



Info-Plattform der antirassistischen Bewegung

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DEAR FRIENDS!



Berlin am 20.2.21 - Credit Umbruch Bildarchiv

In Hanau 2000, in Berlin 20,000 - many people took the streets in many cities around February 19 to show their solidarity with the relatives and survivors of the racist terrorist attack. For several weeks, those affected had made the chain of official and police failures before, during and after the night of the crime

a public issue in all kinds of media. As soon as the pandemic allows it again - so the pre-arrangement with initiatives in other cities - a joint large-scale demonstration against racism, for equal rights and for the society of the many should be organized. The voices from Hanau will not fall silent after the anniversary. Rather, they have the potential to give new impetus to the self-organization of victims of racist attacks and assaults.

"Last night (28.02.21) the crew of our Sea-Watch 3 arrived at a sixth sea emergency and witnessed Europe's inhumane migration policy: with already 363 people on board, the rescue crew stabilized the wooden boat and demanded the responsible coast guard to finally intervene. For hours, about 90 people had to hold out on life rafts because the Maltese and Italian authorities did not react. What is actually a duty on the high seas once again became the play-

thing of European border policy. After finally arriving seven hours later, the Italian Coast Guard was able to evacuate the people and bring them safely ashore to Lampedusa."

These are the repeated experiences from the central Mediterranean, while just one day later,



Credit Mediterranea

on March 1, Italian police conducted house searches against Mediterranea Saving Humans. The accusation against sea rescuers is always the same: "facilitating illegal migration". The concrete case: Mare Jonio, the ship of Mediterranea, had brought 27 people from a cargo ship to Sicily in September 2020. They had already been detained there for 36 days because Italy

and Malta refused to allocate a safe port. The longest stand-off of sea rescue, an inhumane deprivation of freedom of traumatized survivors, which Mediterranea broke with a medically necessary and courageous action. Solidarity and donations are needed here just as for "El Hiblu 3": March 28 marks the second anniversary of the scandal of the criminalization of three young migrants in Malta, who in 2019 had helped to prevent an illegal push-back to Libya ordered by EU authorities.

Racism takes many forms. Racism excludes, hurts, kills. Everywhere. No forgiving, no forgetting. We will not rest. Not in Valetta, not in Moria, not in Hanau.

With solidarity greetings,
the Kompass crew



DATES AND INFORMATION FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2021

19.02.2021 IN HANAU AND IN MANY CITIES: COMMEMORATION, ACCUSATION AND PROTESTS ONE YEAR AFTER THE RACIST TERRORIST ATTACK



All current information here (in german): <https://19feb-hanau.org>

Highly recommended report in the ARD Mediathek: "The murderer came from the neighborhood: he shot nine young people for racist motives. Survivors and relatives report how they experienced the night of the crime and the months that followed, and how they defended themselves against the logic of the perpetrator, who wanted

to make them strangers in their own homeland. Since that February night, they have been fighting for the memory of the victims and for the clarification of what happened ..."

<https://www.ardmediathek.de/hr/video/doku-und-reportage/hanau-eine-nacht-und-ihre-folgen/hr-fernsehen/Y3JpZDovL2hyLW9ubGluZS8xMjY5MzE/>



Speech from Hanau for 19.2. and the song for the anniversary:

<https://19feb-hanau.org/2021/02/18/audiofiles/>

Longer text about the chain of failures of authorities:

<https://19feb-hanau.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Kette-des-Versagens-17-02-2021.pdf>

Petitionskampagne für ein Fonds der Opfer oder rechtsextremistischer Gewalt:

<https://19feb-hanau.org/2021/02/11/hessen-braucht-einen-rechtsterrorismus-opferfonds-jetzt/>

Impressive series of photos from solidarity actions in Berlin:

<https://umbruch-bildarchiv.org/gedenken-an-hanau-in-berlin/>

26.-28.03.2021 TRANSNATIONAL DEZENTRALIZED: SOLIDARITY WITH EL HIBLU 3

On 28 March 2021, it's been two years since the Merchant Vessel ElHilblu1 arrived in Malta.

Upon arrival, three teenagers were arrested and accused of a multiplicity of crimes, including acts of terrorism. From the beginning human rights activists, networks and NGOs have been



working on getting attention to the case. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights spokesperson Ravina Shamdasani appealed to the Maltese authorities to reconsider the charges against the three teenagers already two years ago.

In the past year we've gathered documentation and provided political and legal context of



the case on the campaign-website. Simultaneously Amnesty International has launched a write4rights-campaign that received attention world-wide. For the second anniversary, we endorse all responsible actors, allies, public personas and European decision makers to express their concern about proceeding with the unfair trial and demand the Maltese authorities to

drop the accusations immediately.

The "FreeElHiblu3" alliance will release social media output and publish a statement on 26.03.2021. We expect a variety of publications and statements by partners from political, legal, religious, and media backgrounds around the same time and would appreciate it if you join in the mobilization against the unjust proceedings against the ElHiblu3.

You can join the mobilization through:

publishing social media selfies holding a solidarity sign with "Free El Hiblu 3" / "Drop the charges" (week 22.03.-28.03.)

→ contact your influencer-friends to participate and spread the message

distributing the hashtag: Free #ElHiblu3

sharing and endorsing our social media channels ⇒ instagram: elhiblu3 / twitter: @ElHiblu3

sharing our statement on the 26.03.

writing statements yourself, organise stunts

WE WILL CIRCULATE SOME CAMPAIGNING MATERIAL AND THE DRAFTED STATEMENT ON 22.03.2021,

SEE ALSO [HTTPS://ELHIBLU3.INFO](https://elhiblu3.info)

17.04.2021 IN TRIEST: BALKANROUTE CALLING - CARAVAN FOR FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT! ITALY - SLOVENIA - CROATIA

SATURDAY 17 APRIL

BALKANROUTE CALLING:
CARAVAN FOR FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT

START - Piazza Libertà, Trieste (IT)
FINISH - Cross Border Maljevac (HR)

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Borders kill: thousands and thousands of people are condemned to live in the mud in front of Europe's externalised borders, where walls and fences defend only the white privilege. From 2016 EU-Turkey agreement to the myriad of bilateral agreements such as the Italy-Libya one, with the progressive fun-



ding of Frontex, we have seen border member states, non-EU states and international organisations preventing the freedom of movement of migrants.

The fires in the 'containment' camps over the last year, from Lesbos to Bosnia-Herzegovina, have further highlighted the poor living conditions of people in transit and in search of protection, leading to large demonstrations of solidarity across Europe.

This solidarity, which is being expressed in many forms, is essential but, in our opinion, it must be accompanied by a clear and strong denounce of the political responsibilities of those who have allowed the Balkan route to become a corollary of violence, abuse and death. We cannot stand still facing all this!

We cannot accept a narrative that speaks of an emergency and a humanitarian catastrophe, as if it was a natural disaster, without identifying the causes and those responsible for it!

We want to promote a caravan for freedom of movement, starting from Piazza Libertà in Trieste, a crossroads of solidarity and care, with the aim of reaching Maljevac in Croatia.

We have to act, let's show that it is possible to create a strong pressure from bottom to question the whole framework of the new European Pact on Migration and Asylum. Europe constantly talks about solidarity between states, but what about the solidarity for people we are talking about in the pact? it's not mentioned at all, allows a handful of parliamentarians to raise a few feeble voices of criticism, but in fact prepares detention camps and new deportations. It arbitrarily decides over the lives of thousands of people in transit who can have a document and who must return to their point of departure; it forces them to hide under a lorry or in a container in order to cross a border, to travel ever more dangerous roads, to pay traffickers, to feel constantly hunted down and insecure. It acts as an oppressor, maintaining its European privileges only through the suffering of thousands of people in transit.

Let us open a breach in the narrative that can make the concept of freedom of movement, open borders, rights and protection our own.

We will bring our active solidarity to the bodies stranded on the other side of the border and retrace part of the Balkan route, redefining a route of violence and selection into a corridor of freedom and solidarity.

Crossing states and borders that embody the hypocrisy of European policies, we want to point the finger at the perpetrators of this situation, at those who implement chain rejections and unroll barbed wire, to demand the opening of borders and the establishment of safe channels.

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THE STAGES OF THE CARAVAN FOR FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT:

-> TRIESTE, PIAZZA DELLA LIBERTÀ

-> BORDER ITALY - SLOVENIA (45.623083, 13.902694)

-> BORDER CROSSING PASJAK (45.492228152936846, 14.212816739105651)

[HTTPS://M.FACEBOOK.COM/EVENTS/259467152440380](https://m.facebook.com/events/259467152440380)

DEPORTATION LUNACY CONTINUES



<https://noborderassembly.blackblogs.org/de/abschiebe-alarm/>

last updated on 16.3.2021



UPCOMING ALARMS

!! Charter deportation to Guinea on 16.3.2021 from Köln-Bonn !!
!! Charter deportation to Nigeria on 16.3.2021 from Frankfurt !!
!! Charter deportation to Pakistan on 17.3.2021 from Leipzig-Halle !!
!! Charter deportation to Pakistan on 20.4.2021 !!
!! Charter deportation to Tunisia on 21.4.2021 from Leipzig-Halle !!
!! Charter deportation to Pakistan on 22.5.2021 !!

Hesse

Join us in protesting against the ever worsening, disgusting and racist deportation policy of the Hessian state government! Side by side with the victims of this systematic human rights violations and their relatives, we demand an end to this state racism!

Hesse is currently deporting at any price. No matter if de facto nationals, like Ali A. and Mutlu B. from Wiesbaden, people from civil war countries, pregnant women, parents of children living here... Nobody seems to be safe from the racist deportation policy of the state.

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/EVENTS/924100254821102/](https://www.facebook.com/events/924100254821102/)

Scandalous deportation to Somalia

https://fluechtlingsrat-hessen.de/files/Dokumente%20hfr/Presse/Pressemitteilungen/2021-02-26_Abschiebung%20nach%20Somalia.pdf

Biberach deportation ends fatally

We mourn the death of Sali Krasniqi, who died this morning (12.3.21) in Kosovo, five months after his deportation from the district of Biberach.

[HTTPS://FLUECHTLINGSRAT-BW.DE/ABSCHIEBUNG/NACH-28-JAHREN-ABGESCHOBEN-FUENF-MONATE-SPAETER-TOT/](https://fluechtlingsrat-bw.de/abschiebung/nach-28-jahren-abgeschoben-fuenf-monate-spaeter-tot/)

JUSTICE FOR THE MORIA 6!



„On March 9, 2021, A.A. and M.H. were found guilty of arson endangering human life on the island of Lesbos and sentenced to 5 years in prison. They will have to serve two and a half years of the sentence in Avlona prison on the Greek main-

land.

The two young men had arrived in Lesbos as asylum seekers from Afghanistan and were just 17 years old at the time of their arrest last year. They were arrested after the Moria camp burned down completely on September 8, 2020, and held in pre-trial detention for six months.

Yesterday's trial was riddled with irregularities and violated core rule of law principles of fairness and presumption of innocence. Even before the trial began, it was clear that the two de-



fendants would be found guilty. They were thrown into a politicized game of being scapegoats for the burning of the camp. Their conviction deflects attention from the responsibility of the EU and the Greek state for the catastrophic conditions in European hotspot camps, which once again received media visibility as a result of the fire..."

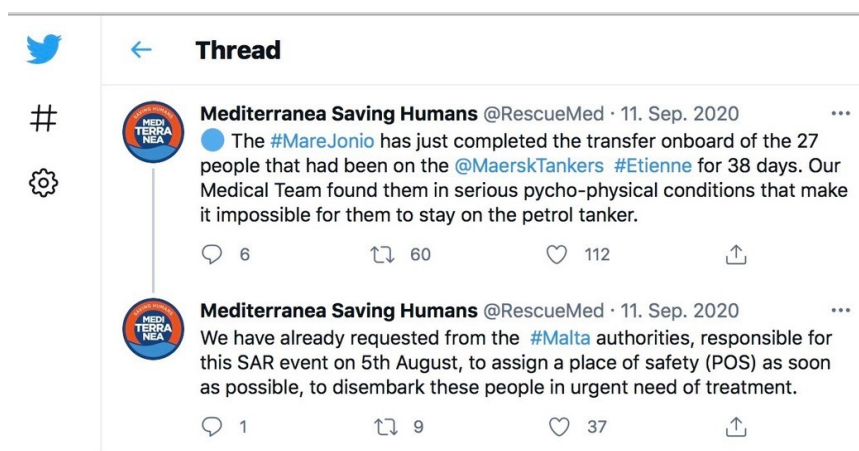
FULL REPORT HERE (IN GERMAN)

[HTTPS://CANTEVICTSOLIDARITY.NOBLOGS.ORG/POST/2021/03/10/UNTRAGBARES-GERICHTSURTEIL-WILLKURLICHE-VERURTEILUNG-ZWEIER-GEFLUECHTETER-FUR-DEN-BRAND-IM-MORIA-LAGER/](https://CANTEVICTSOLIDARITY.NOBLOGS.ORG/POST/2021/03/10/UNTRAGBARES-GERICHTSURTEIL-WILLKURLICHE-VERURTEILUNG-ZWEIER-GEFLUECHTETER-FUR-DEN-BRAND-IM-MORIA-LAGER/)

FURTHER DETAILED INFORMATION IN ENGLISH HERE:

[HTTPS://LEGALCENTRELESVOS.ORG/2021/03/09/JUSTICE-FOR-THE-MORIA-6/](https://LEGALCENTRELESVOS.ORG/2021/03/09/JUSTICE-FOR-THE-MORIA-6/)

INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR SOLIDARITY AND FOR DONATIONS FOR MEDITERRA-NEA SAVING HUMANS



Mediterranea Saving Humans **is under attack in Italy**. Several members of Mediterranea are accused by the Office of Public Prosecutor of Ragusa of "facilitating illegal immigration." It is definitely not the first time that such an accusation has been used to **criminalize civil migrant rescue operations at sea**. One of the prosecutors in Ragusa had initiated in 2004 the case against Cap Anamur, which ended in the full acquittal of all charges. In recent days other NGOs have been targeted with similar charges in Sicily. Solidarity with migrants and refugees reaching Italy across the "Balkan route" is also at the center of judicial investigations and police operations. Also migrants are criminalized, as in the case of the "El Hiblu 3" in Malta and Moria in Greece. Once again, we are confronted with attempts to give priority to border security over the duty to rescue people at risk. While lawyers continue to fight in court against such violations of international and human rights law, there is also a need **to stand up** politically and to affirm the **key role of migrant sea rescue** and **solidarity practices** in the struggle **for a more open and democratic Europe**.

The criminalization of Mediterranea is emblematic of the current conjuncture. The charge is built around a maritime operation carried out by the ship Mare Jonio (run by Mediterranea) on **September 11, 2020**. At the beginning of August, the oil tanker Maersk Etienne **rescued 27 migrants** in the Maltese SAR zone. Although the Maltese authorities coordinated the rescue operation, they never assigned a "Place of Safety" and the 27 migrants were forced to spend 37 days on a ship floating in the Central Mediterranean without medical facilities and



proper accommodation. It was probably the longest stand-off in the history of the Mediterranean, and we should stress that the 27 migrants were in critical condition due to their arduous journey, including prolonged detention in Libya. The Mare Jonio answered a request of the captain of the Maersk Etienne and the medical staff of Mediterranea went on board, immediately realizing the unbearable conditions of the migrants. A transshipment was organized, and the Mare Jonio immediately set sail toward Sicily, where the migrants were eventually authorized to disembark.

The Public Prosecutor contends that there was a “financial agreement” between the ship owners of the Mare Jonio and Maersk Tankers. This charge has already been shown false by a detailed **statement of the Danish company** and we do not need to dwell on that here. More important is the fact that the Maersk Etienne case is part and parcel of a relatively long history of European measures and policies that aim at discouraging commercial ships from engaging in operations of sea rescue. From this point of view, the collaboration between an oil tanker owned by a leading global player in the shipping industry and the small tug boat Mare Jonio is really not surprising. It indicates the potential of an alliance among a wide variety of civil actors operating at sea around the issue of migrant rescue. It is important to recognize that many shipping companies are very concerned about this issue, often combining humanitarian motivations and commercial interests. The fact that members of Mediterranea participated in meetings with European Shipowners’ associations and Shipping companies in recent months must have been perceived as the potential opening up of the struggle for sea rescue on a new scale. And it is easy to imagine that this appeared as a threat to prosecutors (and politicians) who obsessively contend that states should be the exclusive actors in sea rescue, even though in vast stretches of sea state interventions are completely absent.

Especially given the fact that the Mediterranean Sea continues to be the most lethal border in the world, we want to show unconditional solidarity with Mediterranea as well as with the other NGOs under attack. We support the coalition of civil actors engaged as a “civil fleet” in solidarity with migrants and refugees at sea and on land. We are convinced that this coalition, which continues to grow and to create unexpected alliances, already foreshadows a new Europe and new relations with its outsides in the South as well as in the East. We are particularly concerned for Mediterranea, which is currently blocked from undertaking rescue operations at sea. And we know how expensive are the lawyers’ fees and other legal expenses necessary to defend against legal attacks such as the one launched by the Public Prosecutor of Ragusa. For all these reasons we launch an international fundraising campaign in support of Mediterranea. And we strongly invite all citizens and organisations convinced that rescue should be prioritized over everything else to contribute to the fundraising.

DONATE: BY BANK TRANSFER: BANK: BANCA ETICA;

BENEFICIARY ACCOUNT NAME: MEDITERRANEA SAVING HUMANS APS; BENEFICIARY ACCOUNT NUMBER (IBAN): IT37V0501802400000016878019; BIC: CCRTIT2T84A;

CAUSAL: SOLIDARITY WITH MSH

CONTACT: MEDITERRANEACREW@GMAIL.COM

[HTTPS://MEDITERRANEARESCUE.ORG/EN/NEWS-EN/MARE-JONIO-WRONG-QUESTION-IN-RAGUSA-INVESTIGATION/](https://MEDITERRANEARESCUE.ORG/EN/NEWS-EN/MARE-JONIO-WRONG-QUESTION-IN-RAGUSA-INVESTIGATION/)



NEW HOTLINE: PUSH BACK ALARM AUSTRIA



Push-Back Alarm Austria
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We are happy to announce that Push-Back Alarm Austria Hotline has launched. Push-Back Alarm Austria is an activist hotline that provides a 24/7 number for people who have crossed into Austria and seek to apply for asylum here. We encourage people to contact us, once they reach Austria. We can then contact the police to make sure that the asylum claim is registered, in order to stop chain push-backs to Slovenia, Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina or Serbia. We can also call an ambulance in case of medical emergency. Further, we want to document push-backs from Austria, so please also get in touch with us if you hear of such cases.

YOU CAN FIND FLYERS IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND ATTACHED:

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PUSH-BACK-ALARM-AUSTRIA-102220078573690](https://www.facebook.com/push-back-alarm-austria-102220078573690)

WE DEPEND ON ALL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS ALONG THE BALKAN ROUTE TO DISTRIBUTE THE INFORMATION AND THE PUSH-BACK ALARM AUSTRIA NUMBER TO PEOPLE ON THE MOVE. PLEASE SPREAD WIDELY!

CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS AND WOULD LIKE TO COLLABORATE, EXCHANGE IDEAS OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE US TO SEND YOU PRINTED FLYERS TO DISTRIBUTE.

PUSH-BACK ALARM AUSTRIA HOTLINE: +43 1 345 1444

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HISTORY OF COMMEMORATION IN GREECE

here a short video of our actions in Greece since 2009 concerning memorials and for our collective memories:

[HTTP://LESVOS.W2EU.NET/2021/02/04/W2EU-MEMORIALS-2009-TILL-2021/](http://lesvos.w2eu.net/2021/02/04/w2eu-memorials-2009-till-2021/)

WHICH SOCIETY WE WANT TO LIVE?!: TROSSENSTEK FOR CONNECTING STRUGGLES

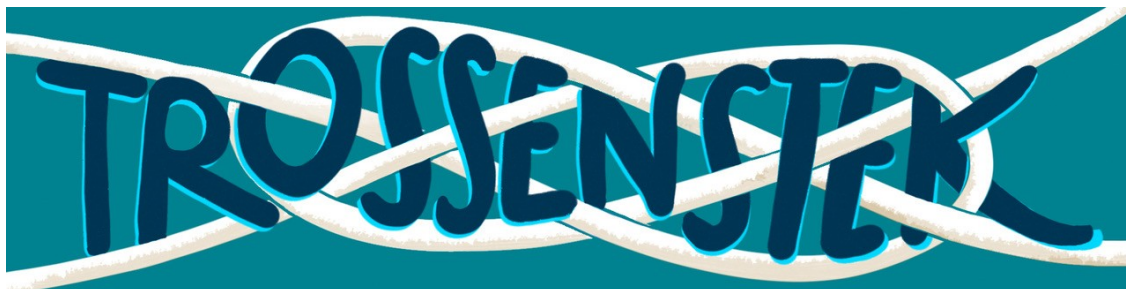


Here it comes, the first issue of the Trossenstek! With a nautical knot and a turtle - what's it all about? The knot represents our search for links and junctions between different social movements and their different everyday struggles. Searching and questioning, because we do not claim to be able to present solutions. Slowly and steadily, like a turtle, we move in search of what could be the unifying factor. The

Trossenstek is an experiment. We hope it will develop into a constructive exchange with diverse voices.



This zero number kicks off with four contributions to the discussion. In the first, we as an editorial collective have attempted to illuminate different dimensions, motivations, and difficulties of the oft-cited "We want to connect our struggles." Based on the experiences in the initiative "In which society do we want to live?!" we reflect on difficulties of these linkages and show why we nevertheless dare an optimistic look ahead. (...)



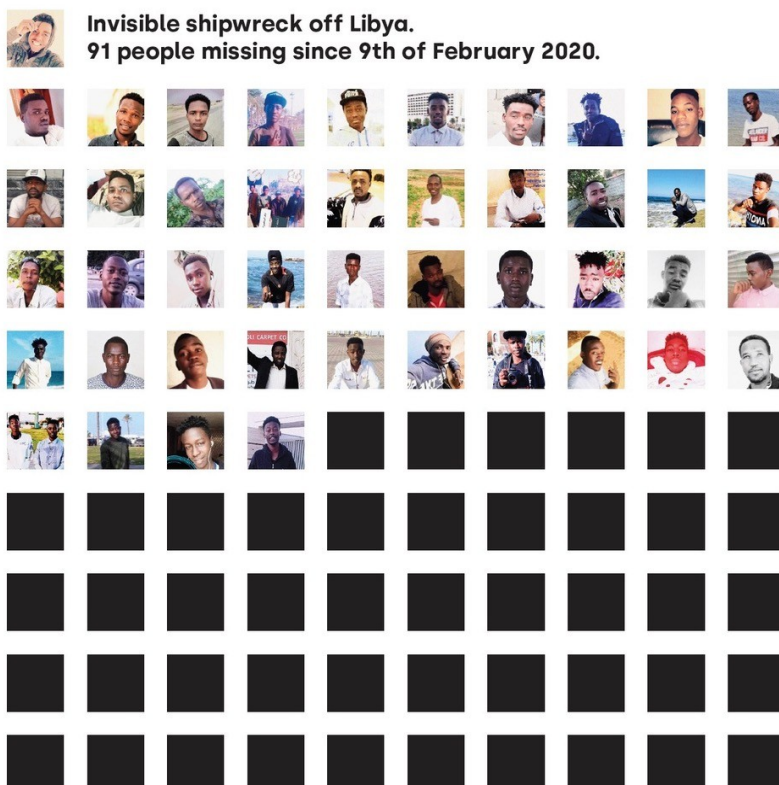
Trossenstek is to appear approximately every 3 months. We hope that the publication will provoke reactions. Reactions, contradictions, continuations of thoughts... More about this in the invitation. Whether the exchange we hope for can succeed at this turtle's pace, in an age of rapid tweets, is for you to decide.

PLEASE PASS ON THE TROSSENSTEK, YOU CAN FIND THE 15-PAGE ZERO NUMBER ONLINE HERE IN GERMAN:

[HTTPS://WELCHE-GESELLSCHAFT.ORG/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2021/02/RUNDBRIEF_TROSSENSTEK_0-1.PDF](https://welche-gesellschaft.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/RUNDBRIEF_TROSSENSTEK_0-1.PDF)

REVIEW

09.02.2021 TRANSNATIONAL: COMMEMORATION



Thanks to everyone who organised #CommemorActions in solidarity with the families of the 91 people who went missing at sea off Libya a year ago. On this page you can find all the solidarity messages and many of the events organized at 9.2.21:

<https://www.facebook.com/CommemorAction-February-9-invisible-shipwreck-off-Libya-547510579499982>

Here you can find the video #SayTheirNames. Thanks AP Amsterdam for creating it, and to everyone who took part: https://youtu.be/_DVKf-DI5w . You can also check the full playlist for further videos: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL594B3U9orTJU8aW0Vlsn7Ew1GJsQ7fAz>

Here you can find our reports in different languages. Each page contains a video with families testimonies subtitled in different languages.

English: <http://alarmphone.org/en/2021/02/09/commemoraction-91-people/>

Arabic: <http://alarmphone.org/ar/2021/02/09/%d8%a5%d8%ad%d9%8a%d8%a7%d8%a1%d9%8b-%d9%84%d8%b0%d9%83%d8%b1%d9%89-91-%d8%b4%d8%ae%d8%b5%d8%a7%d9%8b/>

Italian: <https://alarmphone.org/it/2021/02/09/commemorazione-91-persone>

French: <http://alarmphone.org/fr/2021/02/09/commemoraction-91-personnes/>

German: <http://alarmphone.org/de/2021/02/09/commemoraction-91-personen/>

Dutch: https://alarmphone.org/en/2021/02/09/herdenkingsactie-91-mensen/?post_type_release_type=post

AP-Twitter thread with many pictures:

https://twitter.com/alarm_phone/status/1359460637567553538

OUTLOOK

PLANNED DEMONSTRATION FOR MAY 8TH IN KASSEL

In Solidarity against right wing violence – denazification now!

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ZAPATISTAS ON TOUR IN EUROPE THIS SUMMER



"For the first time, a delegation of the Zapatista movement from Chiapas / Mexico (EZLN) will visit all five continents - starting with Europe. The goal is to strengthen struggles from below and to the left in our regions and to network with their own struggles. It is about global, emancipatory and continuous organizing against capitalism and patriarchy....

As part of the 2021 round trip, over 100 delegates (75 percent women) would like to first sail by ship from Mexico to Europe,

and then tour several European countries. This symbolically counters the supposed



"conquest" of Latin America in an anti-colonial way. At the same time, the movement emphasizes that the indigenous population could never be subjugated.

EZLN spokesman Subcomandante Moisés recently explained the resolutions in a communiqué: "That after traveling to different corners of Europe from below and to the left, we will arrive in Madrid, the capital of Spain, on August 13, 2021 - 500 years after the supposed conquest (Spanish: conquista) of what is now Mexico."

With their new initiative, the Zapatistas want to break through resignation, sow hope and once again shake the status quo of the ruling system and find new ways of solidarity and ecology - together with us. They say: "We are Zapatistas, carriers of the virus of resistance and rebellion. As such, we will travel the five continents."

The European Solidarity Network is organizing and coordinating the trip to Europe and within European regions..."

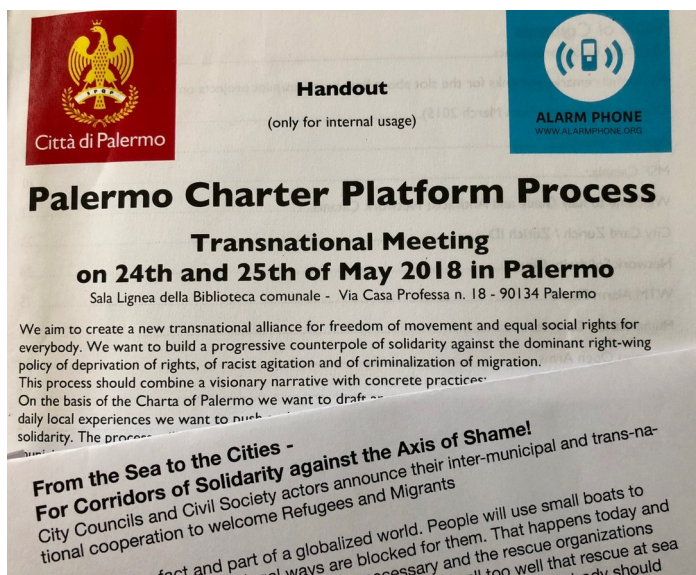
MORE INFORMATION: [HTTPS://WWW.YA-BASTA-NETZ.ORG/DIE-ZAPATISTAS-KOMMEN-ZU-UNS/](https://www.ya-basta-netz.org/die-zapatistas-kommen-zu-uns/)

CALL FOR EUROPE:

[HTTPS://WWW.YA-BASTA-NETZ.ORG/EUROPA-VON-UNTEN-UND-EZLN-ZAPATISTAS-REISE/](https://www.ya-basta-netz.org/europa-von-unten-und-ezln-zapatistas-reise/)

POSTPONED TO SEPTEMBER 2021 IN PALERMO: CAMP & CONVERGENCE

Due to the ongoing pandemic and corresponding planning uncertainty, the "Palermo Camp & Convergence" has been postponed from June to September. Attached are excerpts from the first invitation:



Towards the next 10 years of common struggles across the sea!

10 years ago, in the wake of the Arab uprisings, migrants seized their freedom to move and re-opened the Mediterranean frontier. Nongovernmental actors who support them also seized this moment to develop new forms of intervention at sea – from the use of cutting-edge technologies of documentation towards liti-

gation to direct intervention through rescue vessels and communication infrastructures, from the identification and commemoration of the diseased to new articulations between activism at sea and solidarity cities. This has been a unique sequence of collective political invention, but migrants' rights continue to be violated and people keep dying while crossing the sea as a result of border violence, and far more work remains to be done. In September 2021 we want to bring these diverse actors together for several days in Palermo, to share and reflect on our initiatives, their successes, limitations, and blind spots. We want to consolidate existing practices and create synergies between them, but also imagine and plan for the new interventions that will be necessary in the next 10



years of struggle against border violence and for freedom of movement across the Mediterranean and beyond. (...) We aim to bring together actors from various networks to join workshops and discussions around at least four clusters: (1) activism at sea; (2) documentation and litigation; (3) identification and commemoration; (4) solidarity across land and sea. We want to create spaces of exchange between practices and visions for freedom of movement and equal rights. We want to organize very focussed workshops as well as cross over debates. We want to think of how we can be more effective in our initiatives, and about what new initiatives need to be forged. Key questions to be discussed within each of these four clusters will be defined collectively in the coming months. (...)

With this invitation we wish to inspire various actors from the sea to cities and from both sides of the Mediterranean to join the discussions for a comprehensive program in a diverse composition of participants. Within the next months we will plan for a series of online meetings and working groups. We will contact and try to get involved friends from various networks. We will set up a digital forum to collect ideas, to develop the logistics and to shape the program. We will begin discussions within the 5 different clusters mentioned above, and work to produce together a „reader“, a digital and printed version of texts and information, which should contribute to a vivid preparation process and serve as the basis for our common discussions.

In May 2018 several of us met a first time in Palermo and we started to form, what we called the Palermo Charter Platform Process. We published a statement, which ended with the following sentences:

“We are active in municipalities and church groups, we belong to migrant communities, non- governmental organisations and human rights initiatives, we are lawyers, researchers and activists, we are self-organised and supporters. We all build and spread novel structures of disobedience and solidarity. From sea rescue to solidarity cities, from access to housing to medical care and fair working conditions, from legal counselling to protection against deportation: we prefigure and enact our vision of a society, in which we want to live. And we ask the civil society to join this process: to create corridors, spaces and projects of solidarity, criss-crossing and subverting all internal and external borders of Europe. We call for safe passage, safe harbours, and safe transit to a dignified life at the places of arrival. We are all humans and we want an inclusive and open society with the right to mobility and equal rights for all.”

With the Palermo camp & convergence in summer 2021 we will try to continue and to further develop this process of networking, collective thinking and forging of new practices against border violence and for freedom of movement. Please let us know if you want to join the process.

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