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Fugo "Aie" (Engineer Records USA)

Not to be confused with fantastic French orchestral popsters Fugo, this debuting Swiss (German-speaking part) band (that mostly sings in English) really want to be Fugazi --with maybe a little of Guy Picciotto's (Rites of Spring, Happy Go Licky) and Ian MacKaye (Egg Hunt, Embrace)'s mid 80s bands, as well. It's the same loud to quiet, furious post-Ruts reggae-to-rock-to-gogo-funk rhythms and bruising (original) emo guitars, with singing that sometimes is crooned (with harmonies even), and sometimes is hair-raising-shouted. Hmm. Sounds familiar! But at least they are GREAT at it. and Fugazi is no easy band to emulate, however wholesale. the drumming is wound tight and accurate around the bass, and the guitars alternatively slam or tickle. Some light bells on track 9 show versatility for the future too.
(by the editor himself, Jack Rabid)