

# KOMPASS



Info-Plattform der antirassistischen Bewegung

**WatchTheMed Alarm Phone: Contested routes in the Mediterranean +++ Sea Watch free again after rescue operation and confiscation +++ 11-14 June in Kiel: Conference of Youth without borders and on 12 June demonstration at the conference of interior ministers +++ 13-14 June in Berlin: Congress "Safe harbours - Cast off for communal reception" +++ 18.6. in Hamburg: Families have a right to live together +++ 28-30 June in Munich: Solidarity City Conference +++ 9-14 July near Nantes/France: Transborder Summer Camp +++ New scandalisation of pushbacks at the Croatian-Bosnian border +++ New reports from bordermonitoring.eu +++ Review: Action in Berlin: A life jacket for "Molecule Man" +++ Outlook: August 24: big demonstration in Saxony; August 31 in Büren: big demonstration against 100 years of deportation detention**

## DEAR FRIENDS!



Anlandung der Geretteten der Sea Watch auf Lampedusa am 19.5.2019, Credit Sea Watch

As already in the last two months we start the newsletter again at one of the most contested routes - in the central Mediterranean.

Wednesday, May 29, 2019, 10 p.m.: A distress call from a satellite phone reaches the WatchTheMed Alarm Phone. A boat with

90 to 100 people. They send a GPS position which shows that they have already travelled 90 miles from the Libyan coast, but are still about ten miles from the Maltese search and rescue zone. The shift team learns that the Moonbird, Sea Watch's reconnaissance aircraft, had already reported the same boat to the official rescue authorities in Rome and Malta as an SOS in the morning. Moonbird had also seen a nearby Italian naval ship from the air, but despite several requests, it refused to rescue it. About 12 hours later the boat calls the Alarm Phone for help. The engine has failed, they are drifting. Despite urgent calls, emails and Twitter the authorities in Rome and Valetta refuse their responsibility and refer to Libya. As almost always in recent weeks. The Alarm Phone team remains in hourly contact with the boat throughout the night, calming down and encouraging the people and insisting on the authorities' obligation to rescue them to Europe. In the morning, journalists in Italy take up the case, and members of parliament also intervene. Public pressure grows and at 9.05 a.m.



the completely exhausted people from the boat report to the Alarm Phone with the news that an Italian ship has now arrived and is rescuing them. 15 minutes later the confirmation via Italian media. The same Italian Navy ship that had refused the rescue the day before.

Non assistance of a person in danger, dying at sea, interception to Libya at any cost: that remains the dominant reality in the central Mediterranean. At the same time, more and more boats are making it near to Malta or even to the Sicilian coast on their own. And the above-mentioned boat had also fought its way so far north that Libyan militias could hardly reach it and, in view of the public pressure, an obvious drowning was not possible. The survival and rescue of 100 people as a small victory in a sea of injustice, in a Europe where letting die as a means of deterrence has become the norm.

The Alarm Phone had supported two boats in the Aegean in the same night, in the days before the same between Morocco and Spain. Daily practices in the fight against the EU border regime. Never give up as the motto of the refugees and migrants as well as the support networks. We fight for every life, for the right to come - and to stay.



Hamburg, 18 May: Solidarity City and Citizens Asylum groups meet at the right to city forum for germanwide exchange. The Envilago, a pavilion with exhibition materials set up by New Hamburg, offers an informative meeting space for a productive series of workshops: on Citizens' asylum, on protection spaces and welcome centres, on city maps and city IDs. Ten cities and diverse experiences are represented, with the focus

on practical questions, problems and opportunities. How do we block the deportation terror? How do we create better structures to provide housing and access to social rights for illegalized people? How can we develop contacts and cooperation in and with the communities? Which projects bring different social groups together?

A weekend before, on 12 and 13 May, there were simultaneous decentralised demonstrations and rallies in front of all German deportation prisons. "100 years of deportation imprisonment - 100 years of innocent imprisonment", is the title of the campaign. In addition the suitable current result of a specialized lawyer: "... Since 2001 I represented country widely 1,809 clients in deportation detention procedures. 873 of these clients (i.e. almost 50 %) were illegally detained according to the legally binding decisions available here (some "only" for one day, others for months). Added together, the 873 clients have twenty-two thousand seven hundred seventy one (22,771 in figures) illegal days of imprisonment (i.e. about 62 years of illegal imprisonment!). On average, each client was unjustly detained in just under 4 weeks (26.1 days)...". Abolish deportation custody! In addition there were in the last weeks meetings and films in over 30 cities, which mobilize now for 31 August to a common demonstration in front of the prison in Büren.



Thus back to the future: More than 500 active people have registered for the Transborder Summer Camp in France in July. For exchange and strategical debates, more transnational than ever, with groups across Europe and from numerous African countries. Central theme: corridors of solidarity. Or more concretely: the establishment and expansion of infrastructures along all routes of flight and migration. With rescue ships and alarm phones, with rented rest houses, occupied centres and social meeting points, with advice in transit and multilingual information guides. The right to freedom of movement is spelled out practically and transnationally in times of acute social polarisation, not only in France and Germany.

Matching this: for 24 August, Unteilbar, We'll Come United and Seebrücken are drumming for a big demonstration in Dresden. Now more than ever! With reference to the European and municipal



election results in Saxony. The AfD especially in the smaller cities are still on the upswing, despite "Ibiza-gate" of the model party FPÖ in Austria. Hard to grasp and certainly not acceptable.

In the Mediterranean, in the cities, in front of deportation prisons, in Saxony as in Nantes: Build up (infra)structures! Solidarity must become practical.

In this spirit, the Kompass team



## DATES AND INFORMATION IN JUNE/JULY 2019

### CONTESTED ROUTES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Twitter series of the **WTM Alarm Phone (AP)** on the events described in the introduction on **29.5.19** here:

[https://twitter.com/alarm\\_phone/status/1134003235335880705](https://twitter.com/alarm_phone/status/1134003235335880705)

The **AP's 8-week report** on all three Mediterranean routes here:

<https://alarmphone.org/en/2019/05/21/the-mediterranean-border-mass-abductions-push-backs-people-left-to-die/>

Regular short reports on the emergency calls to the Alarm Phone on the **WatchTheMed** website:

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

The situation at **Sea Watch** after the successful rescue operation on 15 May and after the temporary confiscation here:

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

Boats are increasingly making their way through the central Mediterranean on their own to Italy or Malta, see **Flight and Migration Research Association**::

<https://ffm-online.org/italien-mai-2019-700-boat-people-angekommen/> and here: <https://ffm-online.org/malta-2019-500-boat-people-gerettet/>

Interesting report at **Izindaba about Libya** here:

[http://www.izindaba.info/39.0.html?&tx\\_ttnews%5Btt\\_news%5D=329&cHash=530c48c97af19aab4657d6e5b4cf56de](http://www.izindaba.info/39.0.html?&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=329&cHash=530c48c97af19aab4657d6e5b4cf56de)

### 11.-14.6.2019 KIEL: CONFERENCE OF YOUTH WITHOUT BORDERS AND ON 12.6. DEMO AT THE CONFERENCE OF INTERIOR MINISTERS



From Tuesday 11 June to Friday 14 June 2019, the annual Youth Conference will take place parallel to the Conference of the Interior Ministers (IMK) in Schleswig Holstein. 70 youths from different federal states can participate. Since 2005 we have been protesting for a right of residence and the same right to education for youths without borders (JoG), an association of affected youths and their friends\*. Our conference is organised for and with affected young people in order to inform them about the background of "Duldung" (toleration), deportation and flight, to impart knowledge and above all to develop perspectives for the right of stay.

More information here: <http://jogspace.net>

Poster here: [http://konferenz.jogspace.net/files/2019/05/JOG\\_Plakat\\_2019.pdf](http://konferenz.jogspace.net/files/2019/05/JOG_Plakat_2019.pdf)

Call for Demonstration on 12.6. at the Refugee Council Schleswig Holstein: <https://frsh.de/artikel/aufruf-zur-imk-demonstration-hiergeblieben-gegen-abschiebung-polizei-und-rassismus/>



### 13.+14.06.2019 BERLIN: CONGRESS „SAFE HARBOURS – CAST OFF FOR COMMUNAL RECEPTION“



19.5.19 bei „Europa für Alle“-Demo in Frankfurt, Credit Seebrücke Frankfurt

„...June 2019 marks the anniversary of the first safe harbor declarations. This is the right time to analyse where the safe harbours stand and to discuss which strategies municipalities can use to promote a humane migration policy. Therefore, the SEEBRÜCKE invites to the congress "Safe Ports. Cast off for communal reception"..." Limited number of participants, advance registration required!

[https://seebruecke.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Kongress-Sichere-Häfen\\_Programme\\_temporary.pdf](https://seebruecke.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Kongress-Sichere-Häfen_Programme_temporary.pdf)

### 18.6.2019 HAMBURG OTTENSEN: „FAMILIES HAVE A RIGHT TO LIVE TOGETHER“

„Reunite us now! Families have a right to live together

How German migration policy keeps families separated. The failure of hundreds of family reunifications from Greece to Germany has many faces..."

Event by Welcome to Europe, Pro Asyl, Flüchtlingsrat Hamburg, etc.

From 6.15pm exhibition, from 7pm lectures, interviews, discussion. Place: Ottensen, Schule Rothestrasse 22

### 28.-30.06.2019 MUNICH: SOLIDARITY CITY KONFERENZ



The Solidarity City Alliance Munich is organising a conference with events, workshops and a cultural programme from 28 to 30 June.

All current information is now also available under:  
[https://www.facebook.com/solicityMuenchen/?modal=admin\\_todo\\_tour](https://www.facebook.com/solicityMuenchen/?modal=admin_todo_tour)  
If you want to come to Munich, please register under:  
[anmeldung@solicity-muenchen.de](mailto:anmeldung@solicity-muenchen.de)

Further information also here: <https://solidarity-city.eu/de/2019/05/16/konferenz-solidarity-city-muenchen-jetzt-anmelden/>

### 9.-14.07.2019 NEAR NANTES/FRANCE: TRANSBORDER SUMMER CAMP

Since the end of May the final registration deadline has been reached and only in special cases are further registrations possible. More than 500 activists have announced their participation: from Helsinki to Benin City, from Barcelona to Izmir. A very transnational Summer Camp will take place, interesting especially for groups and networks that are active in continuous projects along the various flight routes.

A four-day programme is in preparation, registration at [tsc2019@protonmail.com](mailto:tsc2019@protonmail.com) is obligatory



## NEW SCANDALISATION OF PUSHBACKS AT CROATIAN-BOSNIAN BORDER

Swiss journalists have once again documented and scandalised the illegal practice of push backs. "Expulsion across the green border - Croatian police filmed during illegal deportation. Croatia illegally deports refugees to Bosnia at the green border. This violates EU and international law.

An abandoned section of the border in northern Bosnia at the end of April. Croatian uniforms emerge from the forest. Behind them a group of about 30 people packed with backpacks and blankets. At the border stone between Croatia and Bosnia, the officials stop and send the group to Bosnia by hand movement.

What looks like a border migration in the Balkans from a distance is an illegal deportation of refugees at the Croatian EU's external border. "Rundschau" reporters document four so-called push backs on two days. The four actions concern around 70 people, mainly from Pakistan, Algeria and Afghanistan. ...

**The footage and more here:**

<https://www.srf.ch/news/international/ausschaffung-ueber-gruene-grenze-kroatische-polizei-bei-illegaler-abschiebung-gefilmt>

Collection of further information on the systematic push backs in this region at the Refugee Council of Lower Saxony: <https://www.nds-fluerat.org/38129/aktuelles/kroatische-pushbacks-nach-bosnien/>

## NEW REPORTS FROM BORDERMONITORING.EU

### Crossing the canal

New report on the situation in Calais, with special reference to Brexit.

See <https://bordermonitoring.eu/berichte/2019-querung-des-kanals/>



Foto Moria, Credit Bordermonitoring.eu

### Prisoners of the deal

New report on the situation on the Greek hotspot island Lesbos, based on around three years of research on the ground, highlights how the European asylum system is eroding from the edges,

See <https://bordermonitoring.eu/berichte/2019-gefangene-des-deals/>

Also the newsletter published in May with further reports on Italy and the central Mediterranean, on the situation on the Balkan route and especially in Bosnia, Hungary, Bulgaria...

[https://bordermonitoring.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/bordermonitoring.eu-newsletter\\_1-2019.pdf](https://bordermonitoring.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/bordermonitoring.eu-newsletter_1-2019.pdf)



## REVIEW

### ACTION IN BERLIN: A LIFE JACKET FOR "MOLECULE MAN"



In a spectacular climbing action activists today dressed the 30m high sculpture "Molecule Man" on the river Spree with a huge orange life jacket and blindfolds in solidarity with the sea rescue on the Mediterranean in Berlin. At the same time, passing ships and activists on the near by Elsen Bridge at Treptower Park expressed their solidarity with banners and denounced the deadly migration policy of the European Union. The See-

brücke movement welcomes this sign a week before the European elections and calls on the EU member states to finally put an end to dying in the Mediterranean and not to look further away.

Photos and the press release on the action: <https://umbruch-bildarchiv.org/rettungsweste-fuer-molecule-man/>

## OUTLOOK

### 24.08.2019 BIG DEMONSTRATION IN SAXONY

Unteilbar/Undividably has published a first call and there are first materials, see here: <https://www.unteilbar.org/aktionen/unteilbar-sachsen/>

We'll Come United will follow with a parade block, more about this in the next weeks at <https://www.welcome-united.org>



**31.8.2019 BÜREN:**  
**BIG DEMONSTRATION AGAINST 100 YEARS**  
**DEPORTATION DETENTION**

11:00 am Deportation prison Büren, Büren-Stöckerbusch / 3:00 pm Big Demo Paderborn HBF

100 years deportation imprisonment to be abolished forever!

Flyers in different languages can be ordered via [antira\\_pb@posteo.de](mailto:antira_pb@posteo.de)

Call (German, English, French, Farsi, Arabic, Serbian): <http://100-jahre-abschiebehafft.de/de/buerendemo>

