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Dear friends!

We would first like to ask you to watch a wonderful 3-minute video clip (italian-german subtitles) from Naples: <https://www.facebook.com/aricco/videos/10216516674582370/> And to share it.

While we are working on this compass, the mayor of Syracuse has opened the city's port for the Sea Watch and in a broad local alliance he is working for the reception of the rescued. Demonstrations and gatherings are taking place in many Italian cities and Salvini appears stricken for the first time since the summer of 2018. Will it be possible to get the refugees and migrants disembarked at an Italian port?

From the Sea to the Cities

From the sea to the cities, from the boats to the buses, from Palermo to Berlin ... Could we imagine a transnational mobilization in which the Sea Watch rescued can disembark in Syracuse, Naples or Palermo and afterwards we will accompany them further in a corridor and a caravan of solidarity to Berlin or other

cities in north-western Europe?



Genova, 26.01.2019

With Buses of Hope in a convoy orange? These are the questions that many people who are active in sea rescue, in solidarity city groups, in the initiatives of the Seebrücke are asking themselves facing the new escalations again. The mayors of Palermo and Naples demonstrated their practical readiness a few weeks ago.



They offensively announced that they would open their ports for sea rescue operations and even meet the rescue ships with their own boats (see <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/italien-die-front-gegen-matteo-salvinis-fluechtlingsgesetz-waechst-a-1246836.html>). Even the Pope took position and in the days around 6 January the whole potential of civil society disobedience against the national and supranational regime of exclusion became noticeable. Meanwhile 37 cities in Germany explained themselves to safe harbors and/or their willingness to welcome more refugees (see <https://seebruecke.org/startseite/sichere-haefen-in-deutschland/>).

Sea Watch and Sea Eye nevertheless had to wait up to 20 days at sea with 49 people rescued from sea distress before they were allowed to land in Valetta after a questionable deal in any EU bodies. The affected people are still detained in a detention in Malta and then will be distributed to seven countries, including Romania, together with others rescued in recent weeks. And people from Bangladesh are to be immediately deported to their country of origin.

The challenge now!

To demonstrate practically that this can be done quite differently. After the great demonstrations and mobilizations in autumn we could now show what an "uprising of solidarity" could look like in concrete terms. In spite of and against

Salvini and Kurz and Seehofer, we could enforce the admission and onward journey. To break a corridor of solidarity into the axis of shame. At least to try to start new broad mobilizations directly related to the continuing flight movements. From the Sea to the Cities! And this in the entire Mediterranean region. Refugees and migrants will continue to try to make their way to the EU not only from Libya and Tunisia but also from Morocco and Algeria as well as from Turkey.



Credit: Sea Watch 2019

It is true that there were considerably fewer people arriving on the European coasts in 2018 than in the years 2014 to 2017. But the Mediterranean remains a contested space in which the importance of the routes changes and new dynamics can develop at any time. While the figures in Italy have fallen to a low with around 23,000 crossings or rescues, landings in the Aegean remained at the same level as last year. More than 15,000 people are now stuck in the hotspots on the Greek islands, in a catastrophic situation with the first cold deaths. Far more people than in the previous year managed to cross the Turkish-Greek landborder - despite and against the systematic push-backs. Finally: the number of "Bozas", the successful border crossings from Morocco to Spain, has doubled to almost 60,000 compared to 2017. And this continues in the first three weeks of the new year: in the western Mediterranean, arrivals have again risen sharply compared to January

2018, with over 3,500 people (see <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/mediterranean>).

Rescue chains of solidarity



Credit: Sea Watch 2019

The fact that solidarity support is not only necessary but also effectively possible can be read impressively in the last Alarm Phone Report: "There are no words big enough to describe the value of the work you are doing. It is a deeply human act and it will never be forgotten. The whole of your team should know that we wish all of you health and a long life and the best wishes in all the colours of the world." These are the words that the Alarm Phone received a few days ago from a man who had been on a boat in the Western Mediterranean Sea and with whom our shift teams had stayed in touch throughout the night until they were finally rescued to Spain. He was able to support the other travellers by continuously and calmly reassuring them, and thereby averted panic on the boat. His message motivates us to continue also in 2019 to do everything we can to assist people who have taken to the sea because Europe's border regime has closed safe and legal routes, leaving only the most dangerous paths slightly open. On these paths, over 2,240 people have lost their lives this year. While we write this report, 311 people are heading toward Spain on the rescue boat of the NGO Proactiva Open Arms. The

travellers called the Alarm Phone when they were on a boat-convoy that had left from Libya. Based on the indications of their location, Al-Khums, the civil reconnaissance aircraft Colibri launched a search operation in the morning of the 21st of December and was able to spot the convoy of three boats which were then rescued by Proactiva Open Arms. ... The successful rescue operation of the 313 people (one mother and her infant child were flown out by a helicopter after rescue) highlights the chain of solidarity that activists and NGOs have created in the Central Mediterranean Sea...."

How to stop Deportations?

At the same time, it seems increasingly difficult to keep effective resistance to the intensified deportation policy. The expanded apparatus is running faster than ever, not least because it meets comparatively fewer refugees. The threats to extend the transfer period for church asylum seekers in Dublin to 18 months are intended to intimidate welcoming church communities. The Federal Office generally loses the relevant court proceedings, but what is the value of the legal situation when the main intention is deterrence?

Whether against Dublin deportations or against charter deportations to the countries of origin, the necessary <https://aktionbuergerinnenasyl.de> has so far been limited to small groups in too few cities. Tenacious and exhausting daily struggles characterize this situation, in which deported people try to come back a second time again or have to hide in their communities for a long time. The number of illegalised people across Europe has increased massively, and the network of solidarity cities remains in demand: first and foremost in the establishment and expansion of support and further flight structures.

Search process with anti-racist focal points



Apropos everyday struggles: "Our starting point are the struggles in which we find ourselves every day. We believe that a dynamic of mutual empowerment and sustainable change can only unfold if the process is based on concrete daily struggles, or at least if it is always related back to them". This is the formulation of a new cross-thematic and cross-spectrum initiative that went public in mid-January.

Several of the groups involved have an explicitly anti-racist self-conception. "In which society do we want to live? With this question we are today launching our new online platform: <http://welche-gesellschaft.org/> ... A joint long-term search process to develop an alternative narrative for society as a whole. We invite you to do so." We recommend to accept this invitation :-)

With solidarity and greetings,
the Kompass team

DATES AND INFORMATION FOR FEBRUARY 2019

**At 1st and 2nd of February in Berlin, Osnabrück, Mainz ...:
Together for family reunification and fundamental rights!**

[Demo in Berlin: 02. Februar 2019, 13:00, S-Bahnhof Friedrichstr.](#)

Actions in other cities here: <http://familienlebenfueralle.net/termine/>

Flyer and more materials here: <http://familienlebenfueralle.net/materialien/>

From the call: „ On 1 February 2018, the majority of the members of the German ‚Bundestag‘ decided to continue to suspend family reunification for the family members of subsidiary protected refugees until first of August 2018 and to introduce a new law governing family reunification. Most members of the SPD agreed, so that the SPD could form a government coalition together with the CDU / CSU. On June 15, 2018, this government coalition passed the Family Reunification Renewal Act. This law is since 01.08.2018 in force: 1000 people per month should be selected from the visa application of family members of refugees with subsidiary protection status and should be allowed to enter as „humanitarian cases“. Thus, the right to family

reunification became an arbitrary right of grace.

The experience of recent months shows that the application process is complicated and multi-level and the authorities involved process the applications so slowly that not even these 1,000 people can enter the country each month. By the end of November, only 1562 visas had been issued. This exposes the law as an instrument to prevent family reunification .

At the same time, laws and bureaucratic hurdles prevent many other families from living together, for example by requiring documents for family reunification that refugees from many countries can not obtain.

It makes us angry that the German government and the asylum- and residence laws ignore rights of refugees. We want an unrestricted right to education, the right to safety



and a life without persecution. We want respect for all forms of family and the right to live together with our families, we demand a work permit, decent accommodation with privacy and freedom of movement.

With a demonstration in Berlin on 2 February and decentralized actions in other cities in Germany on 1. and 2. February, we want to show that we will continue to protest together until basic and human rights finally apply to all.

<http://familienlebenfueralle.net>

1.2. in Paderborn: Action- and network meeting Ostwestfalen and 9.2. in Frankfurt: Hessen-wide Networking Meeting concerning 100 years of Deportation Detention

Paderborn: at 6 p.m. in the Ferdinand Forum, Ferdinandstr. 15

Frankfurt: at 2 p.m. in the Klapperfeldstraße 5, at the initiative 'Faites Votre Jeu!'

Some background information for those who hear about it for the first time: the opening of the first German deportation prison is having its hundredth anniversary this year – a fact which should not pass without comment. Therefore a nationwide alliance under the label '100 years against deportation', has been founded in order to not only organize a germanwide action (on 31.08 in Büren), but also to kick off local actions in the context of an action week in May. In the context of the nationwide alliance the internet page <http://100-jahre-abschiebehaf.de/> has already been set up, featuring information and offers for lectures. Also in Hessen two meetings have already been held with various groups and initiatives that are making plans in the context of the action week(s). So far an exhibition, a films and lectures series, as well as protest actions in front of the deportation prison in Darmstadt are being planned ... This meeting is primarily aimed at groups from Hessen that wish to plan something – but groups from neighbouring regions, that are looking for inspiration and exchange, have been invited as well.

Action committee, second floor at the initiative 'Faites Votre Jeu!' in the former police and deportation prison Klapperfeld.

Information concerning the exhibition "RAUS VON HIER" at:

<http://www.klapperfeld.de/de/home/raus-von-hier.html>

8.-10.2. in Frankfurt: Germanwide meeting from We`ll Come United

Program

Friday evening at 19.00: Infos for Newcomers

At 20.00: The Panorama of the struggles for freedom of movement and equal rights

Saturday starting at 10.00: structures from We`ll Come United, mapping, selforganization, consolidation, skill-sharing...

Sunday starting at 10.00: Mobilizations and focal points in 2019, e.g. actions and demonstrations in Saxonia in August, and the transnational summer camp in July...

Registration and more information: welcomed-united-ffm@web.de

Alarm Phone Report and the situation on the mediterranean routes

The last Alarm Phone report was quoted in the introduction and the full report in english can be find here:

https://alarmphone.org/en/2018/12/27/and-yet-we-move-2018-a-contested-year/?post_type=release_type=post

About the recent situation of **Sea Watch** here:

<https://sea-watch.org/category/news/>



Credit: Sea Watch 2019

About **Mobilizations and Actions in Italy**:

<https://mediterraneaescue.org/en/>

Updated **Estimations** from
Forschungsgesellschaft Flucht und Migration:

<https://ffm-online.org/blog/>

Bootspassagen im zentralen Mittelmeer im Frühjahr 2019

<https://ffm-online.org/bootspassagen-im-zentralen-mittelmeer-im-fruehjahr-2019/>

From the „Australian Solution“ to the „European Solution“

<https://ffm-online.org/from-the-australian-solution-to-the-european-solution/>

Video about the downing of refugees nearby a Libyan coastal boat: „It was a murder“

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/23/reader-center/migrants-mediterranean-sea.html>

Worth seeing 8 Minutes in the Bavarian television - **great speech of the captain of Lifeline during an awards show for a film documentation:**

<https://www.br.de/mediathek/video/kategorie-dokumentarfilm-bayerischer-filmpreis-2018-marcus-imhoof-fuer-eldorado-av:5c4dd3222210350018bd3ccd>

Stansted 15 were found guilty because of successful prevention of deportations

"Today the #Stansted15 were found guilty in Chelmsford Crown Court.

In a statement they said:

“We are guilty of nothing more than intervening to prevent harm. The real crime is the government’s cowardly, inhumane and barely legal deportation flights and the unprecedented use of terror law to crack down on peaceful protest. We must challenge this shocking use of draconian legislation, and continue to demand an immediate end to these secretive deportation charter flights and a full independent public inquiry into the government’s ‘hostile environment’.”

“Justice will not be done until we are exonerated and the Home Office is held to account for the danger it puts people in every single day. It endangers people in dawn raids on their homes, at detention centers and on these brutal flights. The system is out of control. It is unfair, unjust and unlawful and it must be stopped.”

Stay tuned for solidarity and support actions." <https://www.facebook.com/EDeportations/photos/a.595226674000177/922647701258071/?type=3&theater>

You might have heard that the Stansted 15 – 15 anti-deportation protesters that prevented a deportation of 60 people through non-violent action – were convicted yesterday. As a



result of their action 11 of those 60 people that faced deportation had enough time to successfully appeal and have been granted the right to stay in the UK.

The Stansted 15 were charged with a terrorism related offence and could face a life sentence! One of them, Emma, is 8 ½ months pregnant.

Here are 4 ways you can support them:

1. Donate for their appeal: <https://chuffed.org/project/end-deportations-charter-flight-action-trial-related-costs>

2. Protest today at 5.30pm in front of the home office <https://www.facebook.com/events/369024590570460/>

3. Write a line for support though Amnesty International: <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/write-for-rights/action/stansted-15?fbclid=IwAR1PatjBYcAYY5dW5W11rQOidVouROD867wWd2TMsgWJzU0q4WSw159jAZ4>

4. Tweet at #stansted15

If you want to know more here are a few articles about the Stansted 15:

https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/stansted-15-guilty_uk_5c0e638ae4b0ab8cf6959369

<https://www.redpepper.org.uk/i-am-one-of-the-stansted-15-heres-why-charter-flights-must-end/>

https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/dec/10/stansted-15-protesters-deportation?CMP=share_btn_fb

Film against the deportations to Afghanistan In a circle - Afghanistan ist not safe.

Video documentation against the deportations to Afghanistan,
16 minutes, December 2018

<https://vimeo.com/305167669>

Production: Fish in Water Films, <http://www.fishinwaterfilms.com>,

E-Mail: info@fishinwaterfilms.com

Supported by medico international, Pro Asyl, Forschungsgesellschaft Flucht und Migration, Alarm Phone and Welcome to Europe.

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More than two years ago, on 14.12.2016, the first group deportation to Afghanistan took off from the airport of Frankfurt. Since then 439 Afghans were deported from Germany to Kabul in a total of 19 charter flights. Even though all international organizations documented a sharpening of the security situation, the German federal government sticks to its scandalous deterrence policy and sends people who seek protection back into civil war. The interviews for the video documentation were recorded between May and October 2018 in Afghanistan, Greece and Germany. The film wishes to contribute to continuing the protest and resistance against the group deportations until these 'charter flights of shame' are stopped.

New Initiative and Online-Plattform: In which society we want to live?!



Ein Manifest der alltäglichen Kämpfe

What are you looking for...

A manifesto of everyday struggles (January 2019)

„We see ourselves as seekers and we fight for a different society: worldwide social and ecological just, all people included and with equal rights, peaceful, self-determined and self-organized. We say „struggles“ and mean the everyday process. Because everyday life decides. At least most of all.

We come from different social movements and are already in exchange. But we want more: a comprehensive search process for a common perspective. For a solidary alternative against cold neoliberalism and even more against the racism of right-wing populists...“

The full text of the manifesto here: <http://welche-gesellschaft.org/a-manifesto-of-everyday-struggles/>

And five more interesting texts as well as more information (still only in german) here <http://welche-gesellschaft.org>

Reading hint

(Prefix: The Kompass was asked by Aktion 3. Welt Saar to add the following recommendation to our newsletter. We are doing that with the comment that we consider several statements in this pamphlet questionable or problematic.)

For ordering and distribution:

“Laughing is part of a liberated society – Why Islamism kills freedom and fleeing is not a crime”

New pamphlet by Aktion 3. Welt Saar e.V. on islamism

Contents: Why Islamism kills freedom and fleeing is not a crime (introductory article); Wrong tolerance is failure to render assistance; Dialogue with organized islam? Islamism as a reason to flee; The AfD is not critical of islam ; Criteria for talks with Islamic organisations..

Full text here: <https://tinyurl.com/ycmuprbs>

The four page publication (160 000 copies) was produced by five editors and is added to several newspapers. It can be ordered free of charge from Aktion 3.Welt Saar - Weiskirchener Str. 24 - 66679 Losheim am See

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REVIEW

Oury Jalloh Demo in Dessau on 7th January



Jalloh", Black communities and many solidary people are making sure Oury Jalloh's fire death will not be forgotten even 14 years on. This year more than 1000 people with much energy participated in the yearly memorial demonstration for Oury Jalloh in Dessau.

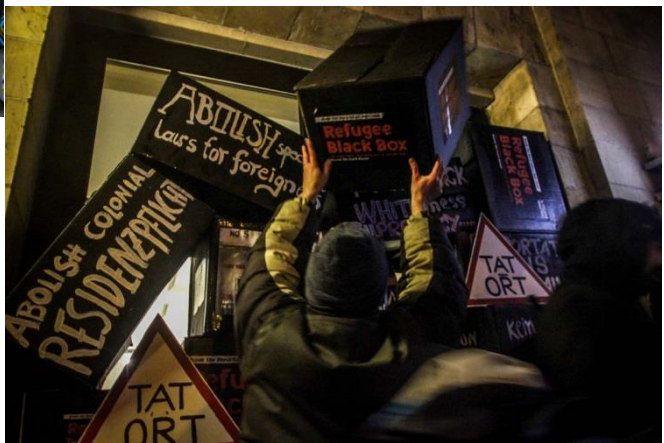
Photo page here:

<https://umbruch-bildarchiv.org/oury-jalloh-demonstration-2019/>

Further information:

<https://initiativeouryjalloh.wordpress.com>

Am On 7/1/2005 Oury Jalloh burned to death in police custody in Dessau while his hands and feet were shackled. For 14 years the police, the courts and politicians have been refusing to investigate the murder of Oury Jalloh in police custody as well as the investigation of two other deaths at the Dessau police department. The "initiative for remembrance of POury



OUTLOOK

**100
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From 10.-12.5. in many cities: Actiondays against 100 years of deportation detention

The decentralized action days will take place from 10.-12.5.2019! Announcement and invitation: Germanwide lecture tour "100 Years of Deportation Detention", organized by antifa paderborn _ Kritik & Praxis

In 2019 there will be for 100 years the deportation detention in Germany.

As part of the "100 Years of Deportation Detention" campaign, we are organizing a lecture tour throughout Germany. In this

lecture we will clarify what deportation detention means, give information about the

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campaign and talk about the inhuman history of deportation detention. A more detailed description of the content can be found here: <http://100-jahre-abschiebehaf.de/>
As part of the nationwide campaign, we would like to visit more than 50 cities in Germany. If you are interested, please contact us at kontakt@100-jahre-abschiebehaf.de
We hope for a good cooperation - Down with the German, murderous tradition of deportation detention!

17.-19.5. in Hamburg: Right to the City Forum

In May 2019 the next Right to the City Forum will take place in Hamburg. Various workshops on Tonics of solidarity cities are in preparation. More information in the next Kompass.

31.8. in Büren: Big Demonstration againsts 110 years of deportation detention , see above.

In August: Mobilisations to Sachsen

There are intense discussions within local initiatives and groups in Sachsen but also in federal coalitions like Unteilbar and We'll come united about a mobilization to Sachsen for the coming state election (on 1st September). The background is a situation where the AfD might become the strongest party in parliament and might be in government with the help of the CDU. There are thoughts of various events and concerts in many places and a festival or a large demo on 24th August in Dresden or Leipzig. Further information to follow in the next Kompass.