two years. Reports are declared invalid based on previous conviction rates that are no longer relevant. Deportation and sentencing continues.

Anti-French Sentiment runs high among the majority of Italian citizens, NRC become the focal point when riots break out along the RIM with gangs of youths attacking French '*transfer camps*'. Extreme elements of the French influx retaliate by raiding Italian food stores and generally causing havoc among the civilian populace.

Police troops are sent into effected districts and begin herding French citizens into ghettoed areas. French youths form off into gangs and begin staking territory clashing regularly with both Nightbreed and Italian populace as a whole.

A major under developed and depressed area of the northern slums becomes the largest French Ghetto in Italy. The Italian police force openly deports French refugees into its outer areas and within months barricades have been erected along the perimeter to form border checks. New Paris is born.

Reports presented to the Global Senate declare that radiation levels are approaching lethal on the borders between the state of Northern Italy and the remains of Southern France.

2032:

New Paris quickly becomes one of the most lucrative black market regions of New Rome City with numerous supply routes running through the police barricade. Lack of a police presence within the actual limits of the district allows organised criminal elements to operate under their own law.

French gangs continue to operate within and outside the New Paris borders. After three significant hits on their territory Nightbreed officially declare war on the New Paris horde.

The Police, unwilling to take sides, allow Nightbreed to commit one of the bloodiest gang massacres ever recorded. The northern Slums are ablaze with gun fire as French refugees are forced to withdraw deeper and deeper into New Paris.

Global Federate troops are forced to move the Italian border further in land due to increased levels of radiation from the French nuclear explosion. Northern Italy is declared uninhabitable and the state is forcefully abandoned by the Council of Ministers with assistance from federate troops. The border is confined to the northern front of Central Italy; inhabitants are relocated to designated areas of New Rome City.

2033:

Without warning Nightbreed withdraw from the French Ghettos leaving behind a trail of mass destruction; the police hurriedly close the New Paris barricades behind the departing forces, no further major conflict is instigated by either side.

The population of New Paris continues to increase. Rumours of starvation and acts of barbarism begin to make their way onto the streets. However by the end of the year the New Paris black markets hold an infamous reputation as the place to be able to get hold of *'anything'*.

The population of New Rome City is estimated to be 50,000,000 SINned.

2034:

French terrorists the French Immigrants Rights Movement (FIRM) among others reveal themselves as a threat to the peace attacking numerous political targets alongside numerous other French organisations and gangs. The police are forced to further restrict access to New Paris and increase fortification to the barricades significantly.

The situation comes to head when in mid way through the year the police invade New Paris and all out war breaks loose. With the police force undergoing massive relocation the state of New Rome Province falls into anarchy, under funded and over budget the police are forced to withdraw in order to restore the peace.

With only a month to the presidential elections FIRM are reported to have successfully detonated an explosive at a routine parliamentary meeting. President Asino Sanguie, away on personal business, gathers together the surviving elements of the cabinet and motions for the declaration of emergency powers.

New Rome City becomes subject to martial law, private organisations Homeguard and Talon Security Inc. assist the police in restoring law and order to the state of New Rome.

2035:

Martial law is lifted, the emergency powers are relinquished and city life returns to normal with the infamous 'Freedom Day' riots.