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*„... The Mediterranean, which for millennia has brought different peoples and distant lands together, is now becoming a grim cemetery without tombstones. This great basin of water, the cradle of so many civilizations, now looks like a mirror of death. Let us not let our sea (mare nostrum) be transformed into a desolate sea of death (mare mortuum). Let us not allow this place of encounter to become a theatre of conflict. Let us not permit this “sea of memories” to be transformed into a “sea of forgetfulness”. Please brothers and sisters, let us stop this shipwreck of civilization! ...”*

Pope Francis, “Reception and Identification Centre” in Mytilene/Lesvos, Sunday, 5 December 2021

## **DEAR FRIENDS,**

That we would introduce our 100th issue with a quote from the Pope is something we could hardly have imagined almost 10 years ago, when we started the Kompass AntiRa newsletter, which has been published (almost) monthly since 2012. And not easy to say whether this is progress or above all an expression of regression.

It is undoubtedly remarkable that such a strong position is repeatedly taken from the Vatican for the people on the move and against the border regime. At the end of October, Pope Francis had already preached from Rome with clear words and explicitly for the migrants and refugees in Tripoli. Now this sharp appeal to those responsible directly in Lesvos.

In sea rescue - especially when boats in the central Mediterranean between Malta and Italy are ignored by the coast guards there and their calls for help from the Alarm Phone are made public via Twitter - actors from the Catholic Church are regularly involved in real time, mostly behind the scenes. Bitter to see that even this engagement often does not help and fades away at the walls of the EU's policy of deterrence.



But it is more than comforting, and in many individual cases decisive in the contested space of the Mediterranean, that broad alliances exert pressure, accuse, scandalise again and again until rescue finally takes place. In November - due to the good weather with relatively many departures - the civilian fleet once again proved with its permanent presence that it is the "civilMRCC" - the cooperation of Alarm Phone, the small aircraft of Sea

Watch and the various NGO ships - that makes the difference.

By the end of December 2021, the Alarm Phone will have supported over 350 boats between Libya or Tunisia and Lampedusa or Malta alone, more than double the number in 2020. At the same time, there are again increasing crossings from Turkey to Calabria and persistently from Morocco or Western Sahara to Spain and the Canary Islands. The Atlantic route is even more dangerous than the central Mediterranean route simply because of wind and weather - with a correspondingly high rate of drownings and disappearances.

The "German backing" for the ongoing border crimes in Southern and Eastern Europe - whether in Greece, the Balkans or Poland - is unlikely to change much with the new "Ampel"-government. The fact that the Social Democrats have made a woman Federal Minister of the Interior who in recent years has not only verbally but also practically opposed right-wing, racist violence - and who was involved in Hanau in setting up the committee of enquiry that is now underway - could indeed raise hopes. Hopes, that the time of the repressive, anti-migration policy of Horst Seehofer and his predecessors is finally history.



But as experience has shown time and again: Caution is the order of the day, with the SPD as well as with the Greens, at the latest as soon as they come to power. It is no coincidence that "deportation-offensive" is a term from the new coalition agreement, in which the brutal deportation policy is to be continued. Nevertheless, the anti-racist movement - in all its breadth - should leave



no stone unturned to use new leeway and, in any case, confront the verbal claims of the new government with the injustice of everyday deportations and exclusions.

With solidarity greetings,  
the Kompass crew

## DATES AND INFORMATION FOR DECEMBER 2021 AND JANUARY 2022



### REFUGEE AND MIGRANT PROTESTS IN TRIPOLI READ OUR STORIES - WATCH OUR VIDEOS – LISTEN OUR VOICES!

From Tripoli there is now an impressive website of the ongoing self-organised protest online:

<https://www.refugeesinlibya.org/>

Please spread the word.

### ON 18.12. TRANSNATIONAL IN MANY CITIES: ABOLISH FRONTEX

Take action on 18 December – International Migrants Day –  
take action to #AbolishFrontex and end the EU border regime.

Over 44.764 people have died trying to reach Fortress Europe. In Tripoli, nearly 3000 refugees are protesting outside the UNHCR headquarters following the mass detention of 5000 people and the death of six people in early October. Thousands of people are currently stuck and facing violence at the Polish-Belarus border and are being pushed back into Belarus. Journalists and human rights workers are being kept out of the border area which has become a militarised zone under a state of emergency.

The response from EU member states and its institutions?

- Poland has deployed over 12,000 guards to its border with Belarus and is building a border wall, as are Lithuania and Latvia. 32 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, Germany is calling on the EU to help Poland “secure their external border”.
- Frontex continues to collaborate with the so-called Libyan “coastguard” to force people back to Libya where they face torture and other severe human rights abuses.
- As part of its border externalisation efforts, the EU puts severe pressure on non-EU-countries to act as outpost border guards. Top EU officials visit countries like Armenia, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, and the UAE to demand that they stop flights to Belarus.
- Frontex is building up its own 10,000 persons strong paramilitary border police force (Standing Border Guard Corps), which has already been deployed to Italy, Greece, Spain, the Western Balkans, Lithuania and Latvia. Frontex recently awarded a contract to Austrian arms company Glock to provide firearms for this corps.
- By fuelling conflicts, injustice and climate change and encouraging arms trade, the EU is one of the reasons why people are forced to leave their homes. At the same time,



the EU and its member states are militarising their borders and conducting illegal push-backs.

The EU's border policies are inherently racist and reinforce colonial and capitalist power structures. No one is illegal. Everyone should be free to move and live.

**ON 18 DECEMBER, TAKE ACTION TO ABOLISH FRONTEX AND THE SYSTEM IT REPRESENTS. FIND IDEAS FOR ACTIONS AND A LIST OF FRONTEX LOCATIONS HERE: [HTTPS://ABOLISHFRONTEX.ORG/TAKE-ACTION/](https://abolishfrontex.org/take-action/)**

## **ON 17 AND 20 DECEMBER IN WIESBADEN: MORE RELATIVES FROM HANAU IN THE COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY**



Vor dem Landtag in Wiesbaden am 3.12.21

The first public session of UNA 20/02 on Hanau on 3.12.21 resulted in many media reports, see <https://19feb-hanau.org/in-der-presse/>. On 17 and 20.12, more relatives and survivors will testify. The 19 February Initiative is calling for rallies and vigils in front of the state parliament, especially at 8.30 to 9.30 in the morning at the beginning of each session.

At the same time, the 19 February Initiative has launched a new call for donations for

legal and forensic support, especially for cooperation with the independent investigation institute Forensic Architecture. For complete clarification in Hanau, see <https://www.betterplace.org/de/projects/103688-lueckenlose-aufklaerung-fuer-hanau>

**ALL OTHER CURRENT INFORMATION (IN GERMAN) HERE: [HTTPS://19FEB-HANAU.ORG/](https://19feb-hanau.org/)**

## **NEW PUBLICATION FROM AFRIQUE-EUROPE-INTERACT**



### Dauerdiktatur in Togo

Am 03.12.2021 veranstaltete Afrique-Europe-Interact zusammen mit der Togoischen Diaspora in Deutschland (DTA) eine öffentliche Kundgebung vor dem Ministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung in Bonn. Hunderttausende aus Togo nahmen ebenfalls an der Kundgebung teil.

In Togo besteht die Diktatur schon so lange, dass die Menschen nicht mehr auf sich selbst verlassen können. Gleichzeitig gewinnt sie an Dynamik. Denn die Machtverhältnisse überall. Und sobald etwas kritisches geäußert wird, kommt es zu Einschüchterungen und Festnahmen, sogar Mord. Als ich angefangen habe, in der Oppositionsgruppe PNP aktiv zu werden, musste ich aus Togo fliehen. Erst vor kurzem wurde



As every year, the transnational network Afrique-Europe-Interact (AEI) has produced a newspaper for the end of the year - this time with articles on Togo, the UN climate summit in Glasgow, climate change and ecological agriculture, EU migration policy and circular migration, and the escalation

of violence in the Sahel. The newspaper will be published on 17 December 2021 as a supplement of the daily newspaper taz, and will also be included in the monthly newspaper analyse & kritik and the weekly newspaper jungle world in the course of December and January.

**THE PDF OF THE NEWSPAPER AND THE INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES ARE DOCUMENTED ON THE AEI WEBSITE:**

**[HTTPS://AFRIQUE-EUROPE-INTERACT.NET/2098-0-AEI-ZEITUNG---AUCH-ALS-PDF.HTML](https://afrique-europe-interact.net/2098-0-aei-zeitung---auch-als-pdf.html)**



AEI WILL ALSO BE HAPPY TO SEND YOU FURTHER COPIES FOR DISTRIBUTION - PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO: [INFO@AFRIQUE-EUROPE-INTERACT.NET](mailto:INFO@AFRIQUE-EUROPE-INTERACT.NET)

### 07.01.2022 DESSAU: OURY JALLOH DEMONSTRATION - NEW EXPERTISE!



The initiative in memory of Oury Jalloh calls for a new demonstration in Dessau on 7 January 2022 - 2 pm at the main station.

In November, the initiative published a new expert opinion on the fire:

"New fire report proves insistent and beyond doubt: Oury Jalloh was burned by police officers on 7 January 2005!

International fire expert refutes the deliberately false claims of the Prosecutor General's Office of Saxony-Anhalt that Oury Jalloh set the fire himself.

Oury Jalloh's family files charges of obstruction of justice against the Public Prosecutor's Office in Naumburg and demands that the Federal Public Prosecutor's Of-

fice reopen the investigation.

The new fire report is based on fire tests to reconstruct the crime scene of 7 January 2005 in a faithful replica of cell 5 of the Dessau police station. The British fire expert Iain Peck comes to the conclusion that Oury Jalloh, who was bound by his hands and feet, must have been set on fire by police officers. Furthermore, movement tests carried out beforehand of a person equally fixed at 4 points on a full-size mattress showed that Oury Jalloh had neither the room to move nor any other possibilities to set the mattress on fire himself...."

FULL PRESS RELEASE HERE: [HTTPS://INITIATIVEOURYJALLOH.WORDPRESS.COM/](https://initiativeouryjalloh.wordpress.com/)



### [HTTPS://FEMINISTASYLUM.ORG/](https://feministasylum.org/) EUROPEANWIDE PETITION

FOR AN EFFECTIVE RECOGNITION OF THE SPECIFIC GROUNDS FOR ASYLUM FOR WOMEN, GIRLS AND LGBTIQ+ PEOPLE

Sexual and gender-based violence (including domestic violence, sexual exploitation, forced marriage, genital mutilation, trafficking, discriminatory legislation, repudiation, deprivation of their children) pushes many women, girls and LGBTIQ+ people to flee their countries and seek asylum in Europe.

We, the people of Europe and the world, call on the European Commission, the European Parliament, the European Council and the national governments of the Schengen area to:

- Guarantee the right to international protection through the effective recognition of any specific asylum grounds for women, girls and LGBTIQ+ people.



- Establish a European Monitoring Body to ensure the effective implementation of articles 60 and 61 of the Istanbul Convention and articles 10 to 16 of the Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings.

- Ensure access to asylum in European countries for women, girls and LGBTIQ+ people  
Who are we?

We are a group of activists and associations fighting alongside asylum seekers in Europe. Through our daily struggle, we see the multiple forms of violence experienced by women and LGBTIQ+ people who come to Europe in search of refuge. Following the feminist demonstration "Toutes aux frontières" (All women to the borders), which took place in Nice on 5 June 2021, we join forces: repression occurs at the European level, as does our resistance.

**MORE INFORMATION: [HTTPS://FEMINISTASYLUM.ORG/](https://feministasylum.org/)**

### **DEATHS AND PUSH-BACKS THROUGH CALCULATED NON-ASSISTANCE IN THE CHANNEL**

written by Watch the Channel and Calais Migrant Solidarity (24/11)

„As news began circulating that a boat had sunk in the middle of the Channel and that 27 people, men, women and children, had lost their lives on Wednesday 24 November, both the British and French governments were quick to blame ‘people smugglers’ for the loss of life. The information that has emerged since shows that it was the decision on the part of authorities not to intervene, nor cooperate with one another, after being alerted to the boat in distress that lead directly to their deaths....“

**FULL TEXT HERE: [HTTPS://CALAISMIGRANTSOLIDARITY.WORDPRESS.COM/2021/11/30/DEATHS-AND-PUSH-BACKS-THROUGH-CALCULATED-NON-ASSISTANCE-IN-THE-CHANNEL/](https://calaismigrantsolidarity.wordpress.com/2021/11/30/deaths-and-push-backs-through-calculated-non-assistance-in-the-channel/)**

### **ALARM PHONE: WESTERN MED REPORT AND VIDEOCLIP FOR DONATIONS**

No human is illegal - criminalisation in North Africa and Spain

From the new Western Med Report: „Criminalisation at sea

Instead of doing everything within their power to stop this dying at sea, state agencies have increased the repression and criminalisation of travellers as well as travel agents (“travel agent” is the term used by people on the move for the people who are paid to organise the journeys). As Alarm Phone, we fully support the demand for more rescue assets, more staff, more financial resources and are thus in solidarity with the struggles of the CGT (Confederación General del Trabajo) Salvamento, the largest union of workers of Spanish search and rescue organisation, Sasemar. We are infuriated that European states, the EU and Frontex allocate millions every year to criminalise, punish, deport and torture people on the move instead of properly equipping SAR actors. (...)

The Alarm Phone members in Laayoune describe how criminalisation affects travellers:

“When a boat is intercepted, the police take the phones of different people. The police or gendarmerie then always arrest three to five people and accuse them of having organised the journey – without the slightest proof. They are taken to the prosecutor, an arrest warrant is issued, then an investigation and then they are sentenced and imprisoned. When travel agents are arrested, they risk prison sentences from five to ten or even



up to 20 years. These processes are completely arbitrary, without any [defence] lawyers present. Sometimes the accused sign a transcript without even knowing its content, because it's in Arabic. Officially, there should be a translator present. But none of this is respected. Migrants are not given any rights."

**FULL REPORT HERE:**

**[HTTPS://ALARMPHONE.ORG/EN/2021/11/30/NO-HUMAN-IS-ILLEGAL-CRIMINALISATION-IN-NORTH-AFRICA-AND-SPAIN/?POST\\_TYPE\\_RELEASE\\_TYPE=POST](https://alarmphone.org/en/2021/11/30/no-human-is-illegal-criminalisation-in-north-africa-and-spain/?post_type=release_type=post)**



### **ALARM PHONE VIDEO CLIP FOR DONATIONS**

This year, the Alarm Phone is calling for donations for our hotline project in this video clip. 14 activists from 14 cities on both sides of the Mediterranean present their daily work and the concrete demands and goals of the transnational network, which has supported around 4000 boats on all routes of the Mediterranean since 2014.

**YOUTUBE:** [HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=RRQV9RCCKEU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RRQV9RCCKEU)

**WEBSITE:** [HTTPS://ALARMPHONE.ORG/EN/CAMPAIGNS/DONATION-CALL-2021/](https://alarmphone.org/en/campaigns/donation-call-2021/)

### **MEDICO: ON THE SITUATION AT THE POLISH-BELARUSIAN BORDER**

Young people help refugees who make it across the Polish border despite all sealing measures. medico visited them.

By Ramona Lenz

"The Polish border is sealed. Belarusian authorities told you lies. Go back to Minsk!" We are still a few kilometres away from the Polish-Belarusian border when this text message reaches us. The attached link leads to the page of the Polish Ministry of the Interior, which urgently warns against crossing the border from Belarus to Poland. Apparently, this message goes to every foreign mobile phone number that is tracked down near the border, including us with our German numbers. However, it is addressed to the desperate people from countries like Syria, Iraq or Afghanistan who are staying in the densely forested border area. However, this does not stop them. Despite all attempts to thwart their flight into the EU - be it through such warning text messages sent for months or

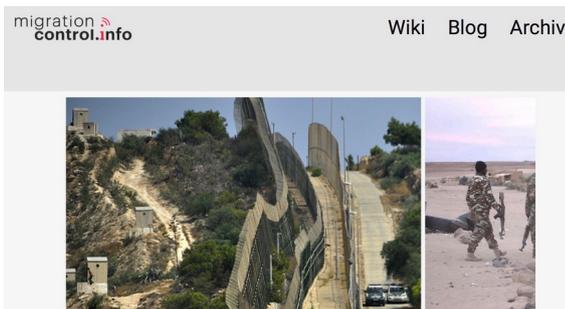


through brutal pushbacks - refugees still arrive on the Polish side of the border every day.

In the middle of the forest, but outside the exclusion zone - that is, the area along the border for which Poland has declared a state of emergency - we visit a base camp that young people from Warsaw have set up. The cupboards and shelves are well filled with jackets, shoes, hats, socks, sleeping bags, hygiene articles, toys and food. In the kitchen, dozens of thermos flasks with tea are ready. There is a concentrated atmosphere and at the same time a lively hustle and bustle. In one corner, a group is consulting, another is preparing for an operation. During our stay, several emergency calls come in. Aleksander, Jakup and Filip\* have just returned from a mission and tell us about it. In the afternoon, a group of eight people from Syria had reported that they were in distress in the forest via the emergency number that is distributed among the refugees. The three of them then set off to help. Before they set off, the activists always ask for some basic information: How many people are there? How old are they? And above all, what do they need? Then they gather everything they need, take tea and soup to warm them up and set off by car, often walking the last part of the way to the people....

**THE ENTIRE REPORT HERE: [HTTPS://WWW.MEDICO.DE/BLOG/NICHT-AUFZUHALTEN-18437](https://www.medico.de/blog/nicht-aufzuhalten-18437)**

## **MIGRATION CONTROL - WITH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AND FIRST ASSESSMENT OF THE COALITION AGREEMENT**



The migration control project deals with the externalisation of the European borders to Africa. Dictators are bribed, militias are recruited and equipped, migration routes are blocked, local economies dry up. Migrants die of thirst in the desert or drown in the sea.

We are a transnational network of researchers, activists, journalists, and

organisations that gather information about the external dimension of the European migration and border regime.

We investigate and document the externalisation of borders in our wiki, blog, and archives. An introduction to our focus and approach is formulated in five questions.

- Once a month, we publish our Monthly Review covering recent developments of the Eurafrikan migration control, migration and displacement in Africa, and across the Med  
<https://migration-control.info/en/monthly-review-list/>

- Since August 2021, there is a List of Agencies and Enterprises which are engaged in Border Business. Also, in the Archives, please find a List of Archives regarding Border and Control Technology.

<https://migration-control.info>

### **Refugee Deterrence and Climate Imperialism**

With assessments of the coalition agreement

<https://migration-control.info/fluechtlingsabwehr-und-klima-imperialismus/>



## THE GUARDIAN ABOUT FORTRESS EUROPE



Credit: Guardian

Fortress Europe: the millions spent on military-grade tech to deter refugees

We map out the rising number of high-tech surveillance and deterrent systems facing asylum seekers along EU borders. From military-grade drones to sensor systems and experimental technology, the EU and its members have spent hundreds of millions of euros over the

past decade on technologies to track down and keep at bay the refugees on its borders. Poland's border with Belarus is becoming the latest frontline for this technology, with the country approving last month a €350m (£300m) wall with advanced cameras and motion sensors.

The Guardian has mapped out the result of the EU's investment: a digital wall on the harsh sea, forest and mountain frontiers, and a technological playground for military and tech companies repurposing products for new markets.

**VOLLER LESENSWERTER ÜBERBLICKSTEXT HIER: [HTTPS://WWW.THEGUARDIAN.COM/GLOBAL-DEVELOPMENT/2021/DEC/06/FORTRESS-EUROPE-THE-MILLIONS-SPENT-ON-MILITARY-GRADE-TECH-TO-DETER-REFUGEES](https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2021/dec/06/fortress-europe-the-millions-spent-on-military-grade-tech-to-deter-refugees)**

## REVIEWS

### STATEMENT ON THE CONFERENCE OF INTERIOR MINISTERS IN STUTTGART

From the joint press release of 01.12.2021

"Comprehensive regulations on the right to stay are necessary!

On the occasion of the Conference of Interior Ministers from 1 to 3 December, PRO ASYL, the Regional Refugee Councils and "Youth without Borders" demand a comprehensive stop to deportations and the immediate continuation of the admission of persons seeking protection from Afghanistan.

Due to the rampant pandemic, the interior ministers must impose a general ban on deportations at their conference. Deportations during the pandemic are irresponsible and endanger human lives. In particular, deportations to Syria, Afghanistan and Ethiopia are impossible due to the continuing catastrophic political and economic situation - war and terror prevail in these countries.

Implement right to stay regulations

Fortunately, the "Ampel"-coalition has decided to create a right to stay regulation. The new "right of opportunity to stay" wants to enable "people who have lived in Germany for five years on 1 January 2022, who have not committed any criminal offences and who



profess the free democratic basic order" to obtain a one-year residence permit on probation "in order to fulfil the other requirements for a right to stay during this time" (page 138 coalition agreement). But:

"We fear a deportation-it is of individual foreigners authorities and federal states, which, regardless of the pandemic and the coming regulations, create facts wherever possible. This must not happen," says Günter Burkhardt, Executive Director of PRO ASYL. "That is why the federal states should agree on an anticipatory regulation at the conference of interior ministers, which will ensure that no one is deported before the new regulations on the right to stay come into force."...

Stop deportations to Afghanistan, Syria and Ethiopia

Together with the state refugee councils, "Youth without Borders" and PRO ASYL, the Refugee Council of Lower Saxony appeals to the states on the occasion of the IMK to recognise the realities in Afghanistan, Syria and Ethiopia across party lines ..."



Credit: Frankfurter Rundschau und Veto

### REPATRIATION AFTER DEPORTATION FROM PIRNA

Civil courage in Saxony: How anger turns into commitment

"When a family from Pirna is deported, the neighbourhood starts to protest. Until parents and children are actually allowed to come back."

[HTTPS://WWW.FR.DE/ZUKUNFT/STORYS/MIGRATION/BRING-BACK-OUR-NEIGHBOURS-ZIVILCOURAGE-PIRNA-SACHSEN-WIE-AUS-WUT-ENGAGEMENT-WIRD-91125161.HTML](https://www.fr.de/zukunft/storys/migration/bring-back-our-neighbours-zivilcourage-pirna-sachsen-wie-aus-wut-engagement-wird-91125161.html)

## OUTLOOK

### FFREEDOM CONFERENCE FOR EL HIBLU 3 END OF MARCH 2022 IN MALTA

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## EL HIBLU 3 FREEDOM COMMISSION

The ElHiblu3 Freedom Commission is a newly formed and independent alliance of human rights advocates demanding freedom of the ElHiblu3. Founded in October 2021, the Commission became public with a first statement demanding the immediate dismissal of the trial against the ElHiblu3.

continue the pressure for the immediate termination of the proceedings against the three young men.

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

In October 2021, a Freedom Commission was founded to support the "El Hiblu 3", see here: <https://elhiblu3.info/commission>  
A Freedom Conference is planned for 27/28 March 2022 - the third anniversary of the arrival of the cargoship El Hiblu with 108 rescued people - in Malta to



## **TRANSBORDER SUMMER CAMP IN JULI 2022**

In September at the Palermo Convergence it was announced that a (second) Transborder Summer Camp (TSC) will be organised in the summer of 2022 in the ZAD near Nantes. The date was set for the week of 13-17 July. The preparation process has already begun and the first invitations will be sent out by January 2022. The content of the camp will follow on from the impressive first TSC in summer 2019:

**[HTTPS://TRANS-BORDER.NET/INDEX.PHP/BROCHURE/](https://trans-border.net/index.php/brochure/)**

