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## DEAR FRIENDS!

The worst-case scenario for Italy has come to pass: with Meloni a post-fascist as head of government, in the Ministry of Transport Salvini, among others, with sovereignty over the coast guard, a former Salvini subordinate as Minister of the Interior. Things could not have been worse, not only in reference to migration.

Rome's "cabinet of horrors" (taz) had just begun to take office when the Alarm Phone received a distress call on the morning of 25 October that would subsequently force the Italian Coast Guard to undertake one of its largest rescue operations in recent years. The boat, which had set off from Tobruk in Libya and was in distress south-east of Sicily, had 700 (!)



Alarm Phone  
@alarm\_phone

Rescue is needed urgently!!!

We just spoke to a person on board who reported that the situation is extremely dangerous. People are suffering of serious dehydration and one person has reportedly gone over board. We fear for the lives of over 1300 people!!!

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... people on board. And: the caller states that a second boat with 600 people is on its way with them and is also in the vicinity. Never before in its almost exactly eight-year history had the Alarm Phone forwarded an SOS with almost 1300 people to the coastguards.

It seems all the more interesting that the Italian authorities - apart from a very short press release - published virtually nothing about their large-scale operation with at least five rescue ships. There were no photos of the overloaded boats in the media, no overcrowded harbour after arrival, nothing. Rather, the 1157 people

rescued and two corpses were quietly distributed to different ports. Two NGO ships that were in the vicinity were explicitly ordered to stay away from the two boats. Obviously, the

new far-right government had the highest interest in carrying out this rescue without publicity and not letting any further details leak out.

The coming days and weeks will show whether rescue ships - as in 2018 under Salvini - will once again be denied access to Italian ports. In any case, the new government was unable to prevent the arrival of the people who left Tobruk, and it remains questionable whether and how Meloni will implement her announcement of a "sea blockade" against refugees and migrants.

In Berlin, meanwhile, Interior Minister Faeser has repeatedly made it clear that she is in fact pursuing a very similar policy as Italy with regard to the external borders. "We have a joint responsibility to stop illegal entries so that we can continue to help people who urgently need our support," she said, according to dpa. Faeser is thus trying to play off those in need of help from Ukraine against "illegal entrants" from Syria, Afghanistan, Eritrea or other countries of origin. Recently, she invited to a Western Balkans conference in Berlin to more effectively "limit irregular migration", which in view of the daily realities means nothing other than justifying push-backs and further human rights violations in the Balkans.



*Credit: Refugees in Libya*

criminalisation of the supporters.

All the more important that practical resistance against the brutalised border regime once again even makes it into the mainstream media. A film team from Report Mainz recently accompanied and documented the solidarity-based help for a family from Iraq to flee across the Balkans - with legal commentaries that questioned the potential

After Rome and Berlin, we conclude with a hint to the capital of international organisations: Geneva. Here is the headquarters of the UNHCR, which is to be besieged in a two-day action on 9 and 10 December 2022. "A year ago, thousands of refugees protested for over 100 days in front of the UNHCR office in Tripoli: a historic act of self-organisation under the harshest conditions." This is how the transnational call for the protest days begins, which aims to amplify the demands of the "Refugees in Libya" in Europe, i.e. to make them louder and more visible. All are invited to join this mobilisation to Geneva for the International Human Rights Day.

With anti-racist greetings,  
the Kompass team



## DATES AND INFORMATION FOR NOVEMBER 2022

### SINCE 26.10. - 10.11.2022 BERLIN : ACTION DAYS AGAINST DEPORTATION PRISON AT THE AIRPORT



„If no action is taken now, a new deportation prison will be built at Berlin airport, where 120 people can be detained before their deportation. The initiative "Prevent Deportati-

on Centre BER" has been organising against these plans for months, but now the point of extreme urgency has been reached. We know that every activist in Berlin and Brandenburg has a busy schedule and often little capacity: we ask you all to use these 2 weeks for a serious effort to block these plans before they are signed.

#### What's next?

On Thursday, 10.11, there will be the final deliberation in the Brandenburg Interior Committee on the construction of the new deportation centre at Berlin Airport. Decisions will be made there on the financing of the deportation centre for the next 25-30 years. After 10 November, it is then only a formality that the new detention centre will be included in the long-term budget of the state of Brandenburg, which basically confirms the construction. The initiators of this new centre are the Brandenburg Ministry of the Interior, and thus the coalition of SPD, CDU and the Greens. While SPD and CDU seem to have no problem with bearing the title of "deportation party", we think it is possible that the Greens will back away from this project through public pressure. Therefore, our upcoming actions will focus on the Green Party in Brandenburg.

#### What is planned?

From Wednesday, 26.10, to 10.11 we call for:

2 weeks of action against deportation party Die Grünen.

Here are some ideas of what you can do:

- Leave messages around the offices of the Greens in Berlin and especially in Potsdam.
- bombard Green politicians with messages demanding that the construction of the deportation centre be stopped
- Be active on social media and tag Green politicians.
- organise in small groups and get active
- keep an eye on our announcements for upcoming plans ..."

**MORE INFORMATION HERE: [HTTPS://ABSCHIEBEZENTRUMVERHINDERN.NOBLOGS.ORG/](https://abschiebezentrumverhindern.noblogs.org/)**

### FROM 04.11.2022 BERLIN: "THREE DOORS" EXHIBITION ON DESSAU AND HANAU

Opening on 4.11. at 6 p.m. in the HKW





After the premiere at the Frankfurter Kunstverein with much public attention, the exhibition with reconstructions by Forensic Architecture on Dessau and Hanau is coming to the Haus der Kulturen der Welt in Berlin. Expected duration until the end of 2022, information on the accompanying

programme as well as on guided tours, among others by and with those affected from Hanau, will soon be available on the HKW website.

**THE FOLLOWING LINK LEADS TO THE RECONSTRUCTIONS IN HANAU: [HTTPS://FORENSIC-ARCHITECTURE.ORG/INVESTIGATION/RACIST-TERROR-ATTACK-IN-HANAU-THE-POLICE-OPERATION](https://forensic-architecture.org/investigation/racist-terror-attack-in-hanau-the-police-operation) AND THE TIME TABLE ON THE STRUGGLE OF THE FAMILIES IN HANAU IS NOW ALSO HERE: [HTTPS://19FEB-HANAU.ORG/2022/09/14/ZWEI-JAHRE-KAMPF-DER-ANGEHOERIGEN-UEBERLEBENDEN-UND-UNTERSTUETZERINNEN-IN-HANAU-DIE-ZEITLEISTE-AUS-DER-AUSSTELLUNG-VON-FORENSIC-ARCHITECTURE-IM-FRANKFURTER-KUNSTVEREIN-NUN-AUCH-ONLINE/](https://19feb-hanau.org/2022/09/14/zwei-jahre-kampf-der-angehoerigen-ueberlebenden-und-unterstuetzerinnen-in-hanau-die-zeitleiste-aus-der-ausstellung-von-forensic-architecture-im-frankfurter-kunstverein-nun-auch-online/)**

#### **04. - 06.11.2022 COLOGNE: GERMANWIDE CHURCH ASYLUM ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

"Overcoming borders together

Annual conference of the Ecumenical Federal Working Group on Asylum in the Church in cooperation with the Ecumenical Network on Asylum in the Church NRW and the Ev. Melancthon Academy Cologne.

Congregations and communities that take in refugees threatened with deportation are under pressure. Often it seems as if standing up for human rights doesn't stand a chance. Images from the EU's external borders in particular reveal a face of German and European asylum policy that has nothing to do with humanity. How is advocacy for human rights at the borders linked to church asylum? How can these connections become visible in everyday practice? What do we learn from past and current struggles for the right to stay and where are there limits to solidarity?"

**INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION:**

**[HTTPS://WWW.KIRCHENASYL.DE/PORTFOLIO/BAG-JAHRESTAGUNG-IN-KOELN/](https://www.kirchenasyl.de/portfolio/bag-jahrestagung-in-koeln/)**

**PROGRAM:**

**[HTTPS://WWW.KIRCHENASYL.DE/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2022/08/BAG-PROGRAMM2022-SCREEN.PDF](https://www.kirchenasyl.de/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/bag-programm2022-screen.pdf)**

#### **JOIN US ON NOVEMBER 5TH AND 6TH IN HAMBURG FOR THE SEA-WATCH 5 OPEN SHIP DAYS!**

„Together with all our supporters we will welcome the Sea-Watch 5 into the civil fleet on the first weekend of November! On November 5th and 6th, we invite all supporters to Hamburg to join the conversation and board the ship. In addition to thematic tours of the Sea-Watch 5, there will be other exciting programme items:

Come to the performance of “No one is coming except the waves – a scenic reading”!



This performative piece focuses on people's journeys across the Mediterranean to Europe. The reading includes original radio recordings from the reconnaissance aircraft of Sea-Watch as well as calls from the NGO Alarm Phone with the people aboard the boats, also including poetry by those who have had to flee. Note: This event will be held in German.



Watch the premiere of the new short film "Seabird" about our Civilian aerial reconnaissance operations! With our aircraft Seabird 1 & Seabird 2, we could fly countless operations over the central Mediterranean this year. The Black Forest Collective also accompanied our activists for several months, resulting in the production of a compelling short film which will now be shown publicly for the

first time at the Überseebrücke. The aircraft crew looks forward to your questions in the Q&A section afterward.

Note: This event will be held in German.

Visit our photo exhibition!

Our traveling photo series exhibition contains impressions of people and moments from the past seven years of civil sea rescue at the world's most deadly border..."

**FULL PROGRAM AND MORE HERE:**

[HTTPS://SEA-WATCH.ORG/EN/SEA-WATCH-5-HAMBURG/](https://sea-watch.org/en/sea-watch-5-hamburg/)

## FROM TRIPOLI TO GENEVA: AMPLIFY THE VOICES OF REFUGEES IN LIBYA!



### Call for Protest - Sit In - Demonstration In front of the Headquarter of UNHCR 9th & 10th of December 2022

One year ago, thousands of refugees had been protesting for more than 100 days in front of the UNHCR office in Tripoli: an historical act of self-organization under the harshest conditions. They demanded: evacuations to safe countries;

- fair treatment by UNHCR Libya for all refugees
- an end of the financing of the so-called Libyan

Coast Guard and detention camps by the EU and European countries

- justice for those who have been murdered, tortured and arbitrarily detained
- Libya to sign the 1951 Geneva Refugee Convention

The protesters were threatened and attacked and still held up their demands. Even though the sit-in was brutally dismantled and hundreds of protesters imprisoned on January 10th, they neither gave up the political fight nor their hope. The demands still prevail and the struggles continue in various different forms.



The High Commissioner of Refugees is mandated to ensure the international protection of uprooted people worldwide - in Libya though, refugees are neglected by UNHCR, protection is refused and evacuation denied. Refugees in Libya and other countries in North Africa experience unfair treatment instead.

Until today, thousands of people are stranded, exploited, imprisoned and killed in Libya thanks to European money and with UNHCR passively watching. This is why the protests must continue - not only in Libya, but also in front of the UN in Geneva.

Against this background we call for two days of action in Geneva, directly in front of the UNHCR Headquarter and in reference to the International Human Rights Day (December 10).

We will start the protests the day before, on the 9th of December, at 11.00 am CET with a press conference and a following sit-in, which will last for at least 24 hours. The main speeches will be held from spokespersons of Refugees in Libya, who partly could reach Europe in the meanwhile.

We will organize a 24 hour program of protest and information about the situation and struggles of refugees and migrants in North Africa.

Next day, 10th of December, we call for a demonstration, which will start at 13:00 CET with another gathering in front of the UNHCR building (Rue de Montbrillant 94).

We invite all organisations, groups and individuals in solidarity with the demands of Refugees in Libya to join this mobilization to Geneva and to amplify the voices of Refugees in Libya. Help us to spread this call! Organize cars and buses from your cities in Switzerland and all over Europe to come for two days to Geneva or at least for the demonstration on Saturday!

Solidarity will win!

**CONTACT US: SOLIDARITYWITHREFUGEESINLIBYA@RISEUP.NET**

**LINK TO REFUGEES IN LIBYA: WWW.REFUGEESINLIBYA.ORG**

**MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE TWO DAYS OF PROTEST IN GENEVA WILL FOLLOW AT THE END OF OCTOBER.**

**ORGANIZED BY THE TRANSNATIONAL NETWORK "SOLIDARITY WITH REFUGEES IN LIBYA"**

### **FLIGHT HELPERS IN TV-REPORT MAINZ**

"Last week, a group of flight helpers set out on the 1400-kilometre journey to Bosnia-Herzegovina to bring a family of six fleeing to Germany. The helpers have to cross four well-secured borders. In doing so, they run great risks. Should they be apprehended, they could face a prison sentence of up to ten years. The ARD political magazine Report Mainz was able to document some of this action.

Why do the escape helpers risk their freedom for the freedom of others? "We do this out of conviction. We believe in freedom of movement for all. We believe in human rights. And I see that as being structurally violated at Europe's external borders," explains flight helper Sophie in an interview with Report Mainz. She does not want to give her real name..."

**[HTTPS://WWW.TAGESSCHAU.DE/INVESTIGATIV/REPORT-MAINZ/EU-AUSSENGRENZEN-FLUCHTHELFER-101.HTML](https://www.tagesschau.de/investigativ/report-mainz/eu-aussengrenzen-fluchthelfer-101.html) (IN GERMAN)**

## RIGHT TO STAY FOR ALL - INSTEAD OF OPPORTUNITY TRAP!



"The federal government plans to implement its migration and refugee policy promises of the coalition agreement of SPD, Alliance 90/The Greens and FDP in a total of four legislative packages by the end of 2023. On 6 July 2022, the federal cabinet passed the first of these so-called migration packages. A law is to facilitate access to the right to stay for tolerated refugees who have been living in Germany for a long time and to end the practice of chain toleration. But if the federal government's bill is passed as it is now, many will - just as before - have no chance

of getting a right of residence.

This is because the bill excludes refugees from the "right of opportunity to stay" for the most minor offences, which would not even be recorded in the police records of other citizens. Refugees who are accused by the authorities of deliberately failing to obtain documents to "clarify their identity" are also excluded from the "right of opportunity to stay".

And the improvements for adolescents and young adults also remain too small: children up to the age of 14 and their families continue to be excluded across the board from the right to stay regulations. They must continue to live with legal obstacles to participation and the fear of deportation. The high requirements for "success at school", which hardly take into account the special situation of young refugees, have also remained from the previous regulations on the right to stay.

Real opportunities look different. That is why we demand from the legislators a REAL RIGHT OF CHANCE TO STAY FOR ALL, and we demand it NOW!"

**MORE INFORMATION HERE: [HTTPS://BLEIBERECHT-STATT-CHANCENFALLE.NET/](https://bleiberecht-statt-chancenfalle.net/)**

**TO KICK OFF THE CAMPAIGN ON 7.10.22:**

**[HTTPS://BLEIBERECHT-STATT-CHANCENFALLE.NET/2022/10/START-UNSERER-KAMPAGNE-AM-07-10-22/](https://bleiberecht-statt-chancenfalle.net/2022/10/start-unserer-kampagne-am-07-10-22/)**

## AFRIQUE-EUROPE-INTERACT NEWSPAPER ON TOGO

"Togo is a small country in Africa that is rarely in the international spotlight. Nevertheless, it is indispensable to take a critical look at Togo: On the one hand, because the country has been ruled dictatorially by a single family since 1967 - including the most serious human rights violations. On the other hand, because the regime repeatedly receives support from outside, including from Germany. This is the reason why Afrique-Europe-Interact has been working with various opposition groups in

Togo for ten years. And this includes advocating a more confrontational approach towards the Togolese regime..."

[HTTPS://AFRIQUE-EUROPE-INTERACT.NET/2141-0-AEI-ZEITUNG-09-2022.HTML](https://afrique-europe-interact.net/2141-0-AEI-ZEITUNG-09-2022.HTML)

## **YET ANOTHER TRAGEDY OF THE COAST OF ZARZIS: THE SEARCH FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE (COMMON STATEMENT OF VARIOUS ACTORS)**



*Trauermarsch in Zarzis Credit: Felice Rosa*

„The Mediterranean Sea has returned the bodies of the victims of the shipwreck of a boat which left from Zarzis, in the South of Tunisia, in mid-September. The families of the citizens of the city demand dignity for all, practical engagement from the authorities in the search for the remaining bodies missing at sea and for justice to be done.

On 21 September, two women, a baby of one year and two months and 15 other people, the oldest of whom was a bit more than 25 years, embarked from the coast of Zarzis. Having no news of them, two days after their departure the families alerted the Tunisian, Italian and Maltese authorities, as well as the civil search and rescue fleet. As opposed to the passivity of the national authorities in response to the demands of the inhabitants of Zarzis to begin search and rescue operations, the Association of Fishermen undertook four autonomous search operations.

On 2 October, the shipwreck was confirmed. The body of a woman, Malek, was washed up on the beach of Djerba. The photos of other corpses which had arrived along the Tunisian coast began to be shared. During this time, some of the bodies would be buried in the Zarzis Cemetery without the authorities having first undertaken DNA tests. On 12 October, the fears of the family of one of the missing, Aymen, were confirmed. The family thought that they had recognised their loved one thanks to the clothes that he was wearing. The identification was confirmed by DNA test carried out after his body was exhumed.

On that day, seven bodies were identified. Nevertheless, the confirmation of the shipwreck is unfortunately not the last stage for the families in this tragedy. When the bodies were recovered, identification by DNA testing should have been mandated, so that the families could have given their loved ones a dignified burial.

After several days, the city of Zarzis, was shaken by the protests of the families, the high schools and associations who demanded the truth about the disappearance of the bodies of their fellow citizens and who pointed out the unwritten law, which has been in force for decades — and not only in Tunisia, that bodies found at sea are buried without DNA identification. However, in our judgement, the angry demonstrations and the speaking out by the witnesses is a bigger denunciation of the politics of externalisation which, in criminalising these routes, makes them more and more dangerous and deadly.

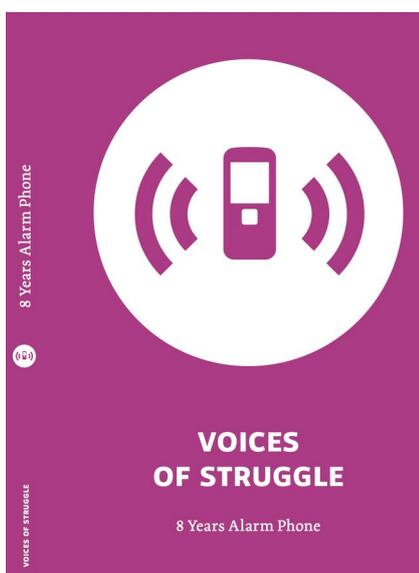


The tragedy which cost the lives of these 18 people is not an isolated case. In the racialised geography of the Europe of today, more and more people lose their life. The number of victims and people who have disappeared off the Tunisian coast in 2022 is at least 544. Recently, following a shipwreck off Teboulba in the Monastir government, other bodies were fished out of the sea. These tragedies shine a light on the racist and militarised network of border control apparatuses, visa regimes and the subordinate value placed on human lives.”

**FULL STATEMENT HERE:**

**[HTTPS://ALARMPHONE.ORG/EN/2022/10/20/YET-ANOTHER-TRAGEDY-OF-THE-COAST-OF-ZARZIS/?POST\\_TYPE\\_RELEASE\\_TYPE=POST](https://alarmphone.org/en/2022/10/20/yet-another-tragedy-of-the-coast-of-zarzis/?post_type=release_type=post)**

## **8 YEARS OF STRUGGLE! - ALARM PHONE STATEMENT**



„Eight years ago, on 11 October 2014, we launched the Alarm Phone, a hotline for people in distress at sea. We chose that day as it was the anniversary of a disaster that had occurred on 11 October 2013, when Italian and Maltese authorities delayed the rescue of a sinking boat. Due to this delay, over 200 people died.

Over the past eight years, our shift teams are available 24/7 and have assisted over 5.000 boats in distress along the different maritime routes to Europe – the Mediterranean Sea, the Atlantic to the Canary Islands, and since 2022 also across the Channel, from France to the UK. Some of the 5.000 boats carried only five or ten people, most between 30 and 80 individuals, but also frequently more than 100 people,

occasionally even over 500 people on the move.

On the phone, we have become witnesses of thousands of people going missing and drowning. We have listened to some of their relatives and friends in their desperate search for their loved ones, in their search for answers. We have also witnessed violent pushbacks and deadly abandonment, and how many of those who called us were captured at sea and forcibly returned to places they had sought to escape.

At the same time, we have experienced innumerable moments of joy, resistance, and solidarity, with people reaching Europe alive or being rescued just in time. We have witnessed how people on the move organised collectively to subvert EU borders, and how they built support structures along their journeys. And we have been part of growing networks of solidarity, from the civil fleet and civil aircraft roaming seas and skies, some merchant vessel crews, to activist grassroots movements that have come together to counteract border violence....”

**FULL STATEMENT HERE: [HTTPS://ALARMPHONE.ORG/EN/2022/10/11/8-YEARS-OF-STRUGGLE/?](https://alarmphone.org/en/2022/10/11/8-years-of-struggle/?post_type=release_type=post)**

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## REVIEW

### TAZ ON THE RACIST MASSACRE IN MELILLA

"...Videos, statements by survivors and eyewitnesses, reports by lawyers and non-governmental organisations are today condensing into a clear picture. It shows: Morocco's security authorities were by no means overrun that day. The most plausible explanation is that the brutality on display was meant to send a signal to Europe: If we want, we will keep the border closed - no matter what the cost.

In recent days, the Moroccan human rights league Association Marocaine des Droits Humains (AMDH) published a detailed report based on interviews with survivors. The Spanish non-governmental organisation Caminando Fronteras had already presented a similar report. The taz was also able to listen to survivors' statements and speak with eyewitnesses and lawyers. Their statements coincide with the videos made on that day...."

**WELL-RESEARCHED REPORT (IN GERMAN) IN THE TAZ:**

**[HTTPS://TAZ.DE/GEWALT-GEGEN-MIGRANTEN-IN-MAROKKO/!5882408/](https://taz.de/Gewalt-gegen-Migranten-in-Marokko/!5882408/)**

