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Info-Plattform der antirassistischen Bewegung

+++ 5.-7.12. in Jena: 25 years of The Voice Refugee Forum +++ From 3.12. in Rome: Criminal proceedings against authorities and politicians about Left to die at sea +++ Mediterranean monologues: impressive theatre-play on tour +++ Afghanistan Report by Medico on the situation of deportees +++ New Alarm Phone reports on Western Med & Central Med +++ "El Hiblu 3" released on bail +++ Aegean: Letters to the World from Moria/Lesvos +++ Current situation in Bosnia +++ Algeria and second wave Arabellion - Global uprisings +++ Review: Bologna Meeting of the Palermo Charta Platform Process +++ Outlook 2020: We'll Come United from 17-19 January 2020 in Rhine-Main & nationwide consulting meeting mid-February in Göttingen; CommemorAction from 6-8 February in Oujda/Morocco +++

DEAR FRIENDS!

How would we balance the past year in a few sentences from an anti-racist perspective?

The racist agitation has increased further, the AfD as a mirror image for continued divisions and the formation of the national. The deportation apparatus has become even more rigid and effective, in particular new arrivals are often helplessly extradited to the tightened laws. Frontex & Co's brutality at the EU's external borders has not diminished. Death and suffering in all corners and ends. So everything just worse and hopeless?



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We think no. And we see some starting points that could set further dynamics in motion for 2020:

In the dispute over rescue at sea - not only in Italy with the resignation of Salvini, but above all in the central Mediterranean - we have succeeded in "winning land" again.

Criminalisation has not been stopped, but it has been pushed back. Even if the alliance "Cities of Safe Harbours" still remains symbolic

in Germany, the municipal reception of refugees is an ongoing issue.

Then what we would call "bridging potentials" has promising intensified. Climate (justice) movement, feminist struggles and tenant protests have all become stronger in 2019 and there are manifold anti-racist cross-over-connections in all three areas.



At the top of the positive side of the balance are the continuity and expansion of "daily infra-structures for freedom of movement and equal rights". The large number of projects and initiatives along all the routes was impressively brought together, not least at the Transborder Summer Camp last July. And against the racist agitation and the ongoing attacks - not only in eastern Germany - it has to be seen whether "MigrAntifa" can become a practical slogan for next year.

In any case, it remains the same: we continue to fight against all racist attacks, against every deportation and for every boat. The Alarm Phone is a living and currently particularly effective example of concrete intervention in contested border areas. Could we even become more offensive again in 2020? Will there be more coordinated cooperation between different actors? In Germany as well as transnational? Is it possible to launch a new campaign for the right to stay in Germany? Can we contribute to bringing down the EU-Libyan collaboration?

At the end of November, activists from sea rescue organisations and solidarity cities met in Bologna to discuss the next transnational steps. The idea of the "Buses of Hope" was taken up again to create further practical pressure for the corridors of solidarity: from the Sea to the Cities, from the port cities to the arrival cities. For February 2020, on the initiative of We'll Come United, a german-wide consultation meeting is in preparation to discuss different levels of coordinated projects and campaigns.



Rise-up 2020 is a cross-cutting call from the climate justice movement, which - so far it seems to us - remains rather abstract beyond the climate protests. But on a global level - from Sudan via Algeria to Chile and Hong Kong - social conflicts have intensified massively in many places in recent months. In the AntiRa area we should concretize the "Rise-up" in the coming weeks and - whatever is possible in the above-mentioned sense - to tackle it practically.

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From Agadez via Palermo to Berlin. From Moria/Lesvos via Bihac/Bosnia to Paris. From Tangier via Barcelona to Stockholm. No time to breath - for a new decade of intensified struggles for global social rights! Basta.

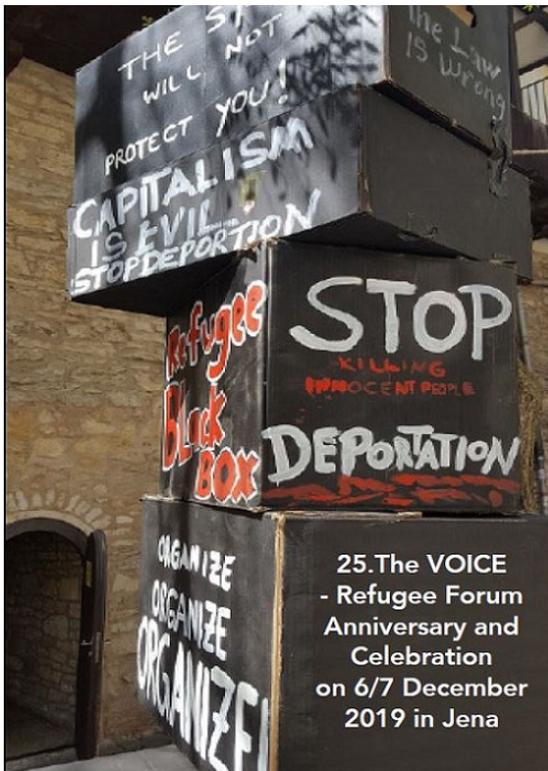
With solidarity greetings,
the Kompass team

P.S.: Congratulations to The Voice Refugee Forum on their 25th birthday! We have learned from you: We never give up!



DATES AND INFORMATION FOR DECEMBER 2019/JANUARY 2020

5.-7.12.2019 JENA: 25 YEARS THE VOICE REFUGEE FORUM



The VOICE 25th Anniversary of Refugee Struggle in Germany

December 5 to 7, 2019 Jena

With pride and joy, respect and gratitude, we long for the 25th birthday of THE VOICE Refugee Forum and invite you all, sisters and brothers, friends and companions, to celebrate 25 years of solidarity and humanity with us in Jena. We want to come together there and experience what we have learned from the members of THE VOICE African Forum over the past 25 years, later renamed THE VOICE Refugee Forum.

In 1994, some refugees from African countries decided to break out of the isolation they had been forced to live in, to break the shackles of the colonial residence obligation law (Residenzpflicht), to leave the fences and barbed wires of the isolation camps behind them, not to capitulate to the inhuman deportations.

25 years ago, shortly after the actual abolition of the right of asylum, only a short time after the arson attacks in Mölln and Solingen, after the cowardly attacks in Hoyerswerda, they decided not to wait any longer but to act and to exercise their fundamental rights. The right to freedom of movement and the right to social and political association have always been the hallmarks of human progress and no law can prevent upright and thinking people from exercising them, thought the then young activists of THE VOICE. So they went out and exchanged ideas with other refugees and people. They wanted to regain the rights that the German asylum procedure had taken away from them.

In the last 25 years THE VOICE Refugee Forum has inspired many people not only in Germany through the political struggle of its members. Numerous initiatives and networks today owe their foundation to the active intervention of VOICE activists. The 1998 KARAWANE tour in the run-up to the Bundestag elections was also co-organized by VOICE activists. As a result of this tour, the network of the CARAVAN for the rights of refugees and migrants was founded. In addition to refugees, it also included migrants living here and German friends.

But not only self-organisations owe their foundation or existence to THE VOICE Refugee Forum today, but also many non-governmental organisations and associations. These were able to find their place in the space created by The VOICE Refugee Forum. They founded associations, foundations or advisory and meeting places. But among the most oppressed people, THE VOICE Refugee Forum remained. It promoted everywhere the fight of the refugees for self-empowerment. It consistently demanded the place of refugees in the discussions and categorically rejected any paternalism.



Through their daily struggles and the many challenges in the forums and encounters created by them and others, VOICE members always focused the struggle on deportations and their colonial character.

They themselves, however, were always in the forefront of the fight against the attacks on the lives of refugees organized by the German state, whether it was about deportations, restrictions on freedom of movement or speech, police brutality or breaking through isolation in the camps.

Now the friends are calling for Jena to share the lessons they learned of the 25 years with everyone and celebrate them at the same time. We are happy not only to forward this invitation to everyone, but also to supplement it with a request to contribute to this meeting. For example, you can send your experiences with THE VOICE Refugee Forum in any form in advance or send or bring a Refugee-BlackBox installation or a photo to Jena. If you can't come but can donate some money, you can help the organization of the meeting and also those who can't pay for the trip to Jena themselves. You can transfer donations to the following account:

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MORE INFORMATION HERE: HWWW.THEVOICEFORUM.ORG/NODE/4697

SINCE 3.12.2019 ROME: LEFT-TO-DIE TRIAL

PRESS RELEASE FROM WATCHTHEMED ALARM PHONE

Berlin/Rome, 02. December 2019

+++ Deliberate delay of rescue in 2013 goes to trial in Rome on 3 December 2019 +++ Over 250 people drowned +++ Responsible Italian officers stand accused +++ Today the situation in the Mediterranean is even worse! +++ Stop the Death at Sea!

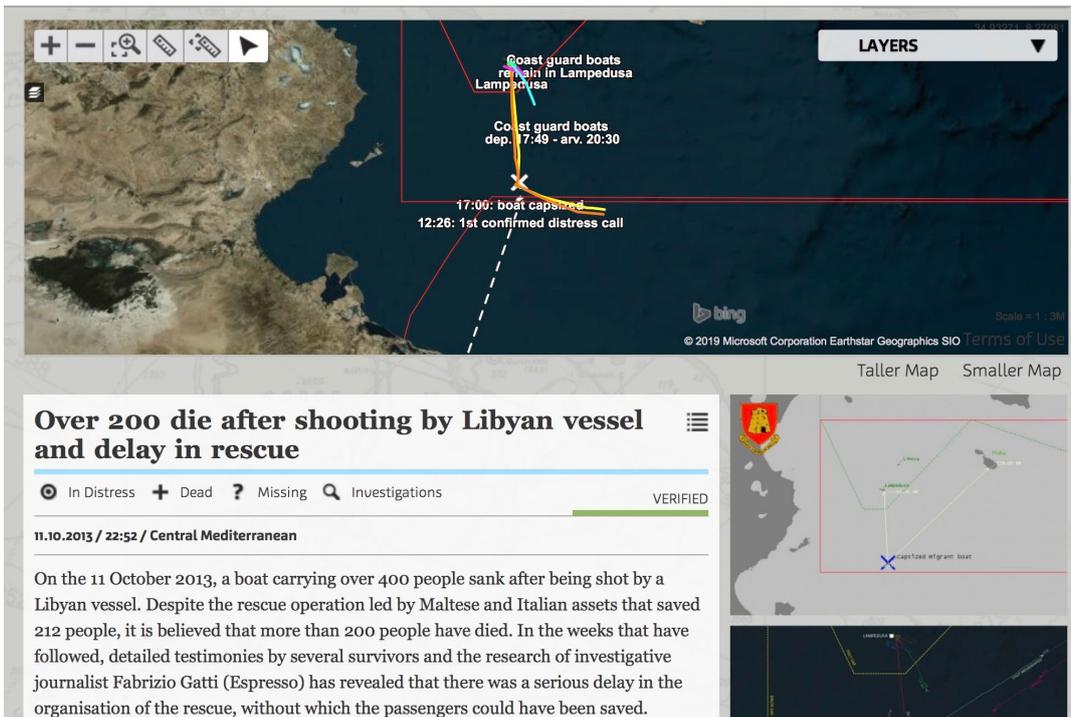
The shipwreck on the 3rd of October 2013 near Lampedusa with over 360 fatalities has remained in our collective memory but much less so the shipwreck that occurred only eight days later. On the 11th of October 2013, over 250 died at sea. Many women, men and children drowned, even though the Italian and Maltese coastguard had been alerted several times to the impending disaster.

From the boat in severe distress, a Syrian doctor pleaded desperately via satellite phone for rescue, but the authorities did not react adequately to his SOS calls. Instead, and over hours, the Italian and Maltese authorities argued over whose responsibility it would be to rescue. When rescue vessels arrived five hours later, the boat had already capsized and many people had already drowned.

Six years later, this case of a deliberately delayed rescue operation will be examined before a criminal court in Rome. Several officers of the Italian coastguard and the navy stand accused. Besides the delay in coordinating rescue, an Italian navy vessel had been in the vicinity of the drama but failed to intervene. Several of the survivors, who lost family members, have joined the legal action. They hope that this injustice and deadly act of non-assistance will not remain unpunished.

The shameful delays in rescue in 2013 were an incentive for the creation of the Alarm Phone project. The WatchTheMed monitoring platform was involved in the reconstruction of this case of non-assistance and conducted several interviews with survivors. Exactly one year later, on the anniversary of the deadly shipwreck, the WatchTheMed Alarm Phone was launched on 11 October 2014, a hotline for real-time interventions in support of those in distress at sea.





The Alarm Phone has now existed for over five years and has supported about 3,000 boats in distress on all the routes in the Mediterranean Sea. During the past weeks and months, our emergency number has been dialed particularly often from the Central Mediterranean Sea.

We received distress calls, again and again, from exactly the area near Lampedusa and Malta where all these people died on 11 October 2013. Much has changed since and we can clearly state that today the behaviour of both Italian and Maltese coastguards is even worse than in 2013. Today, distress calls are often entirely ignored, delays in rescue operations are everyday phenomena, and we could even document a pull-back to Libya by the so-called Libyan coastguards from within the Maltese SAR zone.

Death at sea, deliberate delays in rescue and illegal push-backs of refugees and migrants to the hell of Libyan torture-camps are not natural phenomena. All this violence and suffering is human-made, executed by officers and authorities, backed up by national and European policies of deterrence and systematic human rights violations. This violence and suffering could end today.

We hope that the beginning of the trial against Italian authorities will give some redress to the survivors, even though we know that nothing can bring back their loved ones.

We also hope that this trial can shed light on the ongoing, daily, and criminal acts of non-assistance in the Mediterranean, and the brutality of the EU border regime.

This trial of a past case of non-assistance should be a signal to all those who fail to assist in cases of distress today, those who hold responsibility for the ongoing mass dying in the Mediterranean.

PERFORMANCES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN MONOLOGUES: IMPRESSIVE THEATER ON TOUR

"In 2018 an average of six people drowned every day in the central Mediterranean in an attempt to cross the Mediterranean," says the United Nations Refugee Agency on its website. The "Mediterranean Monologues" bring this tragedy raw and direct to the stage with their eyewitness accounts, accompanied musically by cello and piano. The performance is connected with the unequivocal



political demand that Europe must live up to its responsibility, create safe escape routes and take in more refugees, because worldwide freedom of movement must apply to all people and not only to a few privileged people from the developed industrial nations..."

6.12. MUNICH

13.12. BRAUNSCHWEIG

8/10/11/12/14/15.12. BERLIN, HEIMATHAFEN

17.12. RODGAU

18.12. COLOGNE

19.12. CHEMNITZ

21.12. SCHWÄBISCH-HALL

28.12. LEIPZIG

[HTTPS://BUEHNE-FUER-MENSCHENRECHTE.DE/DIE-MITTELMEER-MONOLOGE-IN-ENTWICKLUNG/](https://buehne-fuer-menschenrechte.de/die-mittelmeer-monologe-in-entwicklung/)

AFGHANISTAN REPORT BY MEDICO ON THE SITUATION OF DEPORTEES

"Despite the danger of death, the EU is deporting to Afghanistan. The medico partner organisation AHRDO has investigated the situation of deportees and returnees on the spot.

As everyone knows, Afghanistan is one of the countries to which refugees must not be deported under any circumstances. It is well known that this does not prevent the German state and other EU countries from deporting to Afghanistan under an obvious breach of human rights. The government is trying to legitimize its breach of the law with the fiction that, despite everything, there are "safe areas" in Afghanistan - the capital Kabul, for example. The fact that so many attacks are currently being carried out there, each with a shockingly high number of deaths, that Kabul has not been a "safe" place for years, but rather a life-threatening one, obviously cannot deter the ministers responsible for this policy; on the contrary: forced deportations are being extended by "voluntary returns", which, more precisely, are anything but voluntary.

This is reason enough for medico and our partner Afghanistan Human Rights and Democracy Organisation (AHRDO) to investigate the situation of deportees and returnees on the ground..."

MORE HERE: [HTTPS://WWW.MEDICO.DE/AFGHANISTAN-STUDIE-17582/](https://www.medico.de/afghanistan-studie-17582/)

NEW REPORTS BY ALARM PHONE ON WESTERN MED AND CENTRAL MED

„Western Med: The hidden ‘battlefield’ - struggles for freedom of movement in Morocco

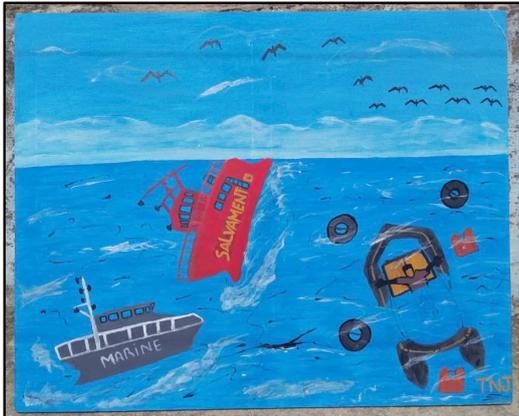
Writing these reports on developments on the Western Mediterranean migration route via Morocco is a complex task and we would like to share some reflections on the process before going into the content.

There is little media coverage on the situation of people on the move via Morocco; not least because the Moroccan kingdom controls press activity. It takes a dim view of investigations into its own shortcomings or reports of conflict. Independent investigators, journalists, human rights reporters and activists are observed and we know of several cases where people have been asked to leave the country and had their material confiscated.

The Hirak movement began in the Rif region in 2016. It demanded basic social rights such as education, health care and work opportunities. It resulted in the arrest of at least 17 independent journalists and 400 activists. Many people are still imprisoned.[1] The Freedom House Index labels Morocco as 'partly free', and mentions the repression of non-governmental actors, such as the AMDH



(the Moroccan Human Rights Association) and the ban on Amnesty International from conducting research in Morocco.[2]



Artwork of Noubissi Arts, Tangier, Morocco

The political context is one reason why the struggles of travellers in the Western Med are so invisible. This is why Alarm Phone tries to cover the main developments and incidents in the Western Med and does not focus only on the sea crossings. Much of the information that we report comes directly from the Alarm Phone activists who are themselves in transit in Morocco. These insider perspectives are in-terwoven with information from other activist groups and contacts, social media content, press releases and newspaper articles. (...)

The content of the following report:

1. Crossings and AP experiences
2. News from the regions
 - 2.1 Tangier and the Strait of Gibraltar
 - 2.2 Nador and the forests
 - 2.3 The Western Saharan route
 - 2.4 The enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla
 - 2.5 Oujda and the Moroccan-Algerian border
3. Externalisation of border control: political cooperation
4. Shipwrecks and missing people ...“

FULL REPORT HERE: [HTTPS://ALARMPHONE.ORG/EN/2019/11/12/THE-HIDDEN-BATTLEFIELD/?](https://alarmphone.org/en/2019/11/12/the-hidden-battlefield/)

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„Central Med: Four days of Struggle against Mass Push-Backs to Libya and Death at Sea

ONBOARD SOS MEDITERRANEE
Activities and observations of our rescue ship in the Central Mediterranean

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- On the 19th of November, Ocean Viking rescued 95 survivors from a rubber boat in distress in the international waters of the Libyan SRR.
- On the 20th of November, Ocean Viking rescued 30 survivors from a fiberglass boat in distress in the international waters of the Libyan SRR.
- On the 21th of November, Ocean Viking rescued 90 survivors from a rubber boat in distress in the international waters of the Libyan SRR.
- On the 22nd of November, Ocean Viking had a medevac for two survivors



Over just four days last week, 19-22 November, the Alarm Phone was alerted to 13 boats escaping from Libya, carrying about 730 people. Of those who called us, around 420 people were rescued to Europe, 287 by NGO vessels[1] and 133 by the Maltese coastguards, and about 190 people were intercepted by the so-called Libyan coastguards and forced back to Libya. (...)

European authorities are heavily monitoring the area off the Libyan shores in order to coordinate mass interceptions back to Libya. Yet, the fate of several boats is unknown and we will probably never get answers as nobody is searching for those who are missing. European authorities, often portraying themselves as humanitarian actors, refuse to take part in rescue operations and simply surveille the Mediterranean from the air. Their only aim is to enable illegal push-backs by proxy, forcing thousands back to the Libyan warzone.

COLLECTIVE RESISTANCE BY MIGRANTS, AP AND THE CIVIL FLEET

That 1,500 people are seeking to escape Libya in four days in November highlights that migration continues through the winter months where attempting the crossing is even more dangerous. In addition to the shipwrecks off Libya, 20 people drowned on November 24 with the coast of Lampedusa in sight. This shows that people are risking everything to escape the inhumane conditions in Libya. The Mediterranean remains one of the deadliest borders in the world. People should not have to risk their lives at sea to find a place of protection.

365 of those fleeing Libya over the past week were rescued by the Search and Rescue NGOs. What would have happened if they had not been there? Further mass deaths and illegal pull-backs to the Libyan warzone and back into torture camps. These deaths are not accidents and could be prevented. European authorities, however, continue to finance and strengthen their collaborations with Libyan militias, while criminalising the only actors that attempt to support people in reaching a place of safety, confiscating their ships and obstructing their operations.

We will continue in our everyday struggles to support migrants crossing the Mediterranean. We will not cease to call for a radical shift in migration policies. We demand:

Safe migration routes and the end of border violence!

The immediate release of NGO boats – stop the criminalisation of rescuers!

The end of European deals with Libyan militias!

The end to illegal refoulement through European aerial surveillance!

Safe passage and freedom of movement for everyone!"

MORE HERE: [HTTPS://ALARMPHONE.ORG/EN/2019/11/26/FOUR-DAYS-OF-STRUGGLE/?](https://alarmphone.org/en/2019/11/26/four-days-of-struggle/)

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EL HIBLU 3 RELEASED ON BAIL!

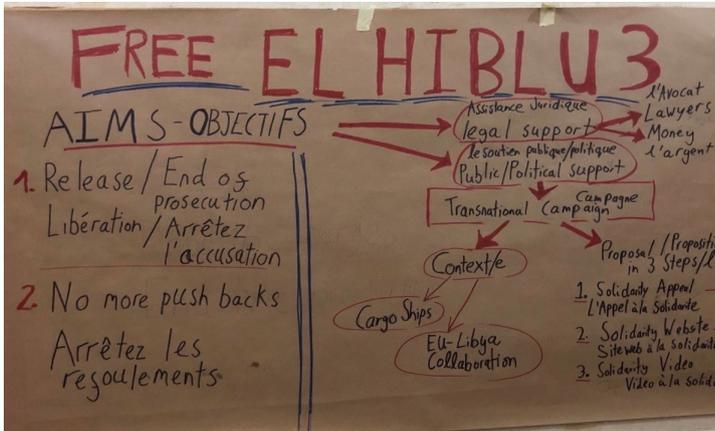
„Bail request for “El Hiblu Three” approved by court. Trial proceedings still delayed for teenage refugees

The lawyers of three teenagers (the “El Hiblu Three”) have requested their release on bail, precisely seven months after the first unsuccessful request, with Judge Aaron Bugeja finally granting the request on November 15.

On March 26, the three young men had been rescued from a rubber boat in distress in the central Mediterranean by the commercial tanker El Hiblu 1 in international waters off Malta.



After the 108 passengers of the rubber boat, spotted by an EUNAVFOR MED aircraft, had been recovered safely and embarked onto the tanker, panic arose among the rescuees when they realized the vessel was steering towards Libya. Some even threatened to jump overboard in desperate attempts to avoid being taken back to the war torn country they had escaped from. The crew of the El Hiblu 1, complying with international law, eventually changed course towards Malta as the nearest place of safety.



Upon reaching Maltese territorial waters on March 27, 2019 the El Hiblu 1 was stormed by a Special Operations Unit of the Armed Forces of Malta. Subsequently, the three minors, aged 15, 16 and 19 at the time, were arrested and charged with several major crimes, including piracy and terrorism.

The 'crime' these young men are accused of comes down to this: saving their own lives and those of 105 other passengers from illegal pushbacks to the same Libyan torture camps they had escaped from. Their trial comes at a time when government sources have even-tually confirmed what we have been witnessing for weeks: a dirty deal between Malta and Libya in place to block refugees from ever reaching European shores. This deal is part of the criminal EU policy of collaboration with the so-called Libyan authorities, which results in their capacity to perform systematic and illegal pull-backs of people escaping from Libya thus forcing them to go back to detention and to the continuous viola-tion of their fundamen-tal rights. Making deals with the so-called Libyan authorities in this moment means being complicit with these crimes.

The "El Hiblu 3" have been in prison for more than seven months now. The 15 and 16-year old were taken to a facility for minors following an initial age assessment by the Agency for the Welfare of Asylum Seekers (AWAS). Regardless, Magistrate Nadia Lia requested a second, purely medical, age assessment, which to date awaits presentation, resulting in continu-ous delays of the trial's proceed-ings. Within the recent three weeks, several hearings have been adjourned.

The three young men, who have not been convicted, are allowed to go free now: under a variety of severe restrictions. Nevertheless they still face the risk of a long sentence in prison if they are found guilty.

As signing organisations WatchTheMed Alarm Phone, Sea-Watch, Mediterranea, ProAsyl, iuventa10, African Media Association Malta, Integra Foundation, Borderline Europe, Kopin, Sea-Eye, Resqship, Mission Lifeline, Jugend Rettet, Isles of the Left, Moviment Graffiti, SOS Malta and Seebrücke demand the Maltese courts to end the proceedings immediately and respect the inalienable human right to seek protection from persecution and the princi-ple of non-refoulement as anchored in the Geneva Refugee Convention and the European Convention for Human Rights.

We demand freedom and protection for the three young people that have not only saved themselves but also prevented 105 fellow humans from a horrible fate in illegal and inhumane Libyan detention camps."



ÄGÄIS/LESVOS: LETTERS TO THE WORLD FROM MORIA

In the meanwhile -until 2.12.19- nine Stories from one of the many women and girls we met during the journey of Welcome to Europe (in Lesbos in Sept. 2019), who are on the way to find a place where they can freely express, find access to education without fear - and where they can find a position to change this world that is so full of injustice which each of her letters expresses crystal clear....

(Story 1 from a migratory girl)



“Put yourself in our shoes! We are not safe in Moria. We didn’t escape from our homelands to stay hidden and trapped. We didn’t pass the borders and played with our lives to live in fear and danger.

Put yourself in our shoes! Can you live in a place, that you can not walk alone even when you just want to go to the toilette. Can you live in a place, where there are hundreds of unaccompanied minors that no one

can stop attempting suicides. That no one stops them from drinking.

No one can go out after 9:00 pm because the thieves will steal anything you have and if you don’t give them what they want, they will hurt you. We should go to the police? We went a lot and they just tell that we should find the thief by ourselves. They say: ‘We can not do anything for you.’ In a camp of 14.000 refugees you won’t see anyone to protect us anywhere even at midnight. Two days ago there was a big fight, but until it finished no one came for help. Many tents burned. When the people went to complain, no one cared and even the police told us: ‘This is your own problem.’ In this situation the first thing that comes to my mind to tell you is, we didn’t come here to Europe for money, and not for becoming a European citizen. It was just to breathe a day in peace.

Instead, hundreds of minors here became addicted, but no one cares.

Five human beings burned, but no one cares.

Thousands of children didn’t undergo vaccination, but no one cares.

I am writing to you to share and I am hoping for change...”

Parwana

ALL NINE STORIES HERE: [HTTP://INFOMOBILE.W2EU.NET/](http://infomobile.w2eu.net/)

CURRENT SITUATION IN BOSNIA

Threatening humanitarian catastrophe in northern Bosnia

(14.11.2019) "On Tuesday the ZDF broadcast an important article in Frontal 21 about Camp Vucjak in northern Bosnia, the violence of the Croatian border police and the hopelessness of people on flight but stopped by fortress Europe.

The situation on the ground remains dramatic. If Camp Vucjak is not closed immediately, people will freeze to death there in the approaching winter. Now the Bosnian authorities have even imposed a complete curfew on refugees, which will apply from Friday. This will make it impossible for the people stranded in northern Bosnia to at least provide themselves with what they need.



However, it is the European policy of isolation and the pushbacks of the Croatian border police that make sure that people keep stranded in Bosnia. The EU's policy of sealing off the borders and the illegal pushbacks have turned the camps set up as emergency aid into permanent facilities. The Bosnian authorities were increasingly overburdened with the care and accommodation of the refugees. The mood has gradually changed.

We must not allow the EU to use illegal pushbacks to systematically deport people to such catastrophic camps and trample on human rights.

After all, the situation in Vucjak and the human rights violations at the borders are also a topic of discussion in the EU Parliament. MEPs Bettina Vollath (Austria) and Dietmar Köster (Germany) have organised an event day for the Socialists and Democrats Group in the European Parliament on the dramatic situation of refugees in Bosnia. Dietmar Köster made it clear that the political actors, if they do not act immediately, are complicit in a humanitarian catastrophe. The right to asylum is a human right, but the "protection" of the EU's external borders is not. Today, Thursday, the EU Parliament also discussed the situation of refugees in Bosnia. The EU Commission has once again called on Bosnia to close the Vucjak camp. However, it is obvious that this is not enough.

The EU must now organise the reception of those seeking protection in order to prevent a humanitarian catastrophe".

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ALGERIA AND SECOND WAVE OF THE ARABELLION - GLOBAL UPRISINGS (FFM AND MEDICO)

Flight and Migration Research Center:

"A second wave of the Arabellion started in December 2018 in Sudan, on 22 February 2019 in Algeria, and in recent weeks in Cairo, Iraq and Lebanon. The bloodiest repressive counter-attacks have taken place in Sudan and Iraq. Amazing parallels can be found with the current demonstrations in Hong Kong, Santiago de Chile and other parts of the global South. Everywhere it says the same thing: "They all have to go" - the entire political caste has to resign because of arbitrary rule, the urge to militarise rule, corruption, the enrichment of the powerful, the selling out of the country's wealth, the impoverishment of the poor and the rampant unemployment among young people. What is also surprising is that no new ruling classes are emerging from the revolt-like demonstrations. In Algeria, the foundation of power now seems to be the most cracked by the social unrest...

MORE IN GERMAN: [HTTPS://FFM-ONLINE.ORG/ALGERIEN-RISSE-IN-DEN-FUNDAMENTEN-DES-REGIMES/](https://ffm-online.org/algerien-risse-in-den-fundamenten-des-regimes/)

Medico International:

"Chile, Haiti, Lebanon, Iraq ... People are demonstrating everywhere and making themselves sovereign.

An unprecedented wave of protest is going through the world. After the global climate strike of millions, protests began in Haiti on October 20, 2019, which still affect the entire country today. This was triggered by a shortage of gasoline. Since then, the barricades have been burning. On October 25, students broke through all barriers and stormed metro stations in Santiago de Chile because of a tariff increase. They triggered an ongoing nationwide popular movement. In Lebanon, the introduction of a WhatsApp tax at the same time brought people of all religious affiliations onto the streets. Something similar is currently happening in Iraq, not to mention the indigenous protests in Ecuador. And nowhere is an end foreseeable.



All these movements have their own history, which began with the uprising in Egypt and has since continued through Sudan, Syria, Algeria and many other places. A story that holds lessons for the active and committed. For example, that victory in battle is not enough. This is the Egyptian experience, a painful wound: the fall of Mubarak was followed by the Sisi dictatorship, which is far worse than its predecessor. At that time, the demonstrators still relied on the representatives* of the various parties. They no longer do that today.

The self-painted poster of a Chilean demonstrator today speaks for all uprisings: *mi mayor miedo es, que eso se para, y todo siga igual.* - "My greatest fear is that this will stop and everything will remain the same." The demonstrations, which drag on for weeks, speak volumes about the fact that everyone is aware of how long and personally risky these conflicts will be. ..."

MORE IN GERMAN: WWW.MEDICO.DE/BLOG/ETWAS-RADIKAL-ANDERES-17571/

REVIEW

BOLOGNA MEETING OF THE PALERMO CHARTER PLATFORM PROCESS

In Bologna, a group of rescue NGOs, civil society organisations, activists, and representatives of European municipalities came together between 28-29 November 2019 to strengthen our work in the Mediterranean Sea and the transnational collaboration between solidarity cities in Europe. Our network emerged in Palermo in 2018 and in the spirit of the Charter of Palermo, with its central demand for the right to mobility. Our slogan continues to be: "From the Sea to the Cities!"

This was the fourth meeting of the Palermo Charter Platform Process. We fight the ongoing violence produced by the European border regime, seek to foster corridors of solidarity for migrants to reach their desired destinations, and take part in the building of welcoming cities of sanctuary all over Europe.

After Palermo, Naples and Barcelona, we gathered this time in Bologna, one of the cities where the rescue organisation and movement *Mediterranea* was born in 2018 and where thousands currently take to the street to fight against Salvini and his *Lega Nord*.

While we met, hundreds of people tried to escape from Libya by boat and many were intercepted by Libyan militias who are funded, equipped and trained by European member states and institutions. Precarious migration across the Mediterranean Sea continues, even during the winter months. Three migrant boats that reached out to the Alarm Phone were rescued by *Sea-Eye* and *SOS Méditerranée*, showing once more how crucial the work of the civil fleet is.

MEDITERRANEA, ALARM PHONE, WELCOME TO EUROPE, SEA-WATCH, OPEN ARMS, IUVENTA10/SOLIDARITY AT SEA, CIVILFLEET, SEEBRÜCKE, BORDERLINE-EUROPE, INURA, AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVERAL EUROPEAN CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES



OUTLOOK 2020

WE`LL COME UNITED FROM 17.-19. JANUARY 2020 IN RHINE-MAIN AND GERMANWIDE CONSULTATION MEETING IN THE MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY IN GÖTTINGEN

After a follow-up meeting in Erfurt, the We'll Come United network will meet again from 17 to 19 January in the Rhine-Main area to plan the next activities for 2020.

Furthermore, We'll Come United invites you to a germanwide anti-racist consultation meeting in Göttingen on 16 February 2020. "The aim is to bring as many networks and supraregional initiatives as possible into a joint discussion on plans for large, joint mobilizations and campaigns in 2020/21...".

FURTHER INFORMATION ON BOTH MEETINGS CAN BE GET VIA KMII-HANAU@ANTIRA.INFO

COMMEMORATION FROM 6.-8. FEBRUAR IN OUJDA/MAROKKO

„The commemoration of the victims and the disappeared at sea and in borders / in reference to the death on 06 February 2014 near Ceuta.

Stop crimes and expulsions - respect for the dignity of migrants

"STOP THE WAR TOWARDS MIGRANTS" - Stop the sinking and disappearances of migrants at sea and borders - Oujda / Morocco from 6 to 8 February 2020

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