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Dear friends!

He is pleading to abolish the whole system of residence permits and he argues offensively for the right for freedom of movement for everybody. He criticises the distinction and split between economical motivated migration and refugees and he follows a consistent approach of human rights. Leoluca Orlando, who was elected in June 2017 again as mayor from Palermo, was invited to Kassel for a peace conference in the beginning of December. And he delivered a very impressive speech against the racist spirit of the time. Orlando personifies on an institutional level the demands, on which we are active in the grassroot approach of solidarity cities in hopefully more and more initiatives: for the unconditional right to come and to stay and for a municipal social infrastructure, which is available for all inhabitants in the same way.

To struggle persistently for this “concrete utopia” in a local frame just appears as the most effective counter-pole against the dominant national or supranational policy of exclusion and deportation. While the

Dublin-regime tightens up, countless church groups offer protected spaces by church asylum. Through the great selforganisation of refugees near Osnabrück (we reported several times about their protest with whistles) it was possible in the meanwhile in more than 80 cases, that the date for their planned readmission – mostly to Italy – expired. And more and more initiatives for citizen-asylum stand up to the deportation-flights to Afghanistan, currently as well to Pakistan. They offensively call for civil disobedience and – if necessary – to hide affected refugees in solidarity against the charter of shame.

With tenacity against the barbarity of the border regime: this picture characterizes in an escalated way also the situation in the whole mediterranean area. Refugees, who made it to the greek islands despite intensified surveillance from Turkey, are confronted with a second merciless border. The greek government – blackmailed by EU – hazards the consequences of people freezing to death in tents than to give

them the permission for travelling to the mainland. In the central Mediterranean sea the EU-funding of Libyan militias, who occasionally call themselves coastguards, led to a curb of arrivals in Italy, literally with might and main. In the same time the criminalization of sea-rescue makes the deadliest border of the world even more killing. Leoluca Orlando made a clear statement on this as well: the responsible persons for this crime have to be brought to trial. Escaped from detention and slavery in Libya nevertheless boats get through, Italy will remain – according statistics – the main country of arrival in 2017. In comparison to last year three times more departures of boats happened from the coast of Morocco in direction of Spain. Thousands of people left in tiny

boats within last weeks to eke out a better live.

We'll Come United – that and in which way all these struggles belong together, able to strengthen each other, was demonstrated by the parade last September in Berlin. The evaluation in November consequentially went over immediately into preparations for next year. Three German wide meetings and conferences are already appointed for the next months. Moreover a “swarming mobilization” is planned particularly into the various communities of refugees and migrants with the intention, to bring even more power and swing onto the streets in September 2018 for the second parade of our daily struggles.

In this spirit we wish already a happy new year.
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DATES AND INFORMATIONS FOR DECEMBER 2017 UND JANUARY 2018

18.12. Action-day in many cities: Stop Europe funding slavery in Libya. Stop Wars on Migrants'..

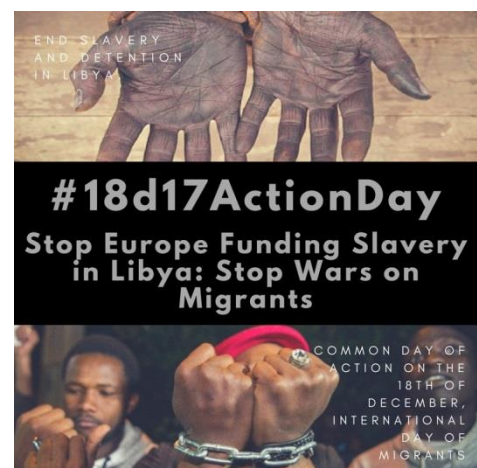
First call from City Plaza Athens:

„Stop Europe Funding Slavery in Libya: Stop Wars on Migrants

In Libya, everyday migrants are imprisoned in private detention centres, tortured and sold as slaves. They suffer extreme exploitation and violence.

Europe is funding the expansion of these detention centres. Meanwhile by implementing the Malta agreement, Europe is training and technically supplying the Libyan “coastguard” to carry out illegal refoulements that they call “rescue operations”.

We stand up against the criminal regime of Fortress-Europe.



We demand the immediate cessation of the funding of the Libyan torturers.
End slavery and detention in Libya.
Free passage, healthcare and protection to all the victims of torture and trafficking.
Common Day of Action on the 18th of December, International Day of Migrants“
More here: <https://www.facebook.com/18d17ActionDay/>

Citizen-Asylum against deportations/charter deportation from 6.12. to Afghanistan/campaign with VIPs?



At least 500 people have loudly demonstrated on 6.12. in the airport from Frankfurt against the 8th charter deportation to Kabul, see here:

<http://www.hessenschau.de/gesellschaft/protest-in-frankfurt-gegen-abschiebeflug-nach-afghanistan,demo-gegen-abschiebungen-nach-afghanistan-102.html>

In several cities protests have been announced before:

<http://www.labournet.de/internationales/afghanistan/mehr-soldaten-nach-afghanistan-aber-trotzdem-dorthin-abschieben/>

Two days before groups from Frankfurt, Darmstadt and Hanau published a common press release, in which they announced local initiatives of civil disobedience by citizen-asylum. The initiative from Hanau put online also a faq: “Again and again we receive requests about citizen asylum, about the general political approach but also about the concrete practices and possible risks. Attached we try to give some first answers to these questions. But we want to emphasize, that from our point of view a comprehensive and general valid concept is not existing rather citizen-asylum has to be adopted and developed according the different local conditions.” More (only in german) here: <http://buergerasyl-hanau.info/faq/>

Finally there are first considerations to start a campaign with VIPs for citizen-asylum. Who is interested to contribute: kmii-hanau@antira.info



7. January 2018 in Dessau: Oury Jalloh Demonstration

„After years of struggles against police- and legal authorities even ‘officially’ it cannot be negated anymore: Oury Jalloh it was murder!„

Updated Overview and more here:

<https://initiativeouryjalloh.wordpress.com>

Monitor-TV-broadcasting about the killing of Oury Jalloh:

[http://mediathek.daserste.de/Monitor/Der-Fall-Oury-Jalloh-Justizskandal-](http://mediathek.daserste.de/Monitor/Der-Fall-Oury-Jalloh-Justizskandal-ohne/Video?bcastId=438224&documentId=47992942)

[Justizskandal-](http://mediathek.daserste.de/Monitor/Der-Fall-Oury-Jalloh-Justizskandal-ohne/Video?bcastId=438224&documentId=47992942)

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About the Demo at 7.1.2018:

<https://initiativeouryjalloh.wordpress.com/mobilisierung-2018/>

8./10./12. January in Szeged/Hungary:

Freedom for Ahmed from Röske 11!

Come and join us for the next days of trial against Ahmed! The trial on second level court will continue on January 8th, 10th and 12th 2018 in Szeged. We, the campaign Free the Röske 11, invite you to join us in our support and action! There is a lot to do: We will monitor and review the days in the court, translate for international activists, have some action and attract some attention to the EU and Hungary and its racist borderregime and a lot more...

Let's meet at Szeged Court (Szeged, Széchenyi tér 4.)

Room 117 or contact us via: freetheroszke11@riseup.net

More details will follow soon. #FreeAhmed! Stay tuned!

Facebook: www.facebook.com/11personfreedom

Follow us on Twitter: @freetheroszke11



2.-4. February in Kassel: We`ll Come United and Solidarity Cities Meeting

At 3./4. Februar the next meeting for We`ll Come United 2018 will take place in Kassel. Here the exact date and the city for the next parade in September 2018 should be decided for. But also the next meetings and particularly the next steps of mobilisation should be prepared. Contact via the Website: <http://www.welcome-united.org>

At the evening before (2nd of February) a networking meeting about Solidarity cities will start. An exchange about the updated situation in the various cities is on the agenda of this evening. Next morning concrete themes and campaigns as well as the participation in We`ll Come United should be discussed... <https://solidarity-city.eu/de/>

Alarm Phone:

Solidarity Messages for those in transit (First clips against „Dublin“)



‘Solidarity Messages for those in Transit’ is a video project that emerged through the WatchTheMed Alarm Phone network. It aims to reach travellers along their migratory trajectories, in order to support them when they navigate the many border obstacles and traps that the EU and its member states have erected in their paths. Through the videos, survivors of the border regime who reached their desired destinations and people still on the move, speak directly to the many thousands who are forced onto dangerous migration routes or into inhumane conditions in Libya and elsewhere, to those who risk their lives when escaping via the sea, and to those who face oppression and the threat of forced

deportation after arriving in Europe. The videos were shot in Germany and Italy, and share the insights of several people who survived the EU border regime and continue to resist it. Based on their lived experiences, they offer information, warnings, support and encouragement. Some of the videos’ themes include ‘Safety at Sea’, ‘Fingerprints and the Dublin Regulation’, ‘Warnings against Frontex’ and ‘Asylum and Detention’. The first three videos about the fingerprint issue have been released in Somali, Amharic and Tigrinya, with English as the subtitle. While we face a time of repression in the aftermath of the long summer of migration, there are still cracks in the system and we hope that these videos will be spread widely, moving alongside those who travel on despite Europe’s desire to deter. You can help to share the video:

Youtube chanel with all videos:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8euh2Zh5e_PHnovsiUiCBQ/videos?disable_polymer=1

You can also share the videos via Facebook:

Somali:
<https://www.facebook.com/watchthemed.alarmphone/videos/2012585879015645/>

Tigrinya:
<https://www.facebook.com/watchthemed.alarmphone/videos/2012580772349489>

Amharic:
<https://www.facebook.com/watchthemed.alarmphone/videos/2012560262351540>

Central Mediterranean Sea, Updates and Developments

About the current developments between Libya and Sicily we recommend the following links:

Alarm Phone, siehe Six-Weeks Reports here: <https://alarmphone.org/en/>

Sea Watch 3 in its first operation:

<https://sea-watch.org/dramatischer-rettungseinsatz-sea-watch-3/>

SOS Mediterranee

<http://sosmediterranee.org/sos-mediterranee-beobachtet-wie-gefluechtete-auf-dem-mittelmeer-zurueck-nach-libyen-geschleppt-werden-die-organisation-selbst-nimmt-450-gerettete-an-bord-ihres-rettungsschiffes-aquarius/>



Impressive updated report from Amnesty International

„Libya: European governments complicit in horrific abuse of refugees and migrants
European governments have not just been fully aware of these abuses they are complicit in them...

Footage, pictures and documents reviewed by Amnesty International indicate that a boat donated by Italy in April 2017, the *Ras Jadir*, was used by the Libyan Coast Guard during a horrific incident on 6 November 2017, where their

reckless actions contributed to the drowning of up to 50 people. ...“

https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2017/12/libya-european-governments-complicit-in-horrific-abuse-of-refugees-and-migrants/?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=quote&utm_term=RXVyb3BIYW&utm_campaign=social

New newspaper of Afrique-Europe-Interact

As in the last few years, the transnational network Afrique-Europe-Interact has again made a four-page newspaper this year. The newspaper appeared on Thursday 30.11.2017 as a supplement to the germanwide edition of the ‘tageszeitung taz’ and will also be added in the next weeks to the weekly newspaper ‘jungle world’, as well as the monthlies ‘analyse & kritik’, ‘Graswurzelrevolution’ and ‘Archipel’ (forum for European Citizens).

A further circulation would be much appreciated, more copies (with pleasure also in larger numbers) may be ordered at the following address: info@afrique-europe-interact.net

A web PDF of the newspaper is available at: <https://afrique-europe-interact.net/1702-0-taz-Beilage-12-2017.html>

Freedom to the 35 arrested at Moria/Lesvos/Greece

Joint Announcement by the Panhellenic Network of Antiracist and Solidarity Collectivities

On 18/7/17 refugees and immigrants, victims of wars but also extreme poverty or persecutions in their countries, demonstrated in Moria, protesting for the failing to have their substantiated asylum claims examined, resulting in them being held in the infamous Lesvos

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hot spot for a very long time in which, indicatively, killed at least 5 people last winter, due to the unacceptable living conditions as well as the dozens of suicide attempts reported. Several hours after the refugees' protest, the MAT riot police, along with some dressed as civilians, proceeded with a "sweep" operation and arrested 35 people of African descent, without any evidence of them having committed a particular offense, but using the only criteria, the color of their skin since there were mainly people of African origin attending the morning protest.



Of the arrested thirty were detained, charged with "destroying public property" and "committing arson in a particularly dangerous manner for the public safety", in conjunction with the aggravating provision 187 of the Penal Code ("criminal organization"). Moreover, the indictment does not contain any detailed narrative of the "danger" that occurred, while, on the contrary, BBC videos indicate the brutality of police repression and the beating of refugees far from the scene of the demonstration.

The 30 out of 35 are kept scattered at Korydallos, Chios and Avlona in an attempt to render their case "invisible" and to reduce the dynamics of their resistance, but also against solidarity while the other 5 have been "released" on restrictive conditions.

The request to suspend their temporary detention measure and its replacement by other restrictive measures will be examined on 13/12/17.

The signed collectivities express their solidarity toward the persecuted African refugees and immigrants, and demand the lifting of their temporary detention and that they be released from the accusations against them.

We demand for:

- The immediate release of the detained refugees or immigrants and their exemption from each charge
- The closing of the hotspots and the ensurance of dignified living conditions for all
- The cancellation of the EU-Turkey agreement and end to the deportation of refugees
- The opening of the borders for the free movement of refugees to the countries of their choice.

Facebook-Seite freemoria35:

<https://www.facebook.com/freemoria35/>

Direktlink zu der Solidaritätserklärung:

<https://www.facebook.com/freemoria35/posts/516661968716856>

Borderviolence: Monitoring gegen Push Backs auf der Balkanroute

„This website documents illegal push-backs and police violence inflicted by EU member state authorities, mainly on the borders of Serbia/Croatia and Serbia/Hungary. The quotes and pictures below are just a few examples from a growing [database](#) of testimonies and reports collected by independent volunteers starting in 2016. Through systematic documentation, it aims to render visible the equally systematic and planned character of this violence. Day by day, basic human rights are being violated on the margins of the EU. In



solidarity with the people suffering these abuses, we aim to bring their often forgotten stories to public attention and demand that these practices stop immediately.“

<https://www.borderviolence.eu>

Dazu ein beeindruckender Artikel im Guardian über den Tod eines sechsjährigen Mädchens im Zusammenhang mit den Push-Backs an der kroatischen Grenze:

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/dec/08/they-treated-her-like-a-dog-tragedy-of-the-six-year-old-killed-at-croatian-border>

REVIEW

Transnational Social Strike Platform in and after Berlin

The meeting was not so well visited and also some controversial debates took place concerning the development of the transnational structure. But the main contents of the platform (logistics, struggles of migration, womens strike...) have been confirmed and are presented in common statements and brochures as well as in new mobilizations..., see here:

<https://www.transnational-strike.info>

More on the relationship between Logistics and migration:

<http://www.connessioniprecarie.org/2017/11/05/migrant-labour-and-logistic-frenzy-between-germany-and-europe/>

Network meeting in Augsburg on the theme of church asylums

Inside Europe – the church asylum network

From 24th to 26th of November a network meeting took place in Augsburg on the theme of church asylums, in the company of guests from, among other countries, Hungary, Finland and Spain. The drastically increasing political pressure in the European ‘super election year’ 2017 also affects people who support refugees and for instance enable church asylums, or NGOs that devote themselves to the rescue at sea in the Mediterranean. The aim of the conference was the creation of an improved network for the protection of the rights of refugees in times of a tightened EU asylum policy. Apart from lectures which took stock of the tightening up and the shifts in the political foundations of refugee protection, among other things in connection with the proposals of Dublin IV, perspectives going beyond the theme of church asylum were discussed. Thus the concepts of Solidarity Cities and Human Rights Cities came up, as well as concrete interventions against deportations by self-organized refugees (with a participation of the Refugee Committee Ickerweg Osnabrück) and also by Bürgerasyl. The mind-set of the church communities remained resolute. There still are 348 active church asylums (known by the umbrella organization ‘Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft’) with at least 531 persons, about 127 of which are children. 305 of the church asylum applicants are so-called ‘Dublin cases’. (State of affairs on 16.11.2017)

OUTLOOK



Yallah-Exhibition moves further... interactive Timeline from Border-monitoring

After the start in Göttingen in November the moving exhibition about the struggles on the Balkanroute is now presented in Witzhausen, and in the end of January in Osnabrück, see the further calendar here:

<http://yallah-balkanroute.uni-goettingen.de/termine/termine/>

In the context of the Yallah-exhibition Bordermonitoring produced an impressive interactive timeline:

timeline.bordermonitoring.eu

We`ll Come United (WU) - Next meetings and Summer School

The assessment has been unanimous: WU was not only one of our biggest but also one of the most successful and impressive mobilizations of the antiracist movement in the last years. Subsequently the evaluation in the germanwide meeting in Berlin in the beginning of November went easily over into the preparation for next year. Still open remained the decision for the exact date at the end of September 2018 and also the city, in which the coming parade will take place. Once more in Berlin or better in Hamburg or Frankfurt? This will be decided in the next meeting in the beginning of February in Kassel. And two more coming together have been appointed: from 10th to 13th of May 2018 in Göttingen (simultaneously and with intersections to the kritnet-conference in the same time and place) and as well from 5th to 8th of Juli (place still open) as a kind of summer school.



With the meeting in Kassel in February already the new mobilization should start by the preparation of a „Swarming Concept“: as much as possible more migrant and refugee communities should be visited in various cities and in camps with the aim to get deeper rooted the process of common public intervention and giving visibility to the daily struggles by We`ll Come United 2018.

<http://www.welcome-united.org>