

Kompass – AntiRa – Newsletter No. 70, June 2018

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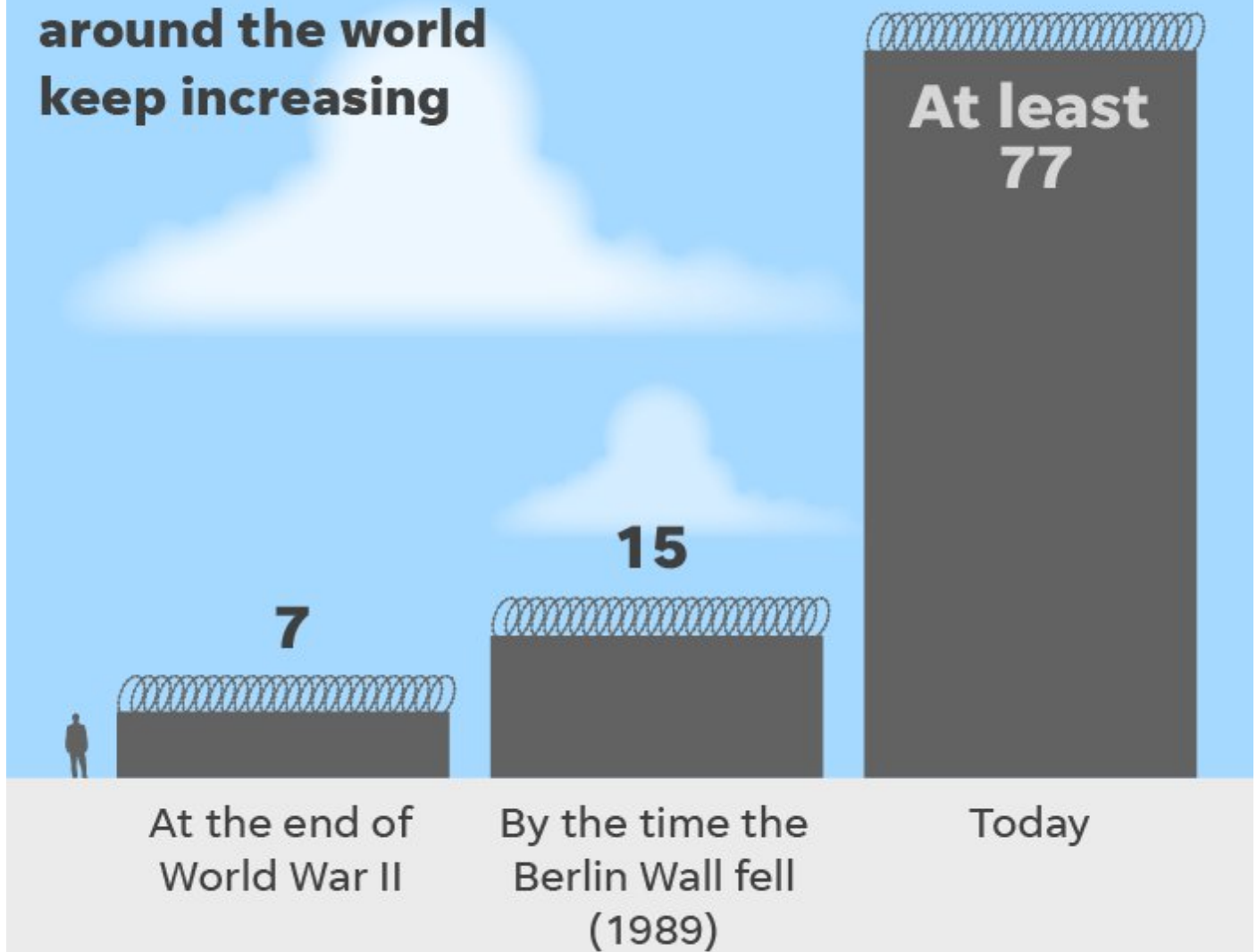
Dear friends!

„Against deportation, exclusion and racist agitation – for freedom of movement and equal rights for all! We know already that September 29, 2018 will be the most beautiful day of the year. It will be our day. We are many, we are different and we struggle every day on our doorstep. We'll all come together in September. We will come to Hamburg by car, train and bus. From villages and towns, from camps and shelters, from welcoming initiatives and aid organizations, from construction sites, schools and universities. With soundtrucks, performances, lyrics, music and carnival we'll chase away the cold, the racism and the heartlessness from the streets of the city. Together we'll draw a picture on the streets: the picture of our friendship, the picture of a diverse and fearless life in solidarity. When we move, the world moves! ...“

These are the first sentences of the call for We'll Come United 2018. More than 200 groups and networks are listed as first signatures and more support is welcomed. The route for the demonstration between St. Pauli and the port area is in the meanwhile registered, in the local medias it was already a topic. In the conference in Goettingen - with more than 300 participants „for a big coalition of antiracism“ - the parade in Hamburg was also the main common future mobilization. A summer camp in Brandenburg will be the next meeting point, while the first buses are booked. And everyone who is looking for materials or who is planning info-events, can contact the new opened swarming office.

Simultaneously with the publication of this newsletter „youth without borders“ is protesting during the conference of the interior ministers in Halle and an alliance of initiatives is doing the same in Berlin against the new law to suspend the family-reunification. In countless places all over Germany and in Europe the struggle against deportations continues - against „Dublin“, but also against deportations to Afghanistan, Pakistan or to African countries. Thousands of people succeeded to cross the turkish-greek land border during last months and they go in direction of North. Many travelers use the new „Balkan-coast-route“ via Bosnia, hundreds of them camp out in parks in Sarajevo or Bihac and at the Croatian border they face

Border walls and fences around the world keep increasing



SOURCE The U.N. Refugee Agency; Elisabeth Vallet, University of Quebec at Montreal
Frank Pompa/USA TODAY

illegal push backs of the EU border police. The total numbers of crossing the mediterranean sea decreased a lot in comparison to the last years, but still there are more than respective 10.000 people, who reached the european coasts through the main three routes within the first 5 months of 2018. Remarkable is, that the first time the same number of people made it between Morocco and Spain as in the aegean or in the central mediterranean sea. Up to date every day „Bozas“ - successful arrivals or rescue to Spain - are registered, often in very small plastic-boats and with paddles, when the people, who are blocked by all other options, risk their lives to overcome the street of Gibraltar.

Recently a demonstrative graphic was published about the global development of border fences and walls. At the end of the 2nd world war only seven boundary walls have existed and in 1989, when the Berlin wall fall, it was 15. But the numbers jumped up until 2018 to 77, particularly in and around Europe. The mass-dying at sea and the countless human right violations at the many invisible - external and internal - borders of EU are not yet included. Death and suffering are the calculated, cruel parameter of deterrence of a racist border regime, which always had combined exclusion and exploitation. But no border last forever. And we will keep on and on until all borders will fall.

In late May, a remarkably diverse group came together in Palermo. The WatchTheMed Alarm Phone had organised a two-day long meeting together with Leoluca Orlando, the mayor of the Sicilian capital city and a firm believer in the universal right to mobility. Besides the sea rescue organisations, those active along the migratory transit routes as well as places of arrival, such as the commissioner for migration from Barcelona, participated in the gathering. The intention was to create a counter-pole to the nationally- and supranationally driven deterrence policies, based on local practices, and carried in unison with progressive municipalities and civil society actors, in the spirit of the Charter of Palermo. The process is guided by the idea to exchange over and further develop practical interventions to work toward safe harbours, safe transit corridors and dignified places of arrival. The aim is to foster transnational corridors, and spaces of solidarity and disobedience, in the struggle against the injustices produced by the border regime. The meeting went promising and this new alliance will hopefully emerge soon as a new nodal point in the fight for the freedom of movement and equal social rights for all.

The Kompass-Team

Information and Dates for June and July 2018

Call for the We`ll Come United Parade at 29.9. in Hamburg

„...The truth is different!

We get up now. Again and surely not for the last time. Against this racist insanity, against this twisted world, against this heartless homeland, against the walled community, against the policy of exclusion. We do not separate and do not let us

split. Whether "German" or "foreigner", whether "refugee" or "Saxon", whether from Dortmund or Damascus, from Afrin or Athens, from Kabul or Kassel: That does not matter to us since long time. No, it's about us all. It's about how and in which society we want to live together..."

Full call here: <https://www.welcome-united.org/en/call/>

6.-8. Juni in Halle and Quedlinburg : Youth without borders against the IMK

Jugendliche ohne Grenzen (JoG) together with „Halle gegen Rechts - Bündnis für Zivilcourage“ and Flüchtlingsrat Sachsen-Anhalt e.V. invites for a demonstration with the slogan: „Anker lichten – Bleiberecht, volle Kraft voraus!“ („Hoist the anchor - Right to stay, full speed ahead“

Wednesday 06.06.2018, 17:30 Uhr, Steintor, Halle : DEMO for the right to stay

Thursday 07.06.18 GALA and Press-conference

Street Action and Press-conference in Quedlinburg, 11:30 Uhr (Infos: jogspace.net)

GALA- election of the deportation minister 2018 and celebration for volunteer initiatives - 19 Uhr Puschkinhaus, Kardinal-Albrecht-Straße 6, Halle

Facebook: www.facebook.com/jogspace/ Web: <http://jogspace.net/> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/jogspace>

7.-15.6. in Berlin: Protestactions against the new law to suspend family reunification

On this field of politics are people. There are family members of subsidiary protection refugees, waiting for a visa for family reunification.

Most of them will be excluded from family reunification with the planned 'Familiennachzugsneuregelungsgesetz'. The law abolishes the right to family reunification for refugees with subsidiary protection. At the same time, the proposed law will set criteria for selecting 1000 people per month to enter as "humanitarian cases".

How can there be fair criteria for this? The families of refugees with subsidiary protection live in war zones or in inhumane conditions in transit camps or on the street. Who of them should not be a „humanitarian case“? When the law comes into force, arbitrariness of authorities or chance will decide. (...)

One thing is clear in this evil game: not everyone can win. This law is intended to divide us by making visa procedures into a contest and bringing those affected into direct competition with each other. We will not allow that. We will fight together until all our families are here. Human rights must not depend on quotas!

Actions against the new law:

Thursday, 7.6.18, 08:00: Manifestation and street theater, Weiße Kreuze, Friedrich-Ebert-Platz 2, 10117 Berlin

Friday 8.6.18, 13:30-21:30: Manifestation + Interreligious and intercultural coming together, Vor dem Bundestag, Platz der Republik 1, 10117 Berlin

Monday 11.6.18, 08:00: „Sachverständigenanhörung“/hearing about an expertise on the street, Paul-Löbe-Allee, 10557 Berlin

Friday 15.6.18, planned: Protest manifestation against the adoption of the new law Initiative 'Familienleben für Alle!'

Facebook: facebook.com/familienlebenfueralle/

Webseite: familienlebenfueralle.blogspot.eu

22. of June in Nuremberg: Education not deportation ...Schoolstrike!

„Education for all! They deport us? We go on strike.

1. Who we are?

2. Access to education for refugees and asylum policy in general

3. In which conditions we want to learn and live?

4. Why we go on strike ...

More here:

<https://jabaaktion.wordpress.com/bildungsstreik-2018/>

<https://de-de.facebook.com/pg/Jugendaktion-Bildung-statt-Abschiebung-1530005960399421/posts/>

30.06. in Hamburg: ‘Celebrate with us in the street The 5 years’ struggle of Lampedusa in Hamburg

Lampedusa in Hamburg began in the year 2013! In these 5 years of struggle we experienced so much solidarity and got to know so many of you! We celebrate this with a demonstration at the Lampedusa tent and with a banner, plus a human chain from the tent to the town hall. We will start with the demonstration on 30.06.2018 around 2 pm...’

More information: <https://de-de.facebook.com/lampedusainhamburg/>

05.-08.07. in Brandenburg: We’ll Come United Summer Camp

‘The We’ll Come United Summer Camp will take place in the town of Falkenberg in Brandenburg from 05. – 08.07.2018. The aim of the summer camp is to meet as a network, in order to strengthen the local struggles, the solidarity within the movement and the common legal competence of the network ...’

More information and registration at: <https://www.welcome-united.org/de/sommercamp/>

Bulgaria: Free the Harmanli 21

Call For An International Week Of Solidarity Actions In Support Of The Imprisoned Migrants From Harmanli

On 24th of April, 2018 was the first hearing against 21 arrested migrants accused of participation in a violent riot in the so-called "open camp" of Harmanli, in 2016. The riot broke out when the camp was put under unlawful quarantine after pressure from the far right’s anti-immigrant propaganda. 21 Afghani people were sent to court despite clear evidence of police brutality and of random mass beatings after the riot. No police was investigated.

The next hearing will be on the 5th of June, 2018 at the Regional court in Harmanli.

10 migrants continue to be held in the detention #Harmanli21 Lyubimets, facing the threat of deportation back to Afghanistan or of prison sentence in Bulgaria. The whole trial is totally absent in most of the media and society in general. We believe that only pressure from inside and outside can help put this trial out in the public eye, especially in these last 2 months of Bulgarian presidency of the EU council. Only united we can resist the brutality of the Bulgarian state and of "Fortress Europe"!

SOLIDARITY, JUSTICE AND FREEDOM FOR THE HARMANLI 21! #Harmanli21

For more information:

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<https://harmanli21.wordpress.com/2018/05/15/the-journey-begins/>

<http://bulgaria.bordermonitoring.eu>

Central Mediterranean: Sea Watch's legal action against Italy

‘For the first time legal action is taken against illegal pull back practices: Sea Watch supports survivors in legal proceedings against Italy. With the support of several human rights organisations, 17 survivors of the fatal boat accident of 06.11.2017 will appear before the European Court of Human Rights and for the first time take legal action against the illegal pull backs condoned by the EU. Sea Watch supported and counselled this course of action from day one. The EU's and Italy's practices, of calling in the so-called Libyan Coast Guard for illegal pull backs have to stop...’

More about this issue:

<https://sea-watch.org/klage-gegen-italien-wegen-der-koordinierung-der-rueckfuehrungen-der-libyschen-kuestenwache/>

Western Mediterranean: almost 11,000 arrivals until June 2018

‘As mentioned in the introduction, the numbers of arrivals in Spain – after the ‘record year 2017’ – continue to be very high. In the following link you will find an overview by the UNHCR:

<https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/mediterranean/location/5226>

At the moment, the WatchTheMed Alarm Phone receives nearly daily and/or nightly distress calls from the Strait of Gibraltar, you can find the respective reports here:

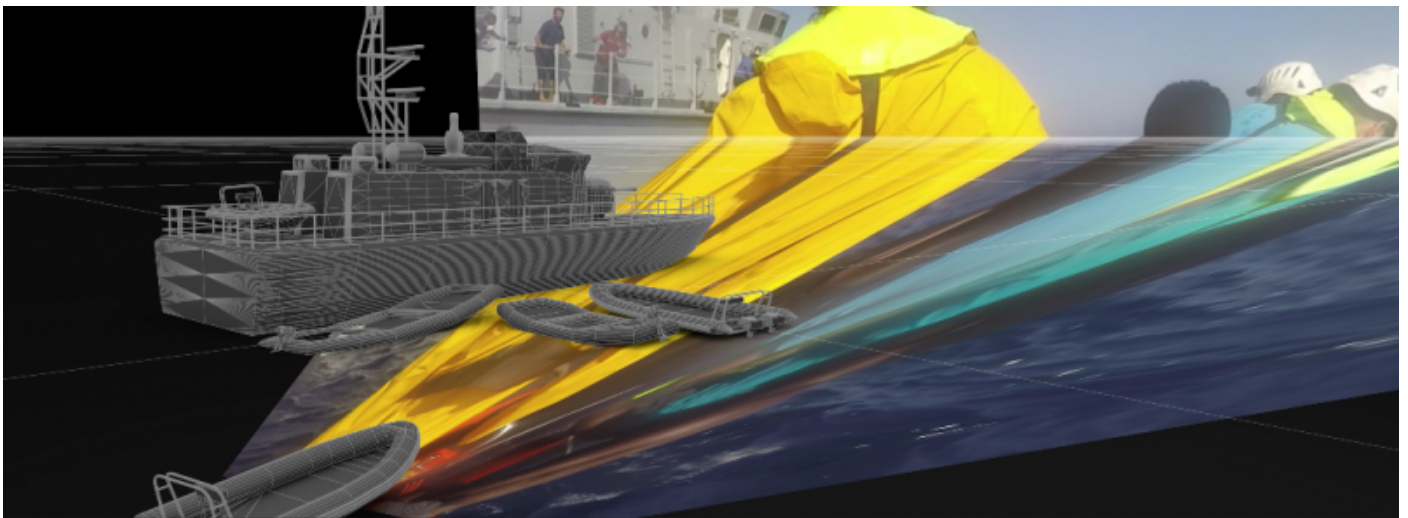
<http://www.watchthemed.net/index.php/reports>

Here you can also read that many of the small vessels are saved and/or intercepted by the Moroccan Navy and that these people have to risk it for a second or third time. Salvamento Marítimo, the Spanish Coast Guard, saves the people very fast and professional, but generally not until the small boats have reached international waters and/or when no Moroccan vessels are available.

<https://twitter.com/salvamentogob/status/1003594154163785728>

Review

Göttingen: Conference for a great coalition of antiracist groups



MARE CLAUSUM

**The Sea Watch vs Libyan Coast Guard Case
6 November 2017**

Video reconstruction by Forensic Oceanography and Forensic Architecture
Report by Forensic Oceanography

More than 300 activists of several networks came together mid-May in Göttingen for a great number of workshops and meetings. Main points were, among other things, the situation at the external borders, the struggle against deportations and the initiatives for Solidarity Cities, but also discussions about projects which focus on exploitation conditions and support, for instance, precariously employed seasonal workers from Eastern Europe. At the opening ceremony representatives of the refugee protests in Ellwangen were received with standing ovations; remarkable also the spectrum-bridging presentation by Ferda Ataman for the 'New German Organisations', as well as the inspiring contribution by Isabella Consolati from Bologna for the platform of the Transnational Social Strike.

<https://16.kritnet.org>

Outlook:

29.9. in Hamburg: große We`ll Come United Parade

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

Transnational Social Strike Treffen im November 2018 in Stockholm Against the Logistics of Exploitation.

November 23-24th // 2018 – TSS Meeting Call Out

„All across Europe and in its peripheries, workers, migrants, precarious are confronting neoliberal reforms, intensified exploitation and institutional racism. Experimentations of cross-border organization against global giants such as Amazon, migrants striking the borders of Europe, the women of the global feminist strike and the workers and students on strike in France and elsewhere: these are signals of an insubordination that makes capital reorganize. Yet the lack of a common political initiative on a transnational scale urges us to come together: present and future struggles are in need of coordination efforts. ...“

More here: <https://www.transnational-strike.info/2018/05/24/against-the-logistics-of-exploitation-stockholm-november-23-24th-2018-tss-meeting-call-out-2/>

**WE'LL COME
UNITED!**

**ANTIRACIST PARADE 2018
SEPTEMBER 29th
HAMBURG**

